

# Interpretation guidelines for the minimum requirements in the "Feeding" section for Haltungsform level 3 and 4:

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## 1. Interpretation guidelines for Level 3 "Frischlufstall"

### a. GMO-Free Feed

- During the applicable period for each individual animal (see the last chapter), during which compliance with the criteria must be ensured, no feed that is subject to labeling requirements under Regulation (EG) No. 1830/2003 may be used. Proof of compliance must be provided for
  - **Cattle, dairy cattle, and pigs:** through proof of cultivation if grown on the farm, or, if purchased, through certification (e.g., VLOG) or shipping documents (no declaration as GMO product)
  - **broilers and turkeys:** through proof of cultivation if grown on the farm or through certification if purchased (e.g., VLOG)

or

### b. Feed from the EU-27 (the origin must be verified)

- **Cattle and dairy cattle:** At least 80% of the raw materials used in the feed must have been grown and processed in the member states of the EU-27. For the remaining 20%, the following applies: No feed may be used that is subject to labeling requirements under applicable EU law (Regulation (EG) No. 1830/2003).
- **Pigs:** At least 70% of the raw materials used in the feed must have been grown and processed in the member states of the EU-27.
- **Broilers and turkeys:** All (100%) of the raw materials used in the feed must have been grown and processed in the member states of the EU-27.
- Exempt from these requirements for all animal species are feed additives (e.g., preservatives, amino acids, etc.), premixes, and mineral feeds.

**Applicable periods** for all of the above criteria:

- Cattle and dairy cattle: during the fattening phase, but for at least 8 months prior to slaughter
- Pigs: throughout the entire fattening phase
- Broilers: throughout the entire fattening phase
- Turkeys: throughout the entire fattening phase, but at least 10 weeks prior to slaughter

## 2. Interpretation guidelines for Level 4 “Auslauf/Weide”

### GMO-free feed

During the applicable period for each individual animal (see the last chapter), during which compliance with the criteria must be ensured, no feed that is subject to labeling requirements under Regulation (EG) No. 1830/2003 may be used. This must be verified for

- **Cattle, dairy cattle, and pigs:** through proof of cultivation if grown on the farm, or, if purchased, through certification (e.g., VLOG) or shipping documents (no declaration as GMO product)
- **broilers and turkeys:** through proof of cultivation if grown on the farm or through certification if purchased (e.g., VLOG)

and

### Feed from the EU-27 (the origin must be verified)

- **Cattle and dairy cattle:** At least 60% of the feed (and raw materials) used must be grown by the livestock owner or grown and processed in the member states of the EU-27.
- **Pigs and poultry:** At least 20% of the feed (or raw materials) used must be grown by the livestock owner or grown and processed in the member states of the EU-27.
- Exempt from these requirements for all animal species are feed additives (e.g., preservatives, amino acids, etc.), premixes, and mineral feeds.

**Applicable periods** for all of the above criteria:

- Cattle and dairy cattle: during the fattening phase, but for at least 8 months prior to slaughter
- Pigs: throughout the entire fattening phase
- Broilers: throughout the entire fattening phase
- Turkeys: throughout the entire fattening phase, but at least 10 weeks prior to slaughter

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