

 Technical Specifications

MI5.3 - Responsible dairy feed

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Introduction

This Market Initiative (MI) document has been created in close collaboration between the market initiative Sustainable Dairy Chain (Duurzame Zuivelketen in Dutch) and GMP+ International. The main goal is to provide GMP+ certified companies the possibility for an add-on certification for feed that is compliant with the Sustainable Dairy Chain requirements.

Market initiative responsible compound feed

As a result of the efforts of the Foundation for Chain Transition Responsible Soy, founded in the Netherlands in 2012, all soy used in the Dutch agro-food chain must originate from a responsible source (RTRS or equivalent) as of 2015. This shall be securely anchored in purchase or quality agreements in the whole chain ranging from feed to retail.

Being an important chain between production, trade and consumption of soy through feed the feed industry has asked GMP+ International to develop an objective and traceable assurance of the purchase and processing of responsible soy. This document is a result of this request.

Currently the sourcing of responsible soy (including soy derivatives and soy products) is addressed in this standard. In the future this scope can be extended with sourcing of other commodities (for example palm oil and fish meal), but it is also possible to include other 'responsibility aspects' such as carbon footprint, energy use, etc. Therefore the document will grow in the upcoming years to facilitate growth into more and more responsible compound feed.

Sourcing of responsible soy

The certified company must source its responsible soy from suppliers that are accepted based on the purchasing requirements stated in chapter 4. In this standard 'responsible soy' is defined as RTRS or equivalent. Certified companies of this standard can only consider soy originating from RTRS or equivalent certified farmers as 'responsible soy' and be handled as such.

Sustainable Dairy Chain

The Sustainable Dairy Chain (Duurzame Zuivelketen in Dutch) is a unique initiative in which the dairy industry and dairy farmers strive to make the Dutch dairy sector the world leader in sustainability.

The Dutch Dairy Organisation (NZO) and the Dutch Confederation of Agriculture and Horticulture (LTO Nederland) have joined forces in the Sustainable Dairy Chain.



This initiative has objectives in four key areas:

- a) Climate and energy
- b) Animal health and animal welfare
- c) Grazing
- d) Biodiversity and the local environment

One of the first initiatives regarding responsible dairy feed, is the dedication to 100% use of RTRS certified sustainable soy. GMP+ certified companies with the scope "Responsible dairy feed" can show that the feed they supply complies with the requirements of this market initiative.



Welcome

This Feed Certification scheme document helps you to provide responsible feed worldwide. By meeting the requirements set by GMP+ International together with our GMP+ Community, we aim to help you get the feed certification you need. Please read the information in this document carefully.

Let's make this work together!

1. Scope of this document

The requirements to produce and/or trade feed that is in compliance with the requirements for Responsible dairy feed as defined by the Sustainable Dairy Chain (Duurzame Zuivelketen in Dutch) are included in this document.

2. Normative references

This Market Initiative (MI) document holds the responsible feed and feed services requirements. This MI document must always be used in combination with the R 5.0 *Feed Responsibility Management Systems Requirements* which ensures the implementation of a Feed Responsibility Management System (FRMS). The combined use enables a company to provide responsible feed products and feed services in accordance to the request from the Market Initiative.

Both the R 5.0 *Feed Responsibility Management Systems Requirements* and the Market Initiative documents must be considered as a normative part of the GMP+ FRA module.

This document is to be used:

- a) in addition to the GMP+ FSA module;
- b) in combination with an equivalent feed safety standard (see TS 1.2 *Purchase*)

It is also possible to use the GMP+ FRA module without additional certification.



3. Terms and Definitions

In addition to the terms and definitions mentioned in F 0.2 *Definitions list* the following terms are used:

Term	Description
Soy	<p>The word "soy" is used to describe both soy (beans), but also soy derivatives and soy products. This is done to make the standard easier to read. If a specific type of soy, soy derivative or soy product is mentioned in the text, then that specific type of soy, soy derivative or soy product is meant. Otherwise the word "soy" can read as soy, soy derivative or soy product.</p> <p>Examples of soy products can be found in the product list (part of Feed Support Products) on the website of GMP+ International.</p>



4. Responsible dairy feed

4.1. Feed Responsibility Management System

The certified company must meet the following requirements mentioned in R 5.0 *Feed Responsibility Management Systems Requirements*:

Chapter / §	Subject
2	Normative references
4	System requirements (including the paragraphs in this chapter)
5.1	Material accounting system
5.2	Segregation
5.3	Mass Balance
5.5	Book & Claim

4.2. Purchasing requirements

All feed labelled as compliant with the scope Responsible Dairy feed must comply with the purchasing requirements below.

 **Helpful tip:**

See § 4.5.1 "Inform the customer about the status of the feed" in the document R 5.0 *Feed Responsibility Management Systems Requirements*.

4.2.1. Purchasing of responsible soy

The certified company must purchase its responsible soy from a supplier that is certified according the below specification:

For supply chain model:	Supplier that is certified for:
Segregation	RTRS Standard for Responsible Soy Production RTRS Chain of Custody Standard – with the scope segregation MI 5.1 with the scope <i>RTRS Segregation</i> MI 5.3 <i>Responsible dairy feed</i>
Mass Balance	RTRS Standard for Responsible Soy Production RTRS Chain of Custody Standard – with the scope mass balance or segregation MI 5.1 with the scope <i>RTRS Mass Balance</i> or <i>RTRS Segregation</i> MI 5.3 <i>Responsible dairy feed</i>
Book & Claim	MI 5.3 <i>Responsible dairy feed</i>



The supply chain model must be covered within the scope of certification of the supplier.

Note: In addition to the accepted certification schemes as mentioned in the table above, it is also accepted to purchase responsible soy from companies that are certified for a certification scheme which is approved by RTRS as equivalent. All RTRS approved certification schemes are published on the RTRS website: www.responsiblesoy.org.

4.2.2. Purchasing of credits

Credits (for the supply chain model book & claim) must be purchased on:

Credit trading platform	RTRS Trading Platform
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 **Helpful tip:**

Helpful tip: The RTRS Trading Platform can be accessed via: www.responsiblesoy.org.

4.2.3. Purchasing of responsible compound feed

Responsible compound feed must be purchased from compound feed producers that are certified according to the following requirements:

Accepted certification scheme	MI 5.3 <i>Responsible dairy feed</i>
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Feed Support Products

That was a lot of information to digest and one might ask, what is the next step? Luckily we can offer support for the GMP+ Community when doing this. We provide support by means of various tools and guidances but as each company has a shared responsibility to feed safety, and therefore tailor-made solutions cannot be offered. However, we do help by explaining requirements and provide background information about the requirements.

We have developed various supporting materials for the GMP+ Community. These include various tools, ranging from Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) lists to webinars and events.

Supporting materials related to this document (Guidelines and FAQ's)

We have made documents available which give guidance to the GMP+ requirements as laid down in the module GMP+ FSA and GMP+ FRA. These documents give examples, answers to frequently asked questions or background information.

Find our Feed Support Products here:

Guidelines

More information: <https://gmpplus.org/en/feed-certification-scheme-2020/gmp-fsa-fra-certification/support/>

At GMP+ International, we believe everybody, no matter who they are or where they live, should have access to safe food.

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