

Guidance for feed companies



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

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The Initiative Tierwohl’s catalogue of criteria sets out species-specific feeding requirements. Some of these are also important for feed manufacturers and traders if they wish to supply feed to ITW farmers participating in the ‘Frischlufstall’ and ‘Auslauf/Weide’ programmes.

Below, we summarise these requirements by animal species. We also explain how feed suppliers can best position themselves in this regard.

1. Species-specific requirements for feed



Pig production



Cattle production



Broiler and turkey production

Frischlufstall (Haltungsform 3)		
<p>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</p> <p>a) by means of certification of the goods (e.g. in accordance with VLOG) or</p> <p>b) by means of the supplier’s shipping documents (declaration or absence of labelling as GMO produce).</p> <p>Or 70% of the feed materials used in the purchased feed 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 minerals. The feed supplier must confirm this.</p>	<p>Either No feedstuffs that are subject to labelling requirements under Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 may be used. The farmer must provide evidence of this when purchasing feed</p> <p>a) by means of certification of the goods (e.g. in accordance with VLOG) or</p> <p>b) by means of shipping documents (declaration or absence of labelling as a GMO product).</p> <p>Or 80% of the feed materials used in the purchased feed 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. This must be confirmed by the feed supplier.</p>	<p>Either 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).</p> <p>Or 100% of the feed materials used in the purchased feed 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 feed. The feed supplier must confirm this.</p>
Auslauf/Weide (Haltungsform 4)		
<p>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</p> <p>a) by means of certification of the goods (e.g. in accordance with VLOG) or</p> <p>b) by means of the supplier’s shipping documents (declaration or absence of labelling as GMO produce).</p> <p>In addition, when purchasing feed, at least 20% of the feed 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. The feed supplier must confirm this.</p>	<p>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</p> <p>a) by means of certification of the goods (e.g. in accordance with VLOG) or</p> <p>b) by means of the supplier’s shipping documents (declaration or confirmation that the goods are not labelled as GM products).</p> <p>In addition, when purchasing feed, at least 60% of the feed 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. The feed supplier must confirm this.</p>	<p>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 by means of certification of the goods (e.g. in accordance with VLOG)</p> <p>In addition, when purchasing feed, at least 20% of the feed raw materials must have been grown and processed in the Member States. This does not apply to feed additives (vitamins, amino acids, etc.), premixes and mineral feeds. The feed supplier must confirm this.</p>

2. Proof of origin of feed when purchasing

ITW participants must actively order the feed in writing from their feed supplier. This can be done on a general/flat-rate basis, by contract, or with each feed order. The farmer must present this order during the audit.

The feed manufacturer or supplier must provide evidence that the feed supplied meets the ITW requirements. This can be done either on a general/flatrate basis or with each feed order on the shipping documents. The farmer must present this confirmation during the audit (along with the written order).

Alternatively, feed companies may record in the QS database that feed is supplied in accordance with the requirements of the 'Frischlufstall' or 'Auslauf/Weide' programmes at the farmer's request (see 3). In this case, the entry in the QS database (plus the written order) is sufficient as proof for the farmer.

3. Service: Registration in the 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