

Explanation for feed companies

Feeding requirements for the ITW programmes "Frischlufstall" and "Auslauf/Weide"

The Initiative Tierwohl's (ITW) criteria catalogue includes species-specific feeding requirements. Some of these are also important for feed producers and traders who wish to supply feed to ITW farmers participating in the "Frischlufstall" and "Auslauf/Weide" programmes.

Below, we summarize the requirements for each animal species. Please note that the requirements described below refer to the ration in the feed trough at the ITW participant's farm. Therefore, when implementing these requirements, ration formulation must be considered, and a distinction must be made between complete feeds, feed materials, and supplementary feeds.

1. Species-specific requirements for feed for the livestock owner

 Pig production	 Cattle production	 Broiler and turkey production
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Frischlufstall (Haltungsform 3)

Either

Throughout the entire fattening phase, no feed that is subject to labelling requirements under Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 may be used. The farmer must provide evidence of this when purchasing feed

a) by means of certification of the products (e.g. in accordance with VLOG) **or**

b) by means of shipping documents (declaration or absence of labelling as GMO produce).

Or

70% of the feed materials must have been grown and processed in the member states of the EU-27. This does not apply to feed additives (vitamins, amino acids, etc.), premixes and mineral feeds.

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Or

80% of the feed materials must have been grown and processed in the member states of the EU-27. This does not apply to feed additives (vitamins, amino acids, etc.), premixes and mineral feeds. The remaining 20% of feed raw materials must not be labelled in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003.

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Throughout the entire fattening phase, no feed may be used that is subject to labelling requirements under Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003. The farmer must provide evidence of this when purchasing feed by means of certification of the goods (e.g. in accordance with VLOG).

Or

100% of the feed materials must have been grown and processed in the member states of the EU-27. This does not apply to feed additives (vitamins, amino acids, etc.), premixes and mineral feeds.



Pig production



Cattle production



Broiler and turkey production

Auslauf/Weide (Haltungsform 4)

Throughout the entire fattening phase, no feed subject to labelling requirements under Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 may be used. The farmer must provide evidence of this when purchasing feed

a) by means of certification of the products (e.g. in accordance with VLOG) or

b) by means of shipping documents (declaration or absence of labelling as GMO produce).

In addition, at least 20% of the raw materials must have been grown and processed in the member states of the EU-27. This does not apply to feed additives (vitamins, amino acids, etc.), premixes and mineral feeds.

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a) by means of certification of the products (e.g. in accordance with VLOG) or

b) by means of shipping documents (declaration or absence of labelling as GMO produce).

In addition, at least 60% of the raw materials must have been grown and processed in the member states of the EU-27. This does not apply to feed additives (vitamins, amino acids, etc.), premixes and mineral feeds.

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In addition, at least 20% of the raw materials must have been grown and processed in the member states of the EU-27. This does not apply to feed additives (vitamins, amino acids, etc.), premixes and mineral feeds.

2. Confirmation of ITW Compliance for EU-27 Feeds

The feed producer/trader must confirm to the livestock owner that the delivered feed meets the ITW requirements. This can be done either in general/on a blanket basis or with each feed delivery on the accompanying shipping documents. The farmer must present this confirmation during the audit.

Alternatively, feed companies can record in the QS database that feed is delivered in accordance with the requirements of the "Frischlufstall" or "Auslauf/Weide" programmes at the farmer's request (see 3).

Important: In this case, the livestock owner must order the feed in writing. This can be done on a blanket basis, by contract, or with each feed order.

It is important to note that the feed in the trough at the livestock owner's farm must meet the ITW requirements described above.

3. Service: Registration in QS database

Feed companies can tick the "ITW feeding" box in the QS database. In doing so, they confirm that feed is produced or traded at this location in accordance with the current requirements of the relevant ITW programme. This feed is delivered on order to livestock farmers participating in the corresponding ITW programme.

If you have customers who are participants in the ITW programmes, you can tick the relevant boxes in the QS database as follows:

1. Log in to the QS database as a scheme participant using your login details.
2. Go to 'Locations' via 'Master Data' and click on the update icon.
3. Open the relevant location and go to the 'Recognitions' tab.
4. Tick the box for the relevant programme and confirm that compliance with the requirements is achieved.
5. Click on the 'Save' icon.

Once you have ticked the boxes, the information that you supply feed for the ITW programmes will automatically be displayed in the QS database's scheme participant search.

The **full requirements** for ITW participants can be found on the Initiative Tierwohl website: www.initiative-tierwohl.de