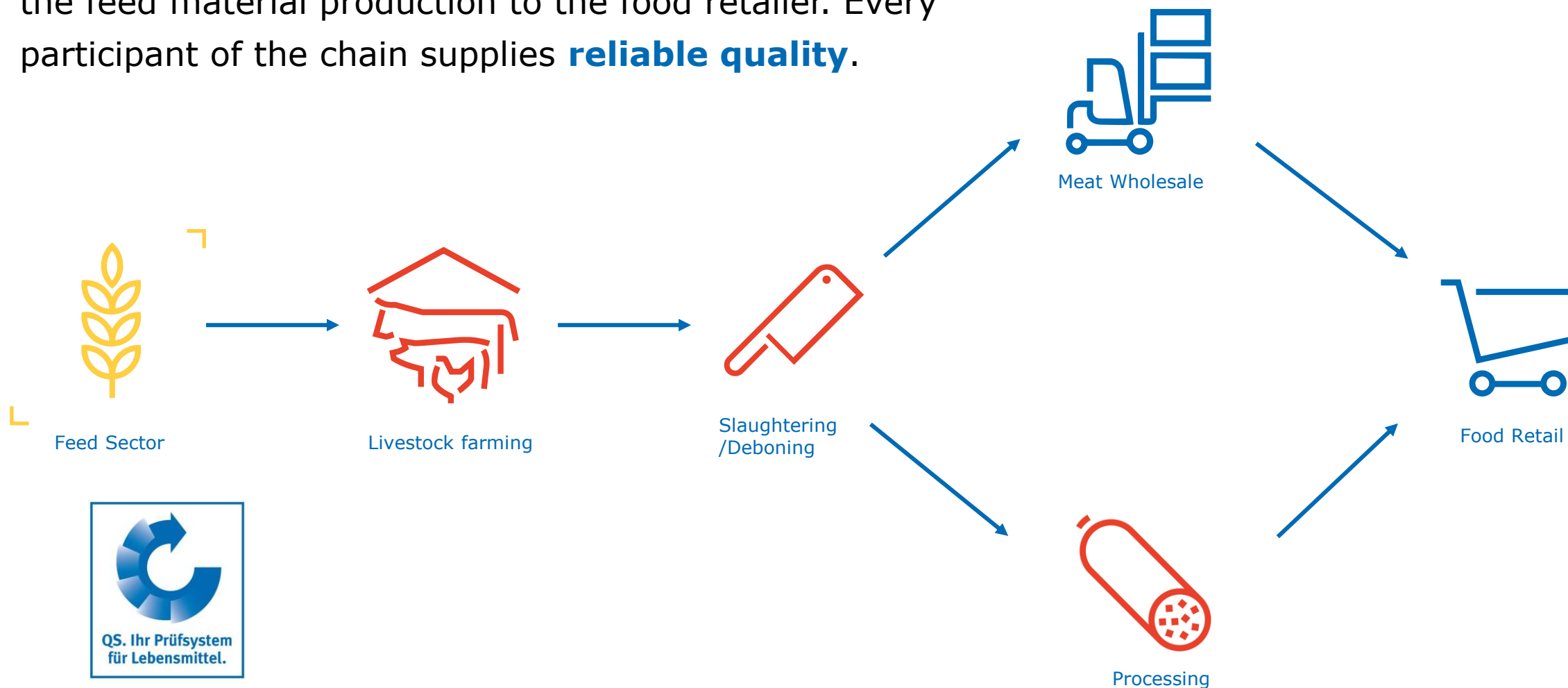




Welcome to the QS Scheme

An overview of the most important criteria

In the QS scheme the **whole** supply chain is certified, from the feed material production to the food retailer. Every participant of the chain supplies **reliable quality**.



The Feed Sector in the QS scheme



Feed Sector

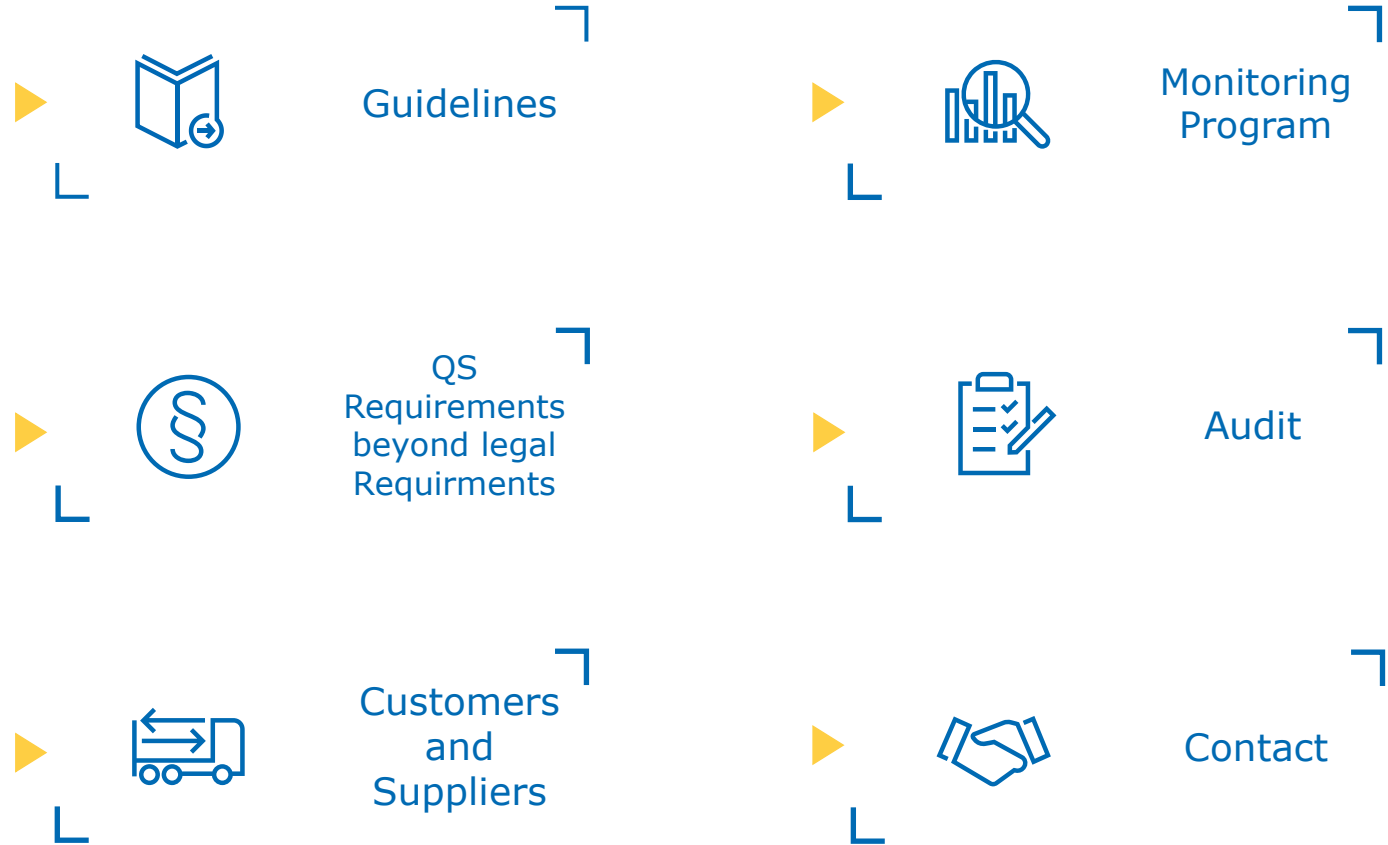


- Feed Production
 - Feed additive production
 - Premix production
 - Compound feed production
 - Feed material production
- Mobile Feed Milling and Mixing Plants
- Private Labelling
- Trade
- Storage and transshipment
- Transport
 - Road Transport
 - Transport of feed by railway, inland waterways and ocean ships

Overview of the most important QS topics:



Feed Sector

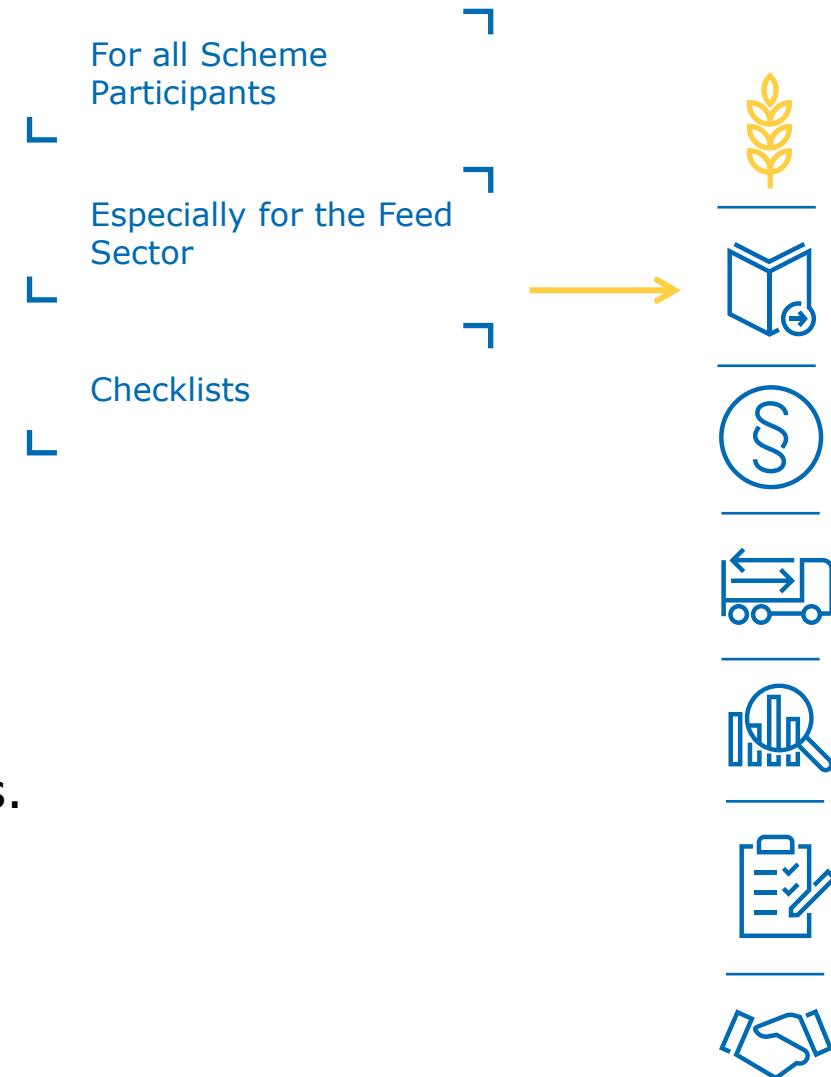


Guidelines

- The QS guidelines describe all the **rules** and **requirements** for scheme participants, certification bodies and laboratories.
- Guidelines and checklists are usually reviewed and **updated once a year.**



Please pay attention to all revisions in relevant guidelines.



Guidelines

For all Scheme participants



- The guideline **General Regulations** explains basic rules for the QS certification and the steps to become a scheme participant.
- The guideline **Certification** summarizes the rules for the independent controls, e.g. forms of audits and their frequency.
- The **Style Guide for the QS Certification Mark** describes the mandatory requirements for the usage of the certification mark.

You can find the documents here:



[Documents for all scheme participants](#)



Guidelines Especially for the feed sector

- The guideline **Feed Sector** defines all relevant requirements for the QS certification.



Annex 9.1. of the guideline Feed Sector informs about the **recognition of other standards/schemes**.

- In the **VLOG-Add-On Module** requirements for the „Ohne Gentechnik“ certification are defined. The module can be checked during the QS audit.
- The requirements for the **Feed Monitoring** are defined in a specific Feed Monitoring guideline.

You can find the documents here:



[Documents for the feed sector](#)



Guidelines Checklists

- The implementation of the QS requirements is inspected on the basis of the **Checklist Feed Sector**.

You can find the document here:



[Checklist Feed Sector](#)



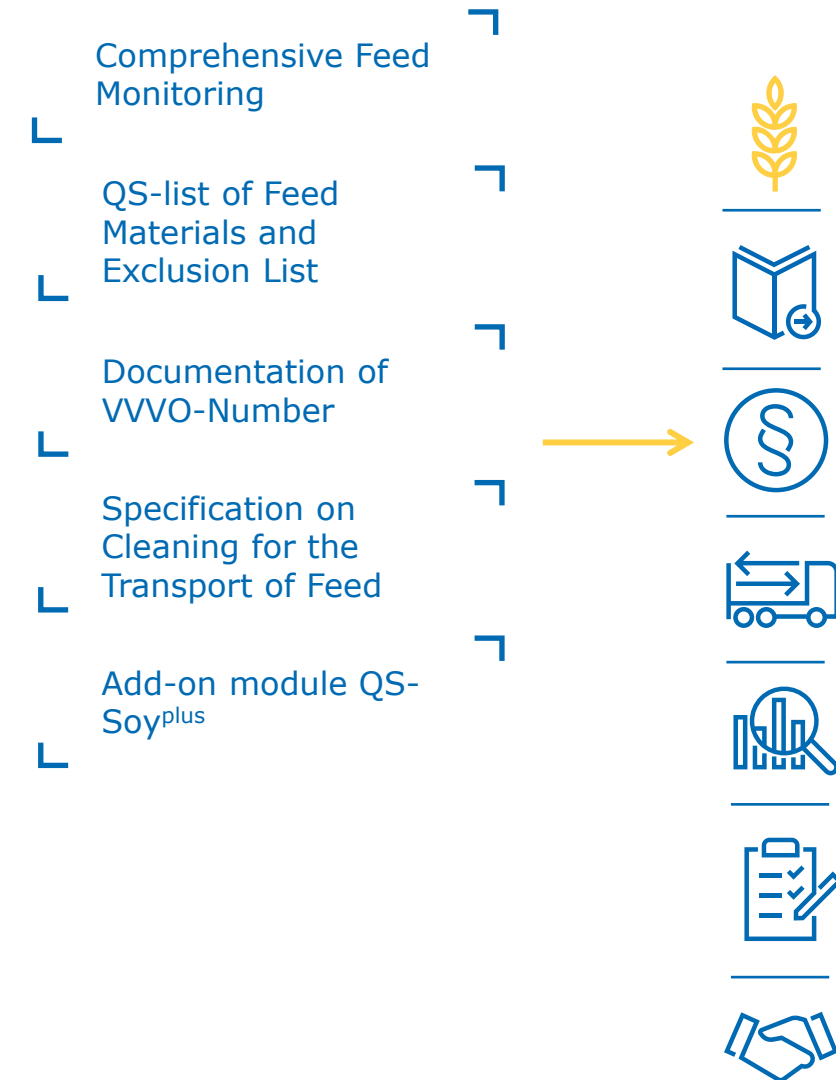
QS requirements beyond legal requirements



- The requirements in the QS scheme can **exceed legal requirements**.

This especially applies for requirements that have a **critical impact** on

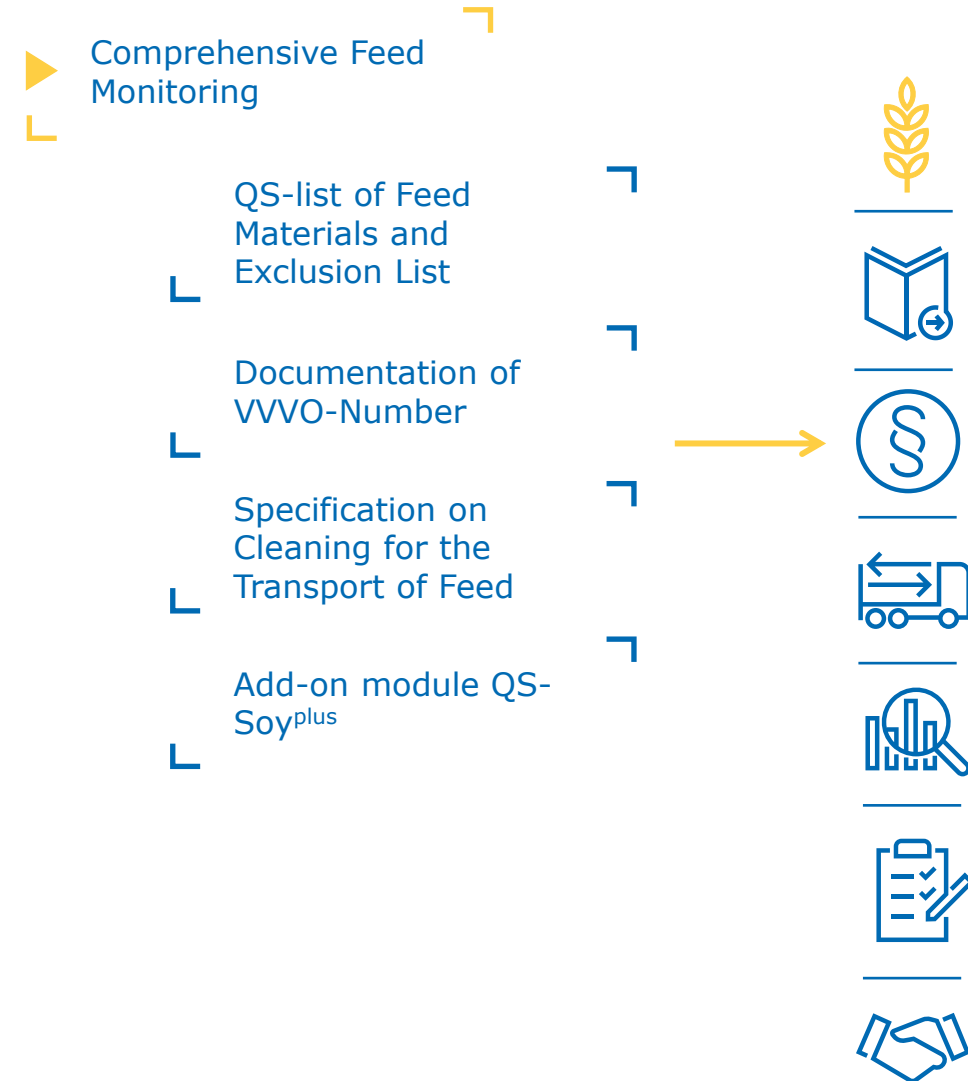
- the **reliability** and **safety** of foodstuffs or
- the **health** and **safety** of animals.
- The mandatory requirements for the products and processes are binding for alle QS scheme participants, i.e. in Germany and all other countries.



QS requirements beyond legal requirements

Comprehensive Feed Monitoring

- Within the scope of the **Feed Monitoring** all feed is regularly analysed and inspected for diverse **harmful parameters**, **unwanted materials** and **organisms**.
- All results of investigation are documented in the **QS database**.
- If it is necessary to react on short-term risks, an **Ad-Hoc-Monitoring Plan** can be established.
- **Annex 8.5** contains the additional control plan for the risk management of aflatoxin B1 in maize.
- For specific harmful parameters stricter **threshold values** exist in the QS scheme than legally required.
- For selected end products a **positive release sampling** has to be done before bringing the product into circulation.



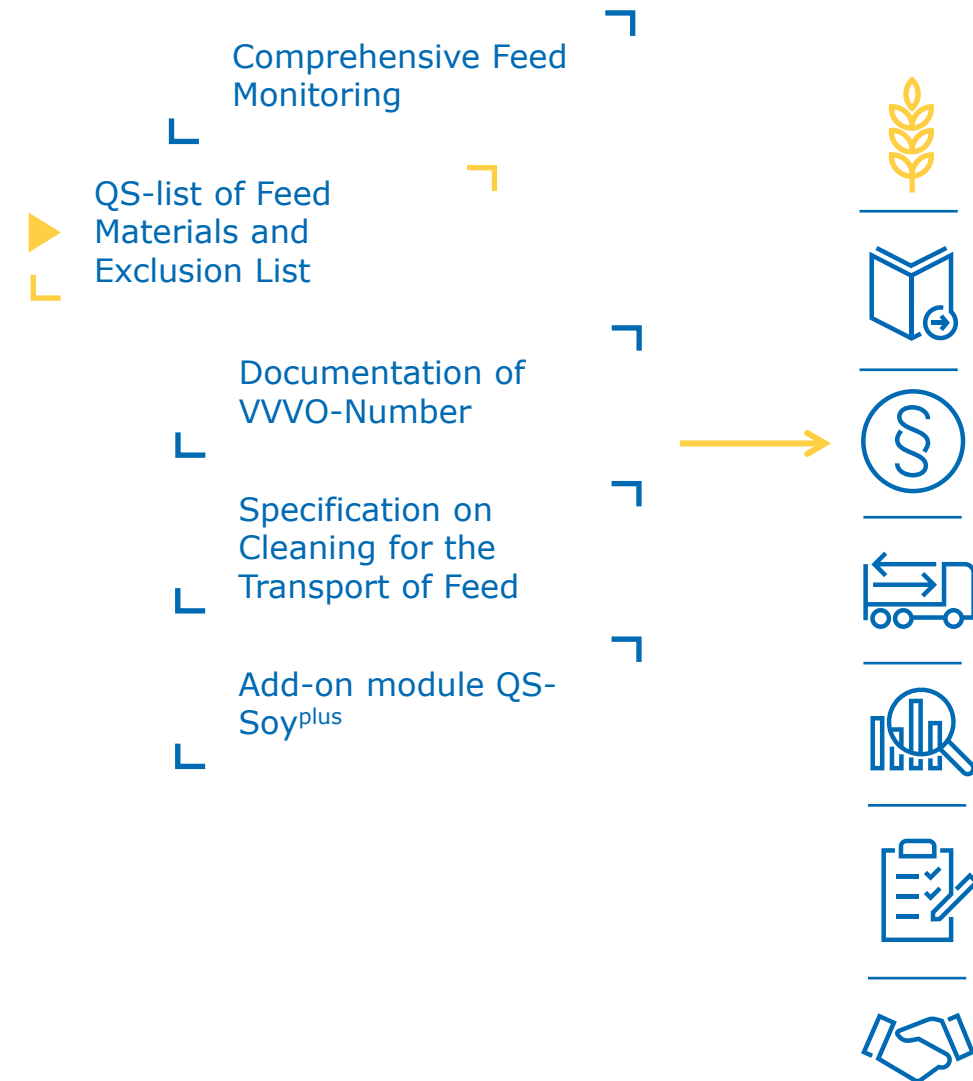
QS requirements beyond legal requirements

QS-list of Feed Materials and Exclusion List



- Straight feeding stuffs may only be used if they are mentioned in the **QS-list of feed materials** for the feed material production or lists of recognized standards.
- All material that shall not be used in the QS scheme is listed in an **Exclusion List**.

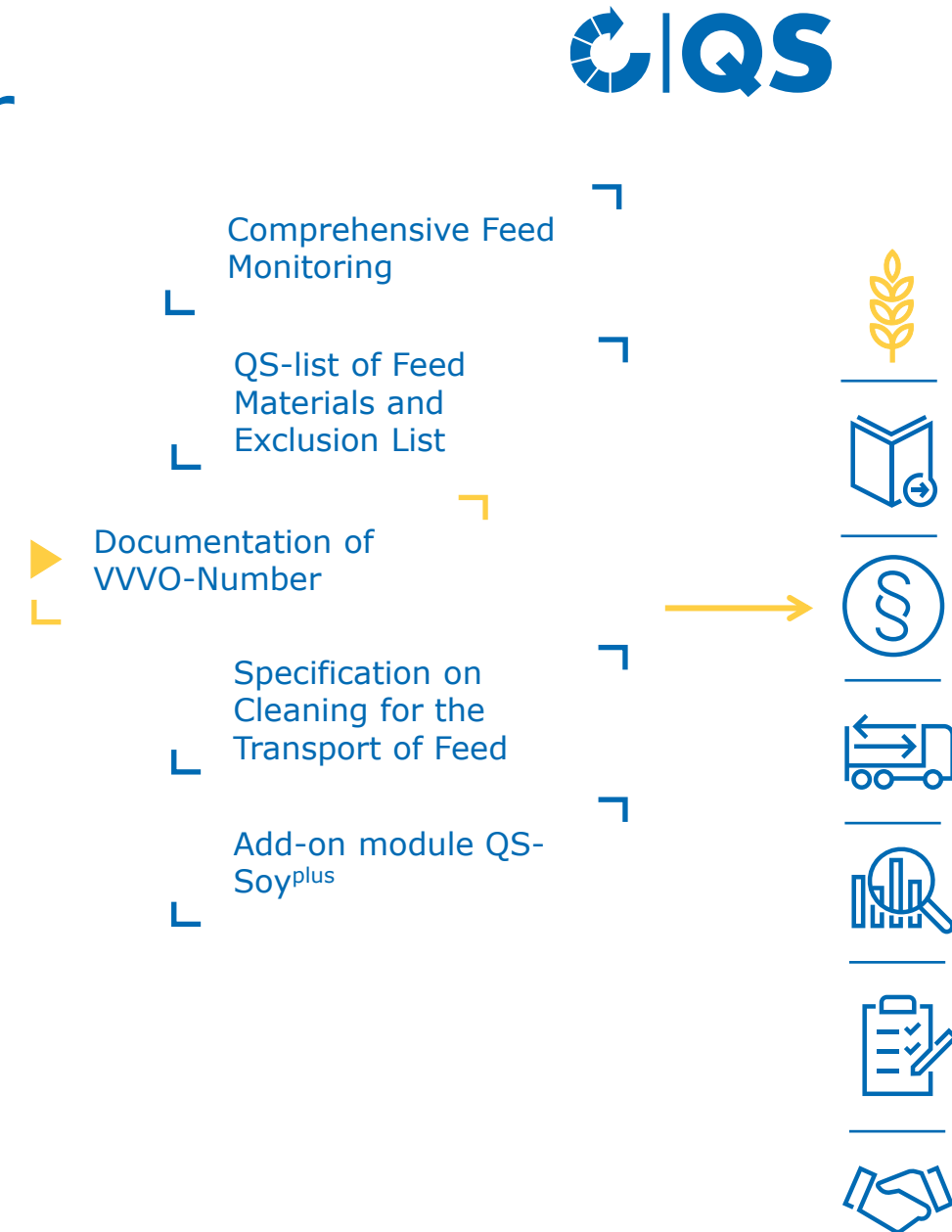
You can find the documents here:  [Annexes Feed Sector](#)



QS requirements beyond legal requirements

Documentation of VVVO-Number

- When delivering compound feed material (bulk goods) directly to agricultural businesses, their **location number** (VVVO number or respective national company number) must be recorded, documented and assigned to the deliveries on a shipping document in order to secure the **traceability**.



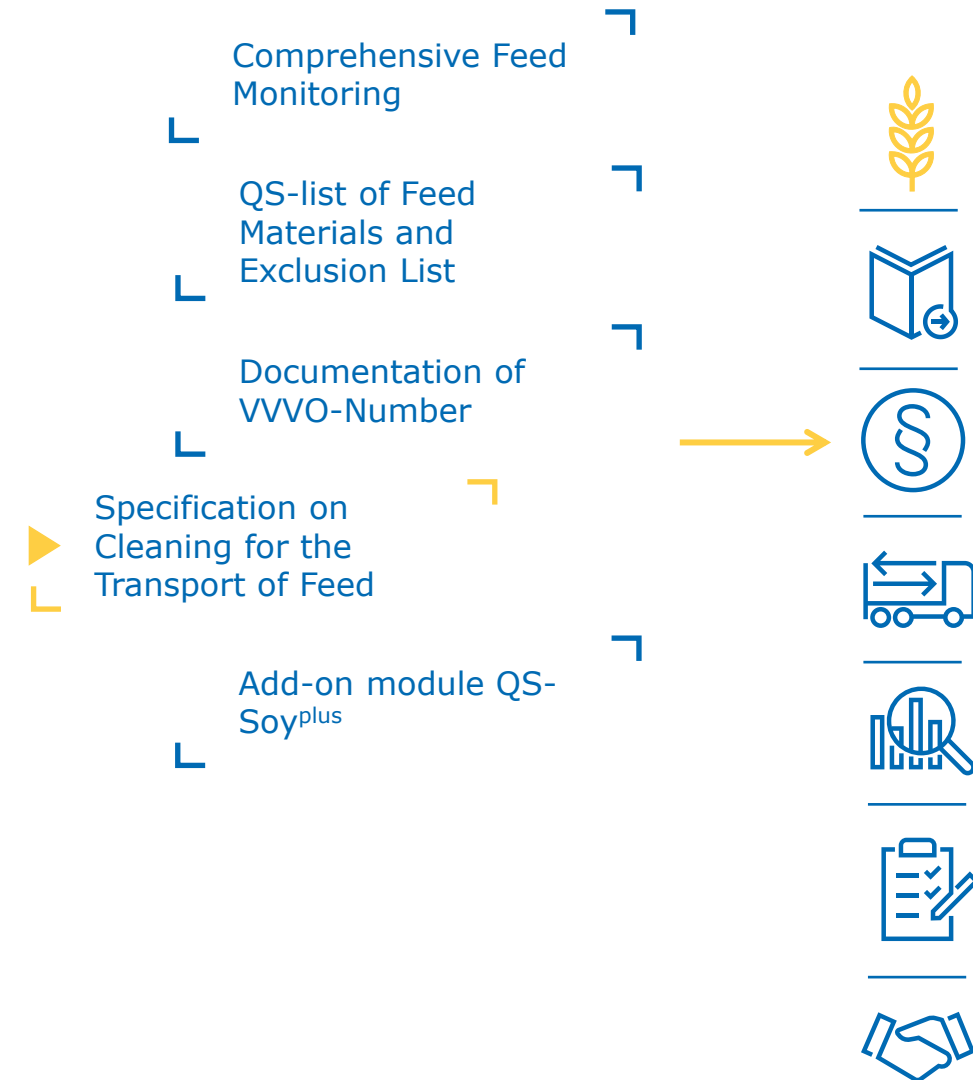
QS requirements beyond legal requirements

Specification on Cleaning for the Transport of Feed



- For the transport of feed in trucks, specific **cleaning** and **disinfection** requirements have to be fulfilled.

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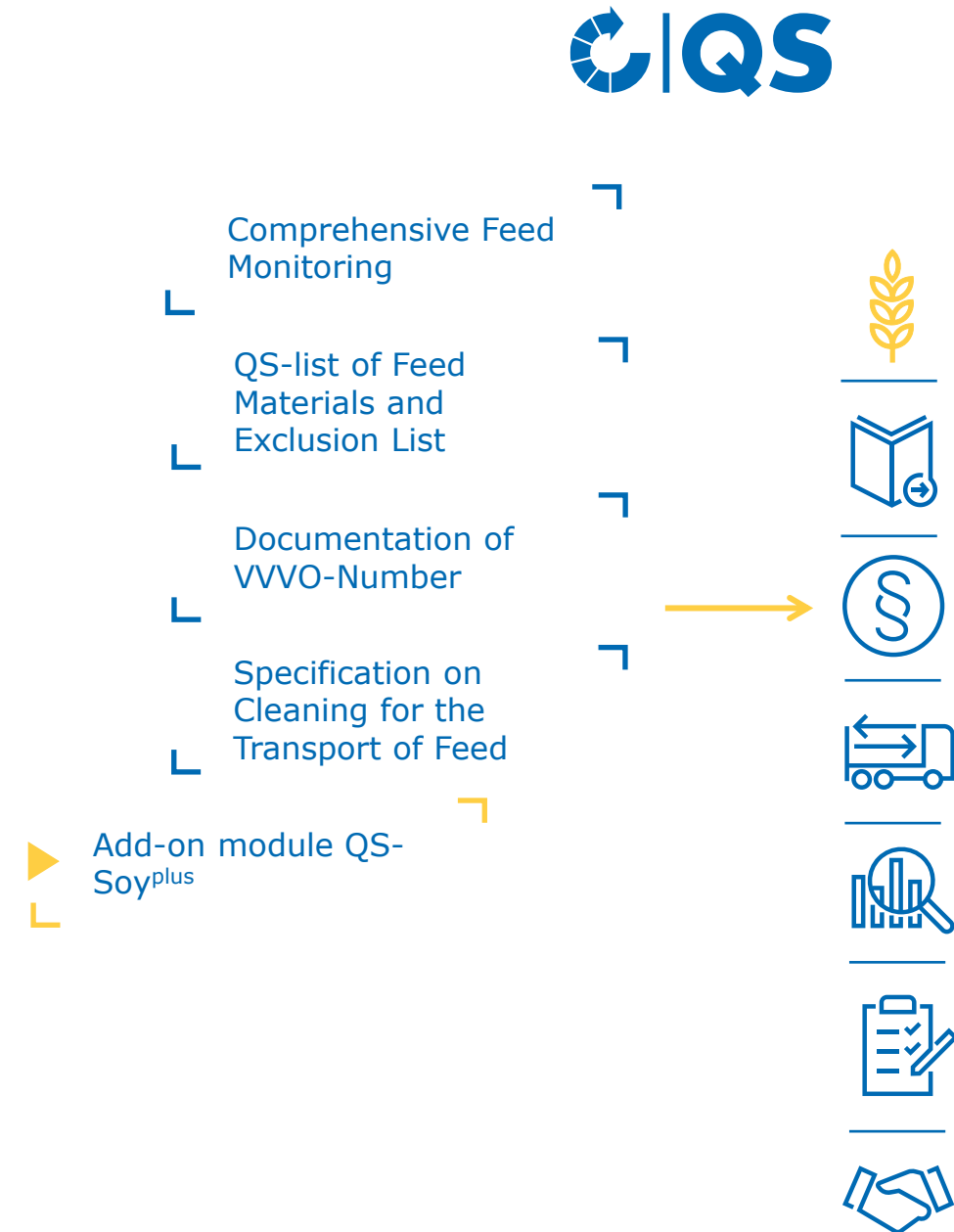


QS requirements beyond legal requirements

Add-on module QS-Soy^{plus}

- For feed traders and producers who handle soy, there is an add-on module QS-Soy^{plus} that is **mandatory to implement onwards**.
- Consideration of **ecological**, **economic** and **social** criteria in primary production.
- **Detailed information** on the scope of the add-on and the requirements can be found in the separate guideline and in the corresponding Annexes:

You can find the documents here :  [Add-on module Soy^{plus}](#)



Customers and Suppliers

Check of Supplier Eligibility

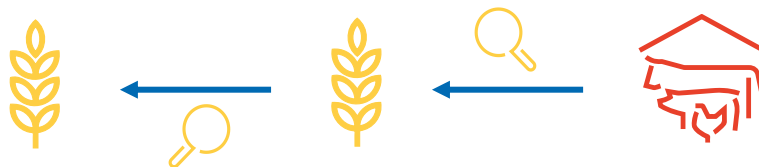


- In order to market QS goods, it is necessary to check the **up-to-date QS eligibility of delivery** of the supplier in the QS database.
- It is **not sufficient** to only review certificates.

Database/Software Platform



Create your own supplier list in the QS database. This way you get notified if the status of a relevant partner has changed.



 Check of Supplier Eligibility

 Gate-Keeping



Customers and Suppliers

Gate-Keeping



- In order to develop new markets, it may be necessary to procure goods from **non-certified producers** or **traders for a defined period**. In this case you can act as a so-called **Gate-Keeper**.

- Tasks of the Gate-Keeper are for instance:

- Enter **all materials** and **suppliers** that you are gate-keeping for in the **QS database** from the **beginning of the supply** on.
- Participation in the **Feed Monitoring Program: Gate-Keeper** have to participate in the monitoring for all non-certified feed. Additional analyses need to be undertaken. For example, for feed material **from each supplied batch** a sample needs to be drawn and analysed for undesired materials and harmful parameters.
- **Supplier evaluation** for each non-certified supplier.
- Determination of all requirements on **transport** and **storage** of feed from the supplier to the gate-keeper.



[Gate-Keeper-Regulation](#)

Monitoring program

Feed Monitoring



- All producers and traders are **required to participate** in the **feed monitoring program**.

- With the QS-EasyPlan QS control plans can be created quickly and easily



[QS-EasyPlan](#)

- The feed monitoring includes the regular analysis of feed material for specific **harmful parameters** (e.g. mycotoxins, heavy metals, dioxin).
- Specific **control plans** define the sample drawing. The analyses are systematically spread throughout the whole year.
- For the analyses of samples QS approved laboratories are assigned.



[QS laboratories](#)



[Feed Monitoring](#)



- In the QS scheme audits are conducted on a **risk-oriented frequency** based on the QS status:
 - QS-Status I: every 2 years
 - QS-Status II: every year
 - QS-Status III: every 6 month
- QS reserves its right to conduct, additionally to regular audits, **random sampling audits** or **audits of special purpose**.
- All audits are conducted by **independent auditors**.
- **Unannounced audits** are also carried out at feed manufacturers.



To avoid double auditing, requirements of other schemes can be checked during a QS audit. These so called **combined audits** can be performed for the VLOG-certification.



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