



## GMO - Legal requirements

In the European Union (EU), feed consisting of, containing or produced from GMO authorised in the EU must be **labelled** (Regulation (EC) no. 1829/2003 and 1830/2003). This labelling requirement also applies to products in which genetic modification can no longer be directly detected (for example vegetable oils).

### EXCEPTIONS TO THE LABELLING REQUIREMENT

Feed containing less than **0.9 %** GMO does not have to be labelled provided this proportion is adventitious or technically unavoidable (proof required) and the GMO in question originates from GMO plants authorised in the EU.

For GMO for which EU authorisation procedures are pending or whose authorisation has expired, a tolerance of less than 0.1 % applies to feed in some cases pursuant to EU Regulation no. 619/2011.

For GMO not authorised in the EU and products made from it, zero tolerance applies as their placing on the market, use and processing in the EU is prohibited.

### VOLUNTARY „OHNE GENTECHNIK“ („GMO FREE“) LABELLING IN GERMANY

In addition to EU legislation, the EG-Gentechnik-Durchführungsgesetz (Act implementing EU genetic engineering legislation, EGGenTDurchfG) in Germany permits a voluntary „**Ohne Gentechnik**“ (“GMO free”) labelling for foodstuffs with a GMO content of **no more than 0.1 %**. These include foodstuffs and food ingredients of animal origin (such as meat, milk and eggs).

„**Ohne Gentechnik**“ labelling for foodstuffs and food ingredients of animal origin is, however, only permitted if the animals in question **did not receive feed subject to labelling requirements** (GMO content of more than **0.9 %**) for a specified period before the foodstuff was obtained.

### DETAILED INFORMATION ON THE LEGAL REQUIREMENTS IS AVAILABLE HERE:

- <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/DE/ALL/?uri=CELEX:32003R1829>
- <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/DE/ALL/?uri=CELEX:32003R1830>
- <http://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/>

The guidelines for checking GMO in feed (Leitfaden zur Kontrolle von GVO in Futtermitteln) contain further useful information on the labelling of feed materials and compound feed containing or produced from GMO, and include a number of examples:

<https://www.bvl.bund.de/>

[www.agrolab.com](http://www.agrolab.com)

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