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**GMP+ Feed Certification scheme** 

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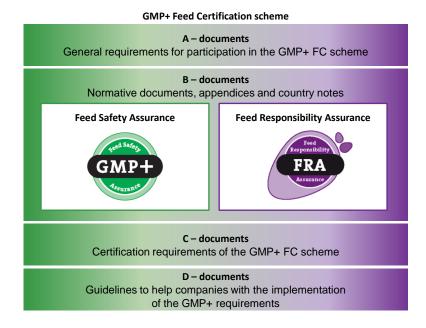
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# 1. Introduction

#### 1.1. GMP+ FRA certification

The GMP+ Feed Certification scheme was initiated and developed in 1992 by the Dutch feed industry in response to various more or less serious incidents involving contamination in feed materials. Although it started as a national scheme, it has developed to become an international scheme that is managed by GMP+ International in collaboration with various international stakeholders.



Even though the GMP+ Feed Certification scheme originated from a feed safety perspective, in 2013 the first feed responsibility standard has been published. For this purpose, two modules are created: GMP+ Feed Safety Assurance (focused on feed safety) and GMP+ Feed Responsibility Assurance (focused on responsible feed).

With the development of the GMP+ Feed Responsibility Assurance module, GMP+ International is responding to requests by GMP+ participants. The animal feed sector is confronted with requests on working responsibly. This includes, for example, the use of soy (including soy derivatives and soy products) and fishmeal which are produced and traded with respect for humans, animals and the environment. In order to demonstrate responsible production and trade, a company can get certified for the GMP+ Feed Responsibility Assurance. The main goal of the GMP+ Feed Responsibility Assurance module is to facilitate GMP+ participants in meeting these market requirements for responsibly produced feed.



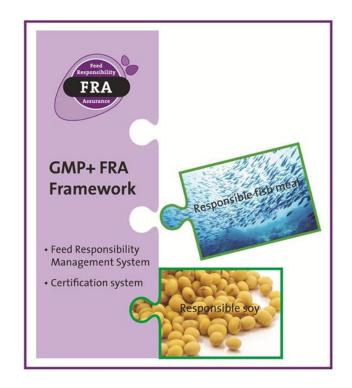
### 1.2. GMP+ FRA Framework & plugin market initiatives

Within the GMP+ Feed Responsibility Assurance module, various market initiatives can be facilitated. GMP+ International created the 'GMP+ FRA Framework' in which these market initiatives can be plugged in.

This basic framework consists of the following elements:

- 1. Feed Responsibility Management System:
  - Management system
  - Prerequisite program
  - Risk assessment and control
  - Purchasing / sourcing
  - A material accounting system for the control of one or more supply chain model.
- 2. Certification System:
  - Third party certification (by approved certification bodies)
  - Qualified auditors
  - Clear rules for audit and certification
  - Supervision (compliance

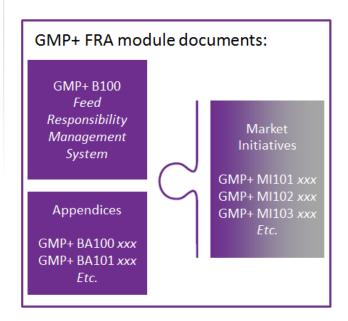
audits) and integrity program.



The several market initiatives of chain partners regarding responsible feed production can be integrated in ('plugged in') this GMP+ FRA framework and together it will form a full standard with several scopes.

Below a visual of how the GMP+ FRA framework in combination with market initiatives is organised in documents in the GMP+ FRA module:





The GMP+ B100 Feed Responsibility Management System contains the requirements for the Feed Responsibility Management System and is used to control the requirements of a market initiative in one (or more) of the GMP+ MI documents. The GMP+ MI documents therefor contain a reference to the GMP+ B100 Feed Responsibility Management System and contain the scope(s).

All these documents are available via the website of GMP+ International (www.gmpplus.org).

This document is referred to as GMP+ MI105 GMO controlled and is part of the GMP+ FRA module.

#### 1.3. GMP+ MI 105 GMO controlled

#### 1.3.1. GMP+ MI 105 GMO controlled

As a result to the market demand for non-GMO feed within the European Union (EU) GMP+ International has created the GMP+ MI105 *GMO controlled* standard. This in order to facilitate feed companies to comply with the market demand.

Consumer perception plays an important role in the demand for non-GMO food (and feed). At present many (inter)national non-GMO standards are applied in the feed sector. The German VLOG standard has set a standard for the food and feed sector in parts of Europe. Therefore, GMP+ International has chosen to collaborate with VLOG to be able to facilitate the demand especially in Europe.

Legislation has been published in various countries, including Germany and France, to label products from animal origin (meat / milk / egg) as non-GMO. Such labelling also means that specific requirements are imposed on the chain upstream, including the animal feed industry.



Conditions relating to the production of non-GMO food from animal origin require the use of GMO controlled feed. To provide animal feed suppliers with the opportunity to supply GMO controlled feed to farmers who deliver non-GMO end products (meat / milk / egg) to markets where legislation allows such labelling, the GMP+ MI105 *GMO controlled* standard was developed.

#### 1.3.2. Regulations (EC) No. 1829/2003 and 1830/2003

The VLOG Standard is based on the GMO labelling provisions of Regulations (EC) 1829/2003 and 1830/2003. Contamination with GMOs permitted in the EU by law does not require labelling according to Regulations (EC) No. 1829/2003 and No. 1830/2003 provided that two requirements are fulfilled:

- · The threshold value of the GMO content of 0.9% per feed material is not exceeded and
- The presence of the GMO content is "adventitious or technically unavoidable".

Contamination with approved GMO content < 0.1% are generally considered as technically unavoidable or adventitious. Contamination present in quantities from 0.1% to 0.9% is considered as labelling-compliant if the business has installed and demonstrably implemented organizational measures to avoid introduction of GMO material.

#### 1.3.3. Verband Lebensmittel ohne Gentechnik (VLOG)

VLOG - Verband Lebensmittel Ohne Gentechnik provides a non-GMO standard which includes requirements for the production of products from animal origin without the use of GMO feed ingredients. The VLOG standard supports production facilities in the implementation of the German legal requirements of non-GMO labelling and establishes uniform inspections for certification companies. It is based on the German EC Engineering Act (EG-GentDurchfG).

GMP+ International worked together with Verband Lebensmittel ohne Gentechnik (VLOG) on the GMP+ MI 105 *GMO controlled*.

#### 1.3.4. Scope

Within this standard the following scope is defined:

"GMO controlled"

This standard can be used for:

- the production of GMO controlled compound feed, feed materials, feed additives and premixtures (including production or processing on contract basis such as private label production and mobile grinding and mixing facilities).
- the trade of GMO controlled compound feed, and feed materials, feed additives and premixtures
- the storage and transshipment of GMO controlled compound feed and feed materials
- the transport of GMO controlled compound feed and feed materials



#### 1.3.5. Application

The GMP+ MI 105 GMO controlled must be used in combination with the GMP+ B100 Feed Responsibility Management System document. The two documents together contain all the necessary requirements to comply with the scope mentioned in 1.3.4. More information about this combination can be read in paragraph 1.2.

#### This document is to be used:

- a) in addition to the GMP+ FSA module;
- b) in combination with an equivalent feed safety standard (see GMP+ BA10 Purchase)

Storage and transshipment companies and transport companies can only use the standards GMP+ MI 105 *GMO controlled* and GMP+ B100 *Feed Responsibility Management System* in combination with GMP+ FSA certification for the scopes storage and transshipment and transport respectively.

#### Guidance:

Although, as stated above, stand-alone certification as 'GMP controlled' is possible based on application of the standards GMP+ B100 Feed Responsibility Management System and GMP+ MI105 GMO controlled, for Most feed companies will apply 'GMO controlled' certification additional to certification for scopes of the Feed Safety Assurance (FSA) module. To facilitate this multiple certification, GMP+ International has integrated certification for both feed safety assurance and feed responsibility assurance in a single certification scheme (the GMP+ Feed Certification scheme). This prevents overlap of requirements, ensures uniformity in standards and conditions and allows for limiting the (administrative) burden of audits and certifications. One (successful) audit can result in certification of multiple scopes.

A feed company, already GMP+ certified for one or more of the feed safety assurance scopes, can apply this GMP+ MI105 standard in combination with one of the standards of the GMP+ Feed safety Assurance module.

However, it is the responsibility of the feed company to identify the overlap between the GMP+ FSA standard and the GMP+ B100 standard, and to implement all relevant conditions into one management system which ensures both compliance with the feed safety standards and the GMP+ MI105 GMO controlled.

Compliance will be verified during the audit.

Finally, a feed company may also apply the GMP+ MI105 GMO controlled in combination with other standards. Also in this situation, the feed company is responsible for compliance with all relevant conditions.



#### 1.3.6. How to read this document

The GMP+ MI 105 *GMO controlled* gives only additional requirements to the requirements of the GMP+ B100 *Feed Responsibility Management System*. These requirements are relevant for the scope of the GMP+ MI105 *GMO controlled*.

The structure of this GMP+ MI105 *GMO controlled* follows the same structure as the GMP+ B100 *Feed Responsibility Management System*. Only when there is an additional requirement to a certain paragraph of the GMP+ B100 *Feed Responsibility Management System*, this is added in the GMP+ MI105 *GMO controlled*. For convenience, the numbering and names of the paragraphs of this GMP+ MI105 *GMO controlled* correspond with the relevant paragraphs in the GMP+ B100 *Feed Responsibility Management System*. These additional requirements are extracted from the VLOG standard.



# 3. Terms and definitions

In addition to the terms and definitions mentioned in GMP+ A2 *Definitions and Abbreviations* of the GMP+ FC scheme the following terms are used in this document:

Term	Description
At risk feed	Feed which, based on the participant's risk assessment, has an increased risk of GMO content.
Feed exempt from	Feed which, according to Regulations (EC) No. 1829/2003 or 1830/2003, is
mandatory labelling	not subject mandatory labeling as genetically modified.
Feed subject to	Feed which, according to Regulations (EC) No. 1829/2003 or 1830/2003,
mandatory labelling	has to be labelled as genetically modified.
GMOs	Genetically modified organisms; according to Regulation (EC) No. 2001/18
	these are organisms in which the genetic material has been modified by
	means of molecular biological methods in a way that naturally is not
	possible by interbreeding and/or recombination.
GMO controlled feed	Feed which is produced, stored, traded and/or transported in compliance
	with the requirements of this GMP+ MI 105 GMO controlled standard.
Market initiative	A market party that laid down in a GMP+ MI document (sector specific)
	requirements regarding responsible feed. These market initiative
	requirements are assured via the GMP+ B100 Feed Responsibility
	Management System.
Mobile grinding and	Production of feed using mobile equipment. This mobile equipment is
mixing facilities	used on the location of the livestock farmer to mix and/or grind different
	types of feed.
Non-compliant products	Feed materials and/or compound feed which are is subject to mandatory
	labelling according to Regulations (EC) No. 1829/2003 or 1830/2003.
Segregation	A supply chain model where the certified responsible feed is kept
	physically separate from the uncertified feed throughout the entire supply
	chain.



# 4. System requirements

### 4.1. Management system

These requirements are in addition to the GMP+ B100 Feed Responsibility Management System.

#### 4.1.1. Requirements for the management system

The participant determines and documents which feed materials, feed additives, premixtures and/or compound feed are covered within the scope of the management system.

#### Guidance:

The GMP+ B100 Feed Responsibility Management System requires a supply chain model to be included in documentation. This is not applicable as segregation is the only supply chain model that can be used in the GMP+ MI105 GMO controlled.

### 4.2. Prerequisite programme

These requirements are in addition to the GMP+ B100 Feed Responsibility Management System.

#### 4.2.1. Personnel

The participant performs the required a relevant training at least once per year and in any case before the relevant employee starts with the activities which may have an influence on the production and/or trade of GMO controlled feed.

#### 4.2.2. Recall

The participant has a written recall procedure which can be used within the framework of handling positive results and complaints.

#### 4.3. Risk assessment

These requirements are in addition to the GMP+ B100 Feed Responsibility Management System.

### 4.3.1. Additional requirements for trade

Buying a feed material from a non-certified supplier and selling this as GMO controlled feed material is <u>only</u> allowed in case genetic modification can be technically detected in the feed material through PCR tests. In that case the participant must also comply with the requirements in 4.3.2.



#### Guidance:

The VLOG document "Suitability of Testing for GMOs in Raw Materials, Feed-and Food Ingredients" is available on the VLOG homepage

(https://www.ohnegentechnik.org/fuer-unternehmen/standards/der-vlog-standard). This document gives an overview of feed materials in which GMOs can and cannot be tested by means of PCR tests. If GMOs are not detectable in a feed material, the feed material does not have to be tested on GMOs. In case of doubt about the absence of GMOs in a feed material, one could ask for test results by the supplier of the raw material (no requirement). This information can be used for making the risk assessment (see 4.3.2 below).

#### 4.3.2. Additional requirements for production

The participant is required to make an individual, batch-specific risk assessment of risk/ not at risk feed materials, which are used within the scope of GMO controlled feed.

#### **Guidance**:

An "Assessment Aid – At Risk Feed" is available on the VLOG homepage
(https://www.ohnegentechnik.org/en/for-businesses/standards/the-vlog-standard
under 'Further Documents/Instructions/Tools' to assist the feed business. This document
includes a table which provides an overview of where growing genetically modified
plants is allowed and thus possible at-risk feed origin.

Note: According to the VLOG standard livestock farmers are required to classify feed containing the following feed materials as "at risk": soya, corn\*, rape seed and cotton. Sugar beet is to be considered as "at risk" under specific circumstances. These circumstances are explained in "Part E: Agriculture" (Chapter E) of the VLOG Ohne Gentechnik standard, available on the VLOG homepage (<a href="https://www.ohnegentechnik.org/en/for-businesses/standards/the-vlog-standard">https://www.ohnegentechnik.org/en/for-businesses/standards/the-vlog-standard (most recent version)).</a>

\*Dried corn can be considered as not 'at risk' when coming from specific regions. These specific regions are described in "Part E: Agriculture" (Chapter E 4.9.1) of the VLOG — Ohne Gentechnik standard available on the VLOG homepage ((<a href="https://www.ohnegentechnik.org/en/for-businesses/standards/the-vlog-standard">https://www.ohnegentechnik.org/en/for-businesses/standards/the-vlog-standard</a> (most recent version)).



# 4.4. Purchasing requirements

These requirements are in addition to the GMP+ B100 Feed Responsibility Management System.

# 4.4.1. Selection of suppliers

The participant must purchase feed and/or services from a supplier according to the below specifications:

Purchase of	Accepted certificates:	Additional requirements
Compound feed	GMP+ GMO controlled  VLOG – 'Ohne Gentechnik' Production and Certification Standard  OQUALIM-STNO Technical Platform "GMO-free fed"  Certificates accepted by VLOG as equivalent In case the compound feed are used (by the certified company) as an ingredient for the	The activity production or trade of compound feed must be included in the scope of the certificate of the supplier.  As long as the certified company has a confirmation from the supplier of the
	production of feed, it is allowed to select a supplier that is not certified for the above mentioned accepted certificates.	GMO-free status of the purchased compound feed and complies with the requirements in this standard (focus especially on monitoring requirements).
Premixtures	GMP+ GMO controlled  VLOG – 'Ohne Gentechnik' Production and Certification Standard  Certificates accepted by VLOG as equivalent In case the premixtures are used (by the certified company) as an ingredient for the production of feed, it is allowed to select a supplier that is not certified for the above mentioned accepted certificates.	The activity production or trade of premixtures must be included in the scope of the certificate of the supplier.  As long as the certified company has a confirmation from the supplier of the GMO-free status of the purchased premixtures and complies with the requirements in this standard (focus especially on monitoring requirements).
Feed additives	GMP+ GMO controlled  VLOG – 'Ohne Gentechnik' Production and Certification Standard  Certificates accepted by VLOG as equivalent In case the feed additives are used (by the certified company) as an ingredient for the production of feed, it is allowed to select a supplier that is not certified for the above mentioned accepted certificates.	The activity production or trade of feed additives must be included in the scope of the certificate of the supplier.  As long as the certified company has a confirmation from the supplier of the GMO-free status of the purchased feed and complies with the requirements in this standard (focus especially on monitoring requirements)



Purchase of	Accepted certificates:	Additional requirements
Feed Material	GMP+ GMO controlled	The activity production or trade of
	VLOG – 'Ohne Gentechnik' Production and	feed materials must be included in the
	Certification Standard	scope of the certificate of the supplier.
	OQUALIM-STNO Technical Platform "GMO-	
	free fed"	
	Certificates accepted by VLOG as equivalent	
	It is allowed to select a supplier that is not certified for the above mentioned accepted certificates.  Note: buying a feed materials from a non-certified supplier and selling/using this as GMO controlled feed material is only	As long as the certified company has a written confirmation from the supplier of the GMO-free status of the purchased feed and complies with the requirements in this standard (focus especially on monitoring requirements).
	allowed in case genetic modification can be technically detected in the feed material through PCR tests. (see § 4.3.2)	In case of trade of feed materials: no later than at the conclusion of a purchase agreement, the certified company must have a written confirmation from the supplier that the goods are not subject to compulsory GMO labelling (which must be batch-specific or for a specific period of time),
Storage and	GMP+ GMO controlled	The activity storage and transhipment
<u>Transshipment</u>	VLOG – 'Ohne Gentechnik' Production and	must be included in the scope of the
	Certification Standard	certificate of the supplier.
	Certificates accepted by VLOG as equivalent	
	In case it concerns storage and	
	transshipment of <u>packaged</u> GMO controlled	
	feed, it is allowed to select a supplier that is	
	not certified for the above mentioned	
	accepted certificates.	
Transport	GMP+ GMO controlled	The activity transport must be
	GMP+ B4 Transport / TS 1.9 Transport	included in the scope of the certificate
	activities	of the supplier.
	VLOG – 'Ohne Gentechnik' Production and	
	Certification Standard	
	Certificates accepted by VLOG as equivalent	
	As an exception to the requirement that	The purchase of transport must
	suppliers must be selected with an accepted	comply with the requirements as
	certificate, it is allowed to select a supplier	stated in GMP+ BA10 Purchase.
	who has no accepted certificate.	
	In case it concerns transport of <u>packaged</u>	
	GMO controlled feed, it is allowed to select	
	a supplier that is not certified for the above	
	mentioned accepted certificates.	



Purchase of	Accepted certificates:	Additional requirements
Production or	All accepted certificates that are listed	The activity production of feed must
processing on	above.	be included in the scope of the
contract basis		certificate of the supplier.
(including private		
labelling, mobile		
grinding and		
mixing facilities)		

Purchase of	Accepted certificates - scopes:	Additional requirements
Feed materials,	GMP+ MI 105	I.
compound feed,	VLOG - Ohne Gentechnik	-
feed additives,	Certificates accepted by VLOG as	-
<del>premixtures</del>	equivalent	
	As an exception to the	As long as the participant has
	requirement that suppliers must	a confirmation from the
	be selected with an accepted	supplier of the non-GMO
	certificate, it is allowed to select a	status of the purchased feed
	supplier who has no accepted	and complies with the
	<del>certificate.</del>	requirements in this standard
		<del>(focus especially on</del>
		monitoring requirements).
Storage and	GMP+ MI 105	-
transshipment		-
	VLOG – Ohne Gentechnik	
	Certificates accepted by VLOG as	=
	equivalent	
_	C145 141405	
Transport	GMP+ MI 105	-
	GMP+ B4 - transport of animal	-
	feed (or equivalent)	
	VLOG – Ohne Gentechnik	
	Certificates accepted by VLOG as	-
	equivalent	
	As an exception to the	As long as the purchase of
	requirement that suppliers must	transport is in accordance
	be selected with an accepted certificate, it is allowed to select a	with the requirements as stated in the GMP+ FSA BA10
	•	Annex 9.
	supplier who has no accepted certificate.	Aimex 3.
Production or	GMP+ MI 105	1
processing on	VLOG – Ohne Gentechnik	
contract basis	Certificates accepted by VLOG as	
(including private		-
labelling)		
	equivalent	



#### Guidance:

The standards, which VLOG has recognized as equivalent to the VLOG – Ohne Gentechnik standard are available on the VLOG homepage (<a href="https://www.ohnegentechnik.org/en/for-businesses/standards/the-vlog-standard">https://www.ohnegentechnik.org/en/for-businesses/standards/the-vlog-standard</a> under 'Further Documents/Instructions/Tools').

Feed can only be labelled and sold as GMO controlled feed by a company/location that is certified in compliance with the requirements in this standard.

The certifications referred to in the above table are purely aimed at assuring the GMO controlled status of the feed. If the GMP+ certified company uses this certification in combination with a feed safety certification (such as the GMP+ FSA module), the company must of course also follow the purchasing requirements which apply for that feed safety certification.

For packaged GMO controlled feed it is not an obligation to purchase certified transport, certified storage and/or certified transshipment.

The participant may purchase feed materials, feed additives, premixtures and/or compound feed from a non-certified supplier and place it on the market as GMO controlled in compliance with the requirements of this standard.

### 4.4.2. Verification of incoming goods

#### 4.4.2.1. Additional requirements for production

For each feed material classified as 'at risk' in the risk assessment, a confirmation of the non-GMO status from the supplier is required. This may be done by one or more of the following examples:

- A valid certificate in accordance with the GMP+ MI 105 *GMO controlled* (or equivalent) standard together with a declaration about the non-GMO status of the batch/lot being delivered.
- A test result according to the requirements of the GMP+ MI 105 *GMO controlled* (or equivalent) standard proving the non-GMO status of the batch/lot being delivered.
- An additional indication on the delivery slip declaring the products to be exempt from mandatory labelling.
- A clear contractual agreement regarding the delivery of feed exempt from mandatory labelling.



Furthermore, for feed additives and processing aids, to be processed in GMO controlled compound feed and feed materials it must be documented in writing that they are not subject to mandatory labelling obligations.

#### **Guidance:**

The participant should verify that the incoming goods are exempt from mandatory labelling in accordance with Regulations (EC) 1829/2003 and 1830/2003.

Compound feed producers may apply the above mentioned requirements for their trading activities.

#### 4.4.3. Services

In case of outsourcing activities to third parties (for example subcontracts for storage, transport or other services), the participant:

- a. ensures that this activity is purchased in compliance with the purchasing requirements in 4.4.1., and
- b. provides the third party with written instructions to ensure compliance with the requirements in this standard.

# 4.5. Informing the customer & delivery requirements

These requirements are in addition to the GMP+ B100 Feed Responsibility Management System.

#### 4.5.1. Inform the customer about the status of the feed

#### Guidance

An additional option for the participant to demonstrably inform about the status of the feed is by using the wording "GMO controlled" for the feed materials and/or compound feed assured under his GMP+ feed responsibility management system.

Note: According to the VLOG standard livestock farmers demand a statement from their feed suppliers about the non-GMO status of the feed they receive.

The system must assure that feed materials and/or compound feed which are subject to mandatory labelling are labelled in accordance with Regulations (EC) 1829/2003 or 1830/2003.

Note: For the use of logo's and trademarks, see GMP+ A3 GMP+ Logo's and/or Trademarks.



#### **Guidance**

The BVL document "BVL- Guideline for monitoring GMOs in feed" gives examples of situations where mandatory labelling is required or not. This guideline is available on the VLOG homepage (https://www.ohnegentechnik.org/en/for-businesses/standards/the-vlog-standard under 'Further Documents/Instructions/Tools') to assist the feed business.

# 4.6. Verification and improvement

These requirements are in addition to the GMP+ B100 Feed Responsibility Management System.

#### 4.6.1. Complaints

#### **Guidance**

Measures to be taken as a result of the complaint may include the labelling and blocking of products.



# 5. Supply chain models

These requirements are in addition to the GMP+ B100 Feed Responsibility Management System.

#### Guidance:

Only 5.2.1 and 5.2.2 of the GMP+ B100 Feed Responsibility Management System are relevant and can be applied for the scope of the GMP+ MI 105 GMO controlled.

# 5.1. Segregation

Vehicles must be demonstrably dry cleaned after transporting bulk raw materials or feed labelled as genetically modified pursuant to Regulations (EC) No. 1829/2003 and 1830/2003.

#### **Guidance:**

This requirement for cleaning after transport of agricultural products is already included in the GMP+ FSA certification.



# 6. Sampling and testing

#### 6.1. General

Sampling is done in compliance with relevant EU legislation and/or already accepted sampling standards.

#### Guidance:

Accepted sampling standards are for example GAFTA and FOSFA.

# 6.2. Monitoring plan

#### 6.2.1. Feed in which genetic modification cannot be detected

If the participant only uses feed in which, due to technical limitations, genetic modification cannot be detected through PCR tests, no sampling/GMO test is necessary. This should be concluded from the risk assessment.

#### **Guidance**:

The VLOG document The VLOG document "Suitability of Testing for GMOs in Raw Materials, Feed- and Food Ingredients" explains which in products GMOs can and cannot be detected. This document is available on the VLOG homepage (<a href="https://www.ohnegentechnik.org/en/for-businesses/standards/the-vlog-standard">https://www.ohnegentechnik.org/en/for-businesses/standards/the-vlog-standard</a> under 'Further Documents/Instructions/Tools')

#### 6.2.2. Feed in which genetic modification can be detected

The participant must have a monitoring plan that describes the sampling and testing procedure. This plan must be carried out annually. The monitoring plan must at least contain:

- 1. Requirements to sample takers
- 2. Sampling method
  - Product to be sampled
  - Place of sampling
  - Method of taking aggregate samples and retained samples
  - Sample size and number of samples
  - Sealing and identification
- 3. Storage duration of samples
- 4. Documentation of samples
- 5. Sampling frequency
- 6. Name of the VLOG-recognized laboratory to be used for testing



#### 6.2.2.1. Requirements to sample takers

The sample taker complies with the requirements for samplers as laid down in GMP+ BA13 *minimum Requirements for Sampling*.

#### 6.2.2.2. Storage duration of samples

The storage duration of samples matches the use and shelf life of the sampled product.

#### 6.2.2.3. Sampling and testing frequency

The frequency of sampling and testing is based on the participant's' individual risk assessment and is in compliance with the requirements in Annex 1. For each outgoing batch, at least one retained sample is taken.

A trader may make use of representative samples and testing results from the producer (supplier).

Each final sample is tested.

#### Guidance:

The auditor is authorized to take additional samples and/or carry out additional GMO tests on a risk-targeted basis or in suspicious cases.

#### 6.2.2.4. Sample preparation and analysis

Depending on the sample matrix, the following minimum amounts of sample material are to be completely milled in each case:

- · Feed: min. 400 g, max. 1 kg, entirely milled
- Raw materials (whole maize/corn kernels, soy beans or rapeseed/canola grains, among other): at least 3000 kernels or approx. the respectively corresponding sample amount (maize/corn at least 1000 g; soy at least 700 g, rapeseed/canola at least 60 g), entirely milled.

#### <u>Guidance:</u>

The sample size as required in the GMP+ MI 105 GMO controlled is larger than the sample size as required under GMP+ FSA certification as stated in the GMP+ BA13 Minimum Requirements for Sampling.

The testing on GMOs is carried out by a laboratory recognized by VLOG.

#### <u>Guidance:</u>

The list of VLOG-recognized laboratories is available on the VLOG homepage (<a href="https://www.ohnegentechnik.org/en/for-test-laboratories/recognised-laboratories">https://www.ohnegentechnik.org/en/for-test-laboratories/recognised-laboratories</a>).



When commissioning a laboratory, the following information must be indicated in the order or other documents having similar effect, and submitted to the laboratory:

- · Order of VLOG test (GMO tests) according to the VLOG requirements for laboratories as stated in the guideline for VLOG-recognition of laboratories
- · Composition of the sample:

If containing soy, maize/corn, rapeseed/canola and/or rice feed material or ingredients, it must be indicated in what form these are contained (e.g. maize/corn as maize/corn mash, soy as soy extraction meal) and the composition of the compound feed.

#### Guidance:

The Guideline for VLOG-Recognition of Laboratories is available on the VLOG homepage (<a href="https://www.ohnegentechnik.org/en/for-test-laboratories/quideline-for-test-laboratories">https://www.ohnegentechnik.org/en/for-test-laboratories/quideline-for-test-laboratories</a> under 'Further

Documents/Instructions/Tools'). Annex 1 of this guideline specifies which GMOs are included in the GMO analyses carried out by VLOG-recognized laboratories.

### 6.3. Handling of positive test results

The participant must establish a system for handling positive test results. This shall include appropriate measures like the labelling/blocking of non-compliant products and a recall procedure. In case of contamination, appropriate corrective action must be initiated and documented. The effectiveness is to be reviewed as part of self-monitoring.

Positive test results are to be handled according to Annex 2.

#### Guidance:

The BVL document "BVL-Guideline for monitoring GMOs in feed" can be helpful when interpreting the analysis results. This guideline is available on the VLOG homepage (<a href="https://www.ohnegentechnik.org/en/for-businesses/standards/the-vlog-standard">https://www.ohnegentechnik.org/en/for-businesses/standards/the-vlog-standard</a> under 'Further Documents/Instructions/Tools') to assist the feed business.



# Annex 1 Sampling and testing

The tables below specify the sampling and testing frequency for GMO controlled feed materials, feed additives, premixtures and compound feed. The sampling and testing frequency applies only to the products that fall under the scope of this standard.

The sampling and testing frequency is calculated based on 88% dry matter content.

The sampling and testing frequency is to be implemented by participants producing and/or trading GMO controlled feed materials, feed additives, premixtures and/or compound feed.

#### 1. Producing companies

The table below provides the sampling and testing frequency for participants producing GMO controlled feed material, feed additives, premixtures and compound feed.

	Incoming goods	Outgoing goods
<b>Production activity</b>	- Feed material	- GMO controlled feed material*
on location	- Feed additive	- GMO Controlled feed additive
participant	- Premixture	- GMO Controlled premixture
		- GMO controlled compound feed
Production	1 sample & test	< 10,000 t/year: 1 sample / & test
completely exempt	of every batch of	≥ 10,000 to 50,000 t/year: 2 samples + & tests
from mandatory labelling	at risk feed material, feed	≥ 50,000 to 100,000 t/year: 4 samples + & tests
9	additive,	≥ 100,000 to 200,000 t/year: 6 samples  & tests
	premixture	≥ 200,000 to 300,000 t/year: 8 samples  & tests
		For every additional 100,000t (or part thereof) /year: 2 additional samples # & tests
Production of GMO	1 sample & test	< 2,000 t/year: 1 sample # & test
controlled feed and	of every batch of	≥ 2,000 to 5,000 t/year: 3 samples # & tests
non-GMO controlled feed	at risk feed	≥ 5,000 to 10,000 t/year: 5 samples  & tests
subject to	material, feed additive,	≥ 10,000 to 50,000 t/year: 10 samples # & tests
mandatory	premixture	≥ 50,000 to 100,000 t/year: 15 samples # & tests
labelling	•	≥ 100,000 to 200,000 t/year: 20 samples  & tests
		≥ 200,000 to 300,000 t/year: 25 samples / & tests
		For every additional 100,000 t (or part thereof) /year: 5 additional samples # & tests.

<sup>\*</sup> Participants who only produce feed materials not subject to mandatory labelling can dispense with sampling of the outgoing feed materials if corresponding test was performed on the incoming goods.



### 2A. Trading companies

The table below provides the sampling and testing frequency for participants trading GMO controlled feed material and compound feed.

	GMO controlled feed materials and/or compound feed present on		
	location participant  Bulk Packaged		
Products present on location participant and/or subcontracted storage location	participant ubcontracted  Annual minimum number of samples & tests for outgoing		
Only bulk GMO controlled feed material and/or compound feed	< 10,000 t/year: 1 sample ≠ & test ≥ 10,000 to 50,000 t/year: 2 samples ≠ & tests ≥ 50,000 to 100,000 t/year: 4 samples ≠ & tests ≥ 100,000 to 200,000 t/year: 6 samples ≠ & tests	No (additional) sampling	
Bulk GMO controlled feed material and/or compound feed and bulk feed exempt from mandatory labelling	≥ 200,000 to 300,000 t/year: 8 samples / & tests  For every additional 100,000t (or part thereof) /year: 2 additional samples / & tests		
Bulk GMO controlled feed material and/or compound feed and bulk feed subject to mandatory labelling and if participant does not know which products are present at the subcontracted storage location	< 2,000 t/year: 1 sample/ & test ≥ 2,000 to 5,000 t/year: 3 samples/ & tests ≥ 5,000 to 10,000 t/year: 5 samples/ & tests ≥ 10,000 to 50,000 t/year: 10 samples/ & tests ≥ 50,000 to 100,000 t/year: 15 samples/ & tests ≥ 100,000 to 200,000 t/year: 20 samples/ & tests ≥ 200,000 to 300,000 t/year: 25 samples/ & tests ≥ 200,000 to 300,000 t/year: 25 samples/ & tests For every additional 100,000 t (or part thereof) /year: 5 additional samples/ & tests	No (additional) sampling	



#### 2B. Trading companies converting into GMO controlled feed material

The table below applies to the participant, as meant in paragraph 4.3.1 above, who buys a feed material from a non-certified supplier in which genetic modification can be technically detected through PCR tests and sells this feed material as GMO controlled.

	Incoming goods	Outgoing goods
Trading activity on	Feed material	GMO controlled feed material
location participant		
Only bulk GMO controlled feed	1 sample & test of every batch of at risk	< 10,000 t/year: 1 sample / & test
material which is	feed material	≥ 10,000 to 50,000 t/year: 2 samples # & tests
exempt from	reed material	≥ 50,000 to 100,000 t/year: 4 samples # & tests
mandatory		≥ 100,000 to 200,000 t/year: 6 samples # & tests
labelling		≥ 200,000 to 300,000 t/year: 8 samples # & tests
		For every additional 100,000t (or part thereof) /year: 2 additional samples # & tests.
Bulk GMO	1 sample & test of	< 2,000 t/year: 1 sample/test
controlled feed	every batch of at risk	≥ 2,000 to 5,000 t/year: 3 samples ≠ & tests
material <u>and</u> bulk feed subject to	feed material	≥ 5,000 to 10,000 t/year: 5 samples / & tests
mandatory		≥ 10,000 to 50,000 t/year: 10 samples / & tests
labelling <u>and</u> , if		≥ 50,000 to 100,000 t/year: 15 samples # & tests
applicable, bulk		≥ 100,000 to 200,000 t/year: 20 samples + & tests
feed exempt from mandatory labeling		≥ 200,000 to 300,000 t/year: 25 samples + & tests
		For every additional 100,000 t (or part thereof) /year: 5 additional samples # & tests.



# Annex 2 Evaluation of test results and measures to be taken

Second or third analyses of the sampled batch are permitted, but must be performed immediately (express analysis). If two test results with different conclusions are obtained for a single sample, the following procedure is to be undertaken, resulting in a final finding:

- If the results overlap, taking into account the expanded measurement uncertainty, the average value of the two test results is used.
- If the results do not overlap, taking into account the expanded measurement uncertainty, a third test of the batch is ordered.

The customer is informed (on request) periodically about positive test results related to the delivered batches and receives a summary or overview of the results.

In the event of inaccurately labelled feed or food product placed on the market, the customers and Certification Body must be notified with at least the information as mentioned in the table below.

The internal auditor examines whether the analytical test results were evaluated correctly and any necessary (corrective) measures were properly implemented.

In case the test result of a feed material, feed additive, premixture or compound feed is between 0.1% and 0.9% GMO (0.1% GMO  $< x \le 0.9\%$  GMO), then the participant

- a. Informs the (feed) supplier
- b. takes the measures for improvement and validation. The results of the validation are documented and are available upon request.

In case the test result of a feed material, feed additive, premixture or compound feed is above 0.9% GMO, then the participant undertakes the following actions:

- a. inform the (feed) supplier, and
- b. in the case of rejection, notice to producers of "Ohne Gentechnik" food products of animal origin

#### **Guidance**

With 'producers of "Ohne Gentechnik" food products of animal origin' is meant the livestock farmer.



The participant must provide his (feed) supplier and/or producers of "Ohne Gentechnik" food products of animal origin with at least the information as mentioned in the table below.

Feed	
(exact name)	
	Compound feed Feed material
	Feed additive Premixture
Delivery date	
Batch identification number	
Number of delivery slip,	
if applicable	
Date of delivery slip,	
if applicable	
Date sample taken	
Place sample taken	
Unique sample	
identification (e.g.	
SampleID)	
Date of test report	
Species with finding of	
GMO content	
(e.g. soy, maize/corn,)	
Test result (PCR)*	Species:
	GMO positive, >0.9%; exact value: %
	of which Event 1 %
	Event 2 %
	Species:
	GMO positive, >0.9%; exact value: %
	of which Event 1 %
	Event 2 %
In the case of compound	Yes
feed: Species with finding	If declared: Quantity of species:
of GMO content declared	□ No
as compound feed	Quantified amount of species: %
component?	
Customer(s) affected, if	
applicable	





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