

## Quantity Equivalence System using “Approved by Europe Soya” soya beans

Purpose	Define the framework conditions that allow for the joint processing and/or storing of certified Europe Soya soya beans and/or products that comply with the “Approved by Europe Soya” criteria (AB-ES soya beans) (= quantity equivalence system).
Definition	<p>Europe Soya (ES) soya beans: Soya beans produced and certified in accordance with the Europe Soya Guidelines</p> <p>Approved by Europe Soya (AB-ES) soya beans: Soya beans that comply with the specified criteria and are approved for being processed and/or stored together with Europe Soya soya beans</p> <p>Quantity equivalence: The quantity input of ES equals the quantity output of ES in the specified cumulative period</p> <p>The quantity equivalence system covers the stages from soya bean primary processor to compound feed producer</p>
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### 1 Requirements for primary processors, compound feed producers and traders

- 1.1 Soya bean primary processors, wishing to process and store Europe Soya soya beans and AB-ES soya beans together, shall meet the requirements of paragraphs 1.3 and 1.4. In addition to the monthly notification of quantities of Europe Soya (in line with Requirements 04, paragraph 2.5), the primary processor shall report the quantity of processed AB-ES soya beans delivered to them and invoiced and/or internally used in the previous month.
- 1.2 Compound feed producers and traders also acting as agricultural collectors, wishing to process and/or store Europe Soya soya products (e.g. toasted soya beans, oil, meal, cake) as well as products resulting from the joint processing of AB-ES soya beans, shall likewise meet the requirements of paragraphs 1.3 and 1.4. The quantity equivalence system is not applicable to traders not also acting as agricultural collectors. Hence, these traders may not declare and market the products they purchased as AB-ES products as Europe Soya products.

- 1.3 Primary processors, compound feed producers and traders also acting as agricultural collectors shall conclude a written Europe Soya contract with Donau Soja Organisation that allows for the joint processing and storing of products. Operations which have already concluded a Europe Soya contract with Donau Soja Organisation shall submit a written application to Donau Soja Organisation to use the quantity equivalence system.
- 1.4 Primary processors, compound feed producers and traders also acting as agricultural collectors shall become members of Donau Soja Association.

## 2 Criteria for “Approved by Europe Soya” (AB-ES) soya beans for soya bean primary processors

- 2.1 AB-ES soya beans shall comply with the following criteria:
- **Non-GM:** AB-ES soya beans shall comply with the “non-GM” requirement (in accordance with Requirements 04 of the Europe Soya Guidelines); compliance with this requirement shall be verified through rapid GM tests (strip tests) and PCR tests;
  - **Origin:** AB-ES soya beans shall originate, according to the shipping documents (e.g. delivery note), from the Europe Soya region as specified in the Europe Soya Guidelines;
  - **Traceability:** The primary processor shall be obliged to arrange with their suppliers of AB-ES soya beans that Donau Soja Organisation is allowed to verify the products one step back in the value chain in accordance with Regulation (EC) No. 178/2002<sup>1</sup>.
  - **Deforestation-free and legality:** AB-ES soya beans shall be produced deforestation-free and in accordance with the relevant legislation of the country of production in accordance with regulation (EU) No 2023/1115.<sup>2</sup>
- 2.2 AB-ES soya beans from risk level 3 countries (e.g. BLR, MDA, UKR) shall comply with the following additional criteria:
- The soya beans shall be marketable within the EU by not exceeding the maximum residue levels of pesticides permitted in the EU; this marketability shall be verified by representative multi-residue analyses of pesticides including glyphosate (GC-MS/MS, LC-MS/MS ESI+, LC-MS/MS ESI-) for each lot delivered accordingly (mixed samples are permitted as long as they do not exceed 10 individual deliveries per farmer).
- 2.3 Upon application, existing quality assurance systems or similar standards may be recognised by Donau Soja Organisation.

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<sup>1</sup> Link to the Regulation (EC) No. 178/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 28 January 2002: <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:32002R0178>

<sup>2</sup> Link to the Regulation (EU) No. 2023/1115 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 31 May 2023: <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32023R1115>

### 3 Labelling

- 3.1 AB-ES products are allowed for the purpose of joint processing, mixing and trading and shall be correctly labelled as “Approved by Europe Soya” or “AB-ES” (e.g. “Soya Bean Meal Approved by Europe Soya” or “Soya Bean Meal AB-ES”).

### 4 Period of validity and timeframe

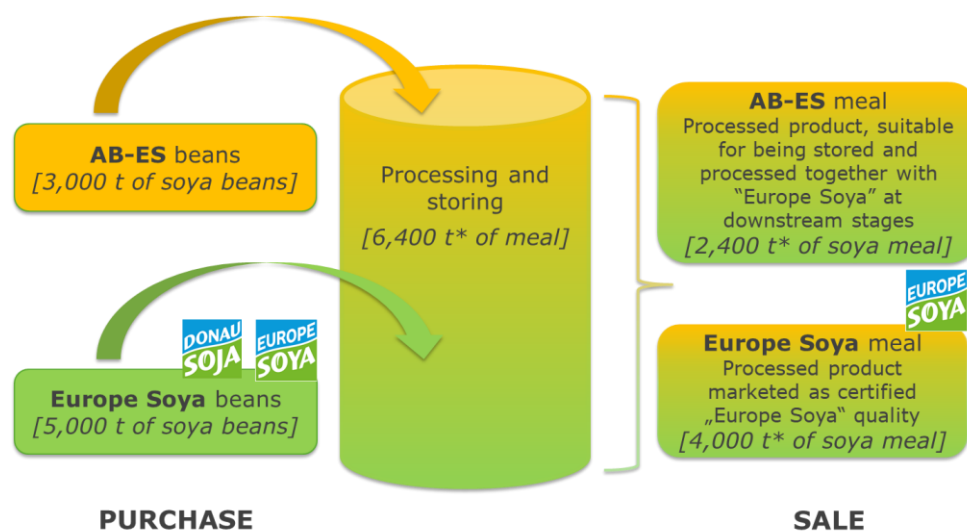
- 4.1 The cumulative period for calculating the required quantity equivalence shall be 6 months (from January to June as well as from July to December).

### 5 Miscellaneous

- 5.1 Donau Soja soya beans automatically meet the criteria applicable to Europe Soya soya beans. The possibilities of processing Donau Soja soya beans together with AB-ES soya beans are applicable to the production of “Europe Soya” as well as of products produced with or from Europe Soya or products labelled as “Fed with Europe Soya”.

### 6 Example: Soya bean primary processor

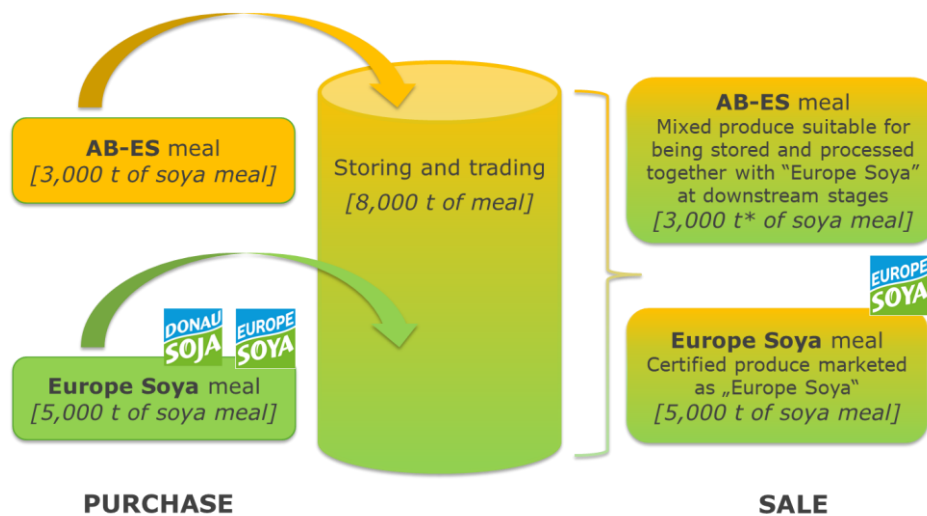
When e.g. processing 5,000 tonnes of Europe Soya/Donau Soja soya beans and 3,000 tonnes of AB-ES soya beans, this may result in 6,400 tonnes of soya bean meal (assuming a processing factor, from soya beans to soya bean meal, of 0.8). However, only the proportional Europe Soya soya bean meal of 4,000 tonnes may be marketed under the designation and/or logo of “Europe Soya”.



\* unprocessed beans multiplied by a factor of 0.8

### 7 Example: Soya product trader also acting as agricultural collector

A trader e.g. buys 5,000 tonnes of Europe Soya soya bean meal (or e.g. toasted full-fat soya beans, soya bean oil, soya bean cake). Additionally, this trader buys a further 3,000 tonnes of AB-ES soya bean meal (from the joint/mixed processing of Europe Soya and AB-ES soya beans). The total quantity of 8,000 tonnes of soya bean meal may be stored together. However, only 5,000 tonnes of this soya bean meal may be sold as Europe Soya soya bean meal. The remaining quantity of 3,000 tonnes may be sold as AB-ES.



### 8 Example: Compound feed producer

A compound feed producer buys 5,000 tonnes of Europe Soya soya bean meal. Additionally, this compound feed producer buys a further 3,000 tonnes of AB-ES soya bean meal. The total quantity of 8,000 tonnes of soya bean meal is added to the compound feed, resulting in a total of 40,000 tonnes of compound feed (containing 20 % of soya bean meal now). However, only 25,000 tonnes of this compound feed, containing 5,000 tonnes of Europe Soya soya bean meal, may be sold as Europe Soya animal feed.

