








Annex 4.2 Recognized standards for the soybean production







The standards required in primary production, which are recognized within the framework of the add-on module QS-Soy^{plus}, lay down clearly defined criteria for the responsible treatment of people, nature and the environment in the countries where soy is grown.



Recognized are standards for primary production that are comparable to the requirements of the **FEFAC Soy Sourcing Guideline 2021** in content and have an appropriate **inspection system** (benchmark by QS).

Table 1: Recognized standards for the soybean production

| Standard | Supply Chain model(s) | Status recognition | Version |
|---|--|-----------------------|--|
| CSQA Sustainable Cereal and Oilseed (DTP 112) | SEG | accepted | Rev. 06 – 18.11.2021 (criteria catalogue) (valid until 17.03.2025) Rev. 07 – 18.03.2024 (criteria catalogue) Rev. 3 – 09.07.2010 (certification) |
|  Donau Soja | IP, SEG | accepted | Guidelines Status January 2024 |
| | B&C (Protein Partnership) | temporarily accepted* | |
|  Europe Soya | IP, SEG | accepted | Guidelines Status January 2024 |
| | MB („Quantity Equivalence“), B&C (Protein Partnership) | temporarily accepted* | |

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|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|--|
|  <p>ISCC EU</p> | SEG | accepted | V4.0 (criteria catalogue) V4.0 (certification) |
| | MB | temporarily accepted* | |
| <p>ISCC Plus</p> | SEG | accepted | V3.3 (criteria catalogue) V4.0 (certification) |
| | MB | temporarily accepted* | |
|  <p>ProTerra</p> | IP, SEG | accepted | V4.1 (criteria catalogue) V3.0 (certification) |
| | MB | temporarily accepted* | |
|  <p>RTRS</p> | SEG | accepted | V4.0 (criteria catalogue) V4.3 (certification) |
| | MB, B&C | temporarily accepted* | |
|  <p>ADM Responsible Soybean Standard</p> | SEG | accepted | V 4.0 (criteria catalogue, certification) |
| | MB, B&C | temporarily accepted* | |
|  <p>Amaggi ORIGINS FIELD</p> | SEG | accepted | V.03 – December 2023 (criteria catalogue, certification) |
| | MB, B&C ¹ | temporarily accepted* | |

| Standard | Supply Chain model(s) | Status recognition | Version |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|---|
|  <p>Bunge Pro-S Certification Program for Sustainable Agricultural Sourcing</p> | MB | temporarily accepted* | V 2021 (criteria catalogue, certification) (valid until 30.04.2025) V.2023.1 (criteria catalogue, certification) |
|  <p>Cefetra Certified Responsible Soy Standard</p> | MB, B&C ¹ | temporarily accepted* | V 4.0 (criteria catalogue) (valid until 31.01.2025) V 5.0 (criteria catalogue) V 1.0 (certification) |
|  <p>SFAP – Sustainable Farming Assurance Programme – Non Conversion</p> | B&C ¹ | temporarily accepted* | V 7 (criteria catalogue, certification) |
|  <p>US SOY Sustainability Assurance Protocol – SSAP</p> | MB | temporarily accepted* | V 3.1 (criteria catalogue, certification) |
|  <p>Cargill Tripple S</p> | MB | temporarily accepted* | V 8.0 (criteria catalogue, certification) (valid until 31.12.2025) V 8.1 (criteria catalogue, certification) |
|  <p>REDcert² Responsible farming</p> | IP, SEG | accepted | V RC ² 04 (criteria catalogue) (valid until 31.12.2025) |
| | MB | temporarily accepted* | V RC ² 4.1 (criteria catalogue) V EU 07 (certification) |

| Standard | Supply Chain model(s) | Status recognition | Version |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|--|
|  COFCO International Responsible Agriculture Standard (Module 2) | MB | temporarily accepted* | V.01 (criteria catalogue, certification) |
|  ACSplus | MB | temporarily accepted* | V.01 (criteria catalogue, certification) |

Explanatory notes to the table:

¹ Area Mass Balance products must be handled like B&C products

* temporarily accepted until 31.12.2025

IP = Identity Preserved

SEG = Segregation

MB = Mass Balance

B&C = Book&Claim

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| Criterion | Changes | Date of change |
|---|---|----------------|
| Cargill Tripple S | Change: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Temporary recognition of the new guideline version 8.1 until 31.12.2025. • Limitation of the recognition of guideline version 8.0 until 31.12.2025 (version expires). | 01.01.2025 |
| REDcert ² Responsible farming | Change: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognition of the new guideline version 4.1. • Limitation of the recognition of guideline version 4.0 until 31.12.2025 (version expires). | 01.01.2025 |
| Donau Soja | Deletion of the Guidelines Status September 2021, as these expired on 31.12.2024. | 01.01.2025 |
| Europe Soya | Deletion of the Guidelines Status September 2021, as these expired on 31.12.2024. | 01.01.2025 |
| ADM Responsible Soybean Standard | Deletion of version V 3.0 (criteria catalog, certification), as this expired on 31.12.2024. | 01.01.2025 |
| Amaggi ORIGINS FIELD | Deletion of the October 2022 version (criteria catalog, certification), as this expired on 31.12.2024. | 01.01.2025 |
| SFAP – Sustainable Farming Assurance Programme – Non Conversion | Deletion of version V 6.1 (criteria catalog, certification), as this expired on 31.12.2024. | 01.01.2025 |

