



REQUIREMENTS 01a, Version 10

## Agricultural Producer (Farmer)

### General Requirements for Donau Soja Producers

Purpose	Specify the general requirements to be met by Donau Soja soya bean farmers (producers).
Definition	Soya bean farmer (producer): agricultural holding growing and harvesting soya beans
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#### 1 Risk assessment

- 1.1 The farmer shall be assigned a “production area risk level” (= F-RL) based on the risk assessment (see Annex 04):
- F-RL 0: AUT, CHE, DEU, HUN, SVN;
  - F-RL 1: BGR, CZE, HRV, ITA, POL, SVK, SRB;
  - F-RL 2: BIH, ROU;
  - F-RL 3: MDA, UKR.

#### 2 Cultivation

- 2.1 The farmer shall produce according to the Donau Soja Principles of Soya Bean Cultivation (see R 01b).

#### 3 Delivery, settlement, certification as agricultural collector

- 3.1 The farmer shall hand over to the primary collector the Declaration of Self-Commitment – Farmers (Soya Bean Producers) signed by an authorised representative, and shall retain a copy of this declaration. Alternatively, the soya bean farmer shall confirm on the accompanying shipping document (delivery note) both compliance with the Donau Soja Requirements and the quantity of Donau Soja soya beans delivered, and shall retain a copy of this confirmation. The delivery note shall include the following elements:
- Compliance Clause: “With my signature I confirm to have fully read, understood and followed the current Donau Soja Requirements for Farmers, as amended.”
  - Farmer’s signature
  - By signing, the farmer acknowledges the privacy policy at <https://www.donausoja.org/privacy-policy-2/> and agrees to the transfer of his

data to the Donau Soja Organisation as well as to the storage and processing by the Donau Soja Organisation for the purpose of system control. Furthermore, he confirms that relevant information is available for the submission of the due diligence declaration in accordance with the EU Deforestation Regulation (EUDR) and agrees to the transmission along the supply chain.

- 3.2 The farmer shall hand over a list of all plots of land on which the soya beans were produced including the geographical location of these plots<sup>1</sup>, described by means of latitude and longitude coordinates corresponding to at least one latitude and one longitude point and using at least 6 decimal digits.

For plots of land of more than 4 hectares, the geolocation shall be provided using polygons with sufficient latitude and longitude points to describe the perimeter of each plot of land.<sup>1</sup>

Upon application, it is possible to recognize equivalent systems to document freedom from deforestation.

- 3.3 The farmer shall document all quantities of marketed soya beans with copies of all delivery notes and commercial invoices for agricultural collectors and other customers, and shall include a reference to the quality label "Donau Soja".
- 3.4 The farmer shall keep the relevant documentation for at least 5 years.
- 3.5 If soya bean farmers, located in production areas of risk level 2 or 3 (F-RL 2 or F-RL 3), sell Donau Soja soya beans directly to a trader not acting as an agricultural collector, they need to be certified as an agricultural collector and may only sell Donau Soja soya beans by means of Donau Soja lot certificates (in accordance with paragraph 10.2 in R 02).

#### **4 Registration of farmers**

- 4.1 If the farmer is located in a production area of risk level 3 (F-RL 3):

The farmer shall notify Donau Soja Organisation by e-mail that they cultivate Donau Soja soya by 30 July of the current harvest year ([quality@donausoja.org](mailto:quality@donausoja.org)). Alternatively, the farmer can be registered by their primary collector (also by 30 July of the current harvest year).

#### **5 Directly commissioned inspections**

- 5.1 If the farmer is located in a production area of risk levels 0–2 (F-RL 0, F-RL 1 or F-RL 2):

The farmer shall either be individually certified or participate in a group certification as set out in paragraph 3 of the "Requirements for Group Certifications". The farmer shall be inspected in accordance with the risk assessment (see Annex 04, paragraph 1). For

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<sup>1</sup> For micro and small farms within the EU, also the availability of field data on site will be accepted until 29.06.2026. As an alternative to the field data, the reference number of the product's due diligence statement in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2023/1115 shall also be accepted as evidence.

farmers with F-RL 0 or 1, it is possible to recognize equivalent certification systems for inspection purposes upon application.

5.2 If the farmer is located in a production area of risk level 3 (F-RL 3):

The farmer shall conclude an inspection contract with a certification body recognised by Donau Soja Organisation, commissioning this body to undertake a chargeable first inspection as well as further annual inspections. The name of the certification body commissioned shall be announced at the same time as the farmer is registered according to paragraph 4.1.

The directly commissioned certification body shall take a composite sample of Donau Soja green soya plants from the fields within the scope of their Donau Soja audit, and shall conduct rapid GM tests (Roundup Ready). A positive rapid test result shall entail two further rapid GM tests. If any two of the three rapid tests conducted give a positive result, the farmer shall have a PCR test performed.

Please note: In soya plants older than 36 days, samples shall be taken from cotyledons or leaf pair 1 or 2.

Farmers may be exempt from rapid GM testing if they meet all of the following four criteria:

- the farmer delivers exclusively to a certified agricultural collector belonging to the same agricultural enterprise as this farmer;
- the farmer is inspected by the same certification body as the agricultural collector;
- the farmer does not receive their own certificate, but is listed in the annex to the certificate belonging to the agricultural collector;
- the directly commissioned certification body shall undertake a chargeable inspection of the farmer every year prior to harvest.

## **6 Supervisory inspections**

6.1 The farmer shall accept supervisory inspections (risk-based sampling) by inspection bodies or inspectors commissioned by Donau Soja Organisation.