

The fundamental requirement for GMO analysis to be accepted by VLOG is commissioning the correct analyses. Our order form for GMO analysis (which can be found on our website www.agrolab.com under download in the service area) is tailored to VLOG requirements and allows you to place your order simply and easily. The VLOG packages in the order form correspond to the minimum VLOG requirements for certification.

THE SEAL

The standard "Ohne Gentechnik" ("GMO free") seal was developed under the leadership of the German government to improve recognition of food produced without genetic engineering.

Only the "Verband Lebensmittel ohne Gentechnik" (VLOG - Industry Association Food without Genetic Engineering) is authorised to label food with the Germany-wide standard "Ohne Gentechnik" seal.

In line with the provisions of the EG-Gentechnik-Durchführungsgesetz, animals which are the source of foodstuffs (such as meat, milk and eggs) must not have received any feed subject to labelling requirements (with a GMO content of more than 0.9 %) for a specified period before the foodstuff is obtained.

VLOG therefore issues the "VLOG geprüft" ("VLOG-tested") seal specifically for feed that is suitable and necessary for producing animal foodstuffs in accordance with the VLOG standard.

Where a standard contract of use with VLOG is in place, users of the QS scheme from the feed industry can have requirements for the "VLOG-geprüft" seal checked in QS audit. This avoids wasting time and resources on two audit processes. Information on the procedure is available in the Leitfaden QS-Inspektion für Kleinsterzeuger (QS Inspection Guidelines for Small-scale Producers – documents not available in English), Section I. VLOG-Zusatzmodul "Ohne Gentechnik" / "VLOG geprüft" ("VLOG supplementary module: "GMO-free" / "VLOG-tested").

ANALYSIS

Feed can only bear the "VLOG geprüft" seal if the GMO analyses have been conducted in accordance with the "Ohne Gentechnik" production and testing standard published by VLOG.

The AGROLAB GROUP and its laboratory AGROLAB LUFA GmbH in Kiel meet all the requirements of the VLOG standard and are therefore the ideal partner for GMO analyses in feed for VLOG certification. AGROLAB LUFA is also listed with VLOG as a GMO laboratory and is therefore closely involved in all developments in this field.

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BACKGROUND

Since May 2008, the EG-Gentechnik-Durchführungsgesetz (German act implementing EU genetic engineering legislation, EGGenTDurchfG) has allowed voluntary "Ohne Gentechnik" ("GMO free") labelling for foodstuffs with a GMO content of no more than 0.1 %. If contamination levels of authorised GMO are below 0.1 %, they are basically considered adventitious or technically unavoidable

VLOG-RECOGNITION

The AGROLAB GROUP and its laboratory AGROLAB LUFA GmbH in Kiel is a VLOG-recognized laboratory and meets the necessary fundamental requirements for GMO analysis in accordance with the VLOG standard.

Further information on VLOG and the "Ohne Gentechnik" ("GMO free") production and testing standard is available here:

http://www.ohnegentechnik.org

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Our experts from customer support in the laboratory are there to assist with any questions.

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