# 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. 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* | |
|  | ISCC EU | SEG | accepted | V4.0 (criteria catalogue) V4.0 (certification) |
| | | MB | temporarily accepted* | |

| Standard | | Supply Chain model(s) | Status recognition | Version |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | ISCC Plus | SEG | accepted | V3.3 (criteria catalogue) V4.0 (certification) |
| | | MB | temporarily accepted* | |
| | ProTerra | IP, SEG | accepted | V4.1 (criteria catalogue) V3.0 (certification) |
| | | MB | temporarily accepted* | |
| | ProTerra MRV | IP, SEG | temporarily accepted** | V1.0 (criteria catalogue, certification) |
| | | MB, B&C | temporarily accepted* | |
| | RTRS | SEG | accepted | V4.0 (criteria catalogue) V4.3 (certification) |
| | | MB, B&C | temporarily accepted* | |
| | ADM Responsible Soybean Standard | SEG | accepted | V 4.0 (criteria catalogue, certification) |
| | | MB, B&C | temporarily accepted* | |
| | Amaggi ORIGINS FIELD | SEG | accepted | V.03 – December 2023 (criteria catalogue, certification) |
| | | MB, B&C[1] | temporarily accepted* | |

| Standard | | Supply Chain model(s) | Status recognition | Version |
|---|---|---|---|---|
|  | Bunge Pro-S Certification Program for Sustainable Agricultural Sourcing | MB | temporarily accepted* | V.2023.1 (criteria catalogue, certification) |
|  | Cefetra Certified Responsible Soy Standard | MB, B&C[1] | temporarily accepted* | V 5.0 (criteria catalogue) V 1.0 (certification) |
|  | SFAP – Sustainable Farming Assurance Programme – Non Conversion | B&C[1] | temporarily accepted* | V 7 (criteria catalogue, certification) |
|  | US SOY Sustainability Assurance Protocol – SSAP | MB | temporarily accepted* | V 4.1 (criteria catalogue, certification) |
|  | Cargill Triple S | MB | temporarily accepted* | V 8.0 (criteria catalogue, certification) (valid until 31.12.2025) V 8.1 (criteria catalogue, certification) |
|  | REDcert[2] Responsible farming | IP, SEG | accepted | V RC² 04 (criteria catalogue) (valid until 31.12.2025) V RC² 4.1 (criteria catalogue) V EU 07 (certification) |
| | | MB | temporarily accepted* | |

| Standard | | Supply Chain model(s) | Status recognition | Version |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| COFCO INTL | COFCO International Responsible Agriculture Standard (Module 2) | MB | temporarily accepted* | V.01 (criteria catalogue, certification) |
| AACS plus (Austrian Agricultural Certification Scheme) | AACSplus | 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

* at least accepted until 31.12.2026

** temporarily accepted until 30.06.2026

IP = Identity Preserved

SEG = Segregation

MB = Mass Balance

B&C = Book&Claim

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|---|---|---|
| CSQA Sustainable Cereal and Oilseed (DTP 112) | **Deletion** of the guideline version Rev. 06 – 18.11.2021, as this expired on 17.03.2025. | 01.07.2025 |
| Bunge Pro-S Certification Program for Sustainable Agricultural Sourcing | **Deletion** of the guideline version V.2021, as this expired on 30.04.2025. | 01.07.2025 |
| US SOY Sustainability Assurance Protocol – SSAP | **Change:**<br>• Deletion of the guideline version 3.1, as this expired.<br>• Temporary recognition of the new guideline version 4.1 at least until 31.12.2026. | 01.07.2025 |
| Explanatory notes to the table (footnote *) | **Change:** The supply chain models MB and B&C are at least accepted until 31.12.2026. | 01.07.2025 |
| Pro Terra MRV | **New:**<br>• Temporary recognition of the guideline version 1.0 for the IP and SEG supply chain models until 30 June 2026<br>• Temporary recognition of the guideline version 1.0 for the supply chain models MB and B&C until 31 December 2025 | 04.03.2025 |
| Cefetra Certified Responsible Soy Standard | **Deletion** of the guideline version 4.0, as this expired on 31.01.2025. | 04.03.2025 |

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|---|---|---|
| Cargill Triple S | **Change:**<br>• Temporary recognition of the new guideline version 8.1 until 31.12.2025.<br>• Limitation of the recognition of guideline version 8.0 until 31.12.2025 (version expires). | 01.01.2025 |
| REDcert[2] Responsible farming | **Change:**<br>• Recognition of the new guideline version 4.1.<br>• 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 |

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