









Annex 4.2 Recognized standards for the soybean production







The standards required in primary production, which are recognized within the framework of 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 February 2025
	B&C (Protein Partnership)	temporarily accepted*	
 Europe Soya	IP, SEG	accepted	Guidelines Status February 2025
	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*	
	IP, SEG	accepted	V5.0 of 14 September 2023 (criteria catalogue) V3.0 (certification)
	MB	temporarily accepted*	
	IP, SEG	temporarily accepted**	V1.0 (criteria catalogue, certification)
	MB, B&C	temporarily accepted*	
	SEG	accepted	V4.0 (criteria catalogue) V4.3 (certification)
	MB, B&C	temporarily accepted*	
	SEG	accepted	V 5 (criteria catalogue, certification)
	MB	temporarily accepted*	
	SEG	accepted	V.03 – December 2023 (criteria catalogue, certification)
	MB, B&C ¹	temporarily accepted*	

Standard	Supply Chain model(s)	Status recognition	Version
 <p>Bunge Pro-S Certification Program for Sustainable Agricultural Sourcing</p>	MB	temporarily accepted*	V.2023.1 (criteria catalogue, certification)
 <p>Cefetra Certified Responsible Soy Standard</p>	MB, B&C ¹	temporarily accepted*	V 5.0 (criteria catalogue) V 1.0 (certification)
 <p>SFAP – Sustainable Farming Assurance Programme – Non Conversion</p>	B&C ¹	temporarily accepted*	V 7 (criteria catalogue, certification)
 <p>US SOY Sustainability Assurance Protocol – SSAP</p>	MB	temporarily accepted*	V 4.1 (criteria catalogue, certification)
 <p>Cargill Triple S</p>	MB	temporarily accepted*	V 8.1 (criteria catalogue, certification)
 <p>REDcert² Responsible farming</p>	IP, SEG	accepted	V RC ² 4.1 (criteria catalogue) V EU 07 (certification)
	MB	temporarily accepted*	

Standard	Supply Chain model(s)	Status recognition	Version
 COFCO International Responsible Agriculture Standard (Module 2)	MB	temporarily accepted*	V.01 (criteria catalogue, certification)
 ACS plus <small>Austrian Agricultural Certification Scheme</small>	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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ADM Responsible Soy Standard	Update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognition of the new guideline version 5 • Deletion of version 4.0 of the guidelines, as it has expired • Deletion of the B&C supply chain model, as it is not used in the standard 	01.04.2026
Cargill Triple S	Update: Deletion of the guideline version 8.0, as this expired	01.04.2026
REDcert2 Responsible farming	Update: Deletion of the guideline version RC ² 04, as this expired	01.04.2026
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Europe Soya	Update:	01.01.2026

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