



DONAU SOJA GMBH

Zur Förderung der europäischen Sojaproduktion

www.donausoja.org

Wiesingerstraße 6/14

1010 Wien

+43 1 512 17 44 10

**REDcert Gesellschaft zur Zertifizierung
nachhaltig erzeugter Biomasse mbH**

Schwertberger Str. 16

53177 Bonn

Germany

UID-Nummer: ATU 685 11 906

FN: 411586z

Vienna, 30.01.2026

Recognition of an Alternative System

Following a thorough review and benchmarking of the respective system requirements against the Donau Soja / Europe Soya requirements, it has been determined that raw soybeans certified according to

REDcert₂ / REDcert EU¹

can be accepted under the conditions specified below as soybeans from alternative systems as defined in Annex 08 of the Donau Soja / Europe Soya requirements and as equivalent to Donau Soja / Europe Soya soybeans. This recognition applies to the following scopes:

- DS/ES Primary Collector (R 02)
- DS/ES Primary Processor (R 04)

The conditions for recognition are the following:

- REDcert soybeans are only recognised in combination with the **REDcert Responsible Farming Modul**.

Origin of the soybeans

- Hard IP Chain of Custody Model: Physical origin of the soybeans (area of cultivation): = **EU** (only countries with F-RL 0-1²). This must be contractually agreed with the direct supplier, confirmed, and verifiable.
- Mass balance- and Soft IP-Model: Soybeans must be entirely GM-free and from **EU countries with F-RL 0-1²** (country of cultivation). This must be verifiable.

Freedom from GMO

- REDcert soybeans must be GMO-free on principle. Therefore, they must not be subject to labelling as GMO under **Directive (EC) 1829/2003** and must be suitable for use in **non-GM systems³**. This should be stipulated in the contract, if necessary.

¹ REDcert² Version RC² 4.1 / REDcert EU Version EU 08

² See Annex 04 of the Donau Soja / Europe Soya Guidelines

³ E.g. VLOG, ARGE Gentechnikfrei, or another non-GM certification equivalent to these systems

Option 1) REDcert soybeans are only accepted with a valid **GM-free certification**⁴ of the goods.

Option 2) - REDcert soybeans that are intended for use as DS/ES must be received as GM-free. The GM-free status must be verified during the DS/ES or non-GM⁴ audit of the business; and

- **GMO tests at delivery:** rapid GMO tests are mandatory per transport unit (e.g. truck) or per 100 tonnes, respectively, for all REDcert soybeans that are intended for DS/ES, regardless of risk level. These tests must be conducted and interpreted analogously to Chapter R 02, Point 7.2 or R 04 Point 2, respectively, of the DS/ES Guidelines.

Marketability

- The soybeans must be marketable for the production of food and feed in the EU. This applies particularly with regards to compliance with EU limits for desiccants (glyphosate, diquat) and pesticides.
- **Pesticide and desiccant monitoring:** REDcert soybeans originating from countries with F-RL 1-2⁵ must be tested for compliance with desiccant (glyphosate, diquat) and pesticide limits at least once per year. EU limits apply on principle.
- During transportation of the soybeans as part of the purchasing process, care must be taken to ensure that the goods are transported using suitable, cleaned conveyances to avoid contamination with GMOs or hazardous substances. The cleaning process must be documented.

The requirements of Annex 08 apply. The use of soybeans from the system mentioned above is only possible upon written request to Donau Soja. Recognition of soybeans from F-RL-2⁵ countries must be requested separately.

For any questions, please contact us at quality@donausoja.org.

⁴ E.g. VLOG, ARGE Gentechnikfrei, or another non-GM certification equivalent to these systems

⁵ See Annex 04 of the Donau Soja / Europe Soya Guidelines