MI5.1 - Production and Trade of RTRS soy

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Introduction

This Market Initiative (MI) document has been created in close collaboration between the market initiative Round Table on Responsible Soy Association (RTRS) and GMP+ International. The main goal is to provide GMP+ certified companies the possibility for an add-on certification for the production and trade of RTRS certified soy.

Round Table on Responsible Soy Association (RTRS)

The objective of the Round Table on Responsible Soy Association (RTRS) is to promote the growth of production, trade, and use of responsible soy through cooperation with players in and relevant to the soy value chain, from production to consumption in an open multi-stakeholder dialogue including producers, suppliers, manufacturers, retailers, financial institutions, civil society organizations and others.

RTRS also sets the standards for the RTRS Standard for Responsible Soy Production and the Chain of Custody.

1. The **RTRS Standard for Responsible Soy Production** scheme ensures that RTRS soy not only meets the highest environmental criteria (including a guarantee of third party-verified zero deforestation and zero conversion) but also a wide-reaching set of social and labour requirements. It is based on five principles:
   - Legal Compliance and Good Business Practices
   - Responsible Labour Conditions
   - Responsible Community Relations
   - Environmental Responsibility
   - Good Agricultural Practices

2. The **Chain of Custody Standard**, developed in 2010, describes the requirements for the different traceability systems an organization can implement to keep control of RTRS-certified material inventories, either soy beans or soy products. It can be applied across the entire supply chain and it is mandatory for organization wishing to receive, process and trade RTRS certified soy.

Welcome

This Feed Certification scheme document helps you to provide responsible feed worldwide. By meeting the requirements set by GMP+ International, together with our GMP+ Community, we aim to help you get the feed certification you need. Please read the information in this document carefully.

Let's make this work together!

1. Scope of this document

The requirements to produce and/or trade RTRS certified soy in the supply chain are included in this document.

2. Normative references

This Market Initiative (MI) document holds the requirements set for responsible feed and feed services . This MI document must always be used in combination with the R 5.0 *Feed Responsibility Management Systems Requirements* which ensures the implementation of a Feed Responsibility Management System (FRMS). The combined use enables a company to provide responsible feed products and feed services in accordance to the request from the Market Initiative.

Both the R 5.0 *Feed Responsibility Management Systems Requirements* and the Market Initiative documents must be considered as a normative part of the GMP+ FRA module.

This document is to be used:
a) in addition to the GMP+ FSA module;
b) in combination with an equivalent feed safety standard (see TS *1.2 Purchase*)
It is also possible to use the GMP+ FRA module without additional certification.

3.   Terms and Definitions

In addition to the terms and definitions mentioned in F 0.2 *Definition list* the following terms are used:

Term	Description
Soy	The word "soy" is used to describe both soy (beans), but also soy derivatives and soy products. This is done to make the standard easier to read. If a specific type of soy, soy derivative or soy product is mentioned in the text, then that specific type of soy, soy derivative or soy product is meant.

4. Production and Trade of RTRS soy

4.1. Feed Responsibility Management System

The certified company must meet the following requirements in the standard R 5.0 *Feed Responsibility Management System requirements*:

Chapter / §	Subject
2	Normative references
4	System requirements (including the paragraphs in this chapter)
5.1	Material accounting system
5.2	Segregation (in case of scope RTRS Segregation)
5.3	Mass balance (in case of the scope RTRS Mass balance)

4.2. Purchasing requirements

4.2.1. Purchasing requirements for the scope RTRS Segregation

All feed labelled as compliant with the scope RTRS Segregation must comply with the purchasing requirements below.

⊕ Helpful tip:

See § 4.5.1 "Inform the customer about the status of the feed" in the document R 5.0 *Feed Responsibility Management Systems Requirements*.

The certified company must purchase its responsible soy from a supplier that is certified according the following specifications:

Accepted certification scheme	RTRS Standard for Responsible Soy Production RTRS Chain of Custody Standard MI 5.1 with the scope *RTRS Segregation*
Accepted supply Chain model	Segregation

The supply chain model must be covered within the scope of certification of the supplier.

Note: In addition to the accepted certification schemes as mentioned in the table above, it is also accepted to purchase responsible soy from companies that are certified for a certification scheme which is approved by RTRS as equivalent. All RTRS approved certification schemes are published on the RTRS website: www.responsiblesoy.org.

4.2.2. Purchasing requirements for the scope RTRS Mass balance

All feed labelled as compliant with the scope RTRS Mass balance must comply with the purchasing requirements below.

⊕ Helpful tip:

> See § 4.5.1 "Inform the customer about the status of the feed" in the document R 5.0 *Feed Responsibility Management Systems Requirements*.

The certified company must purchase its responsible soy from a supplier that is certified according the following specifications:

Accepted certification scheme	RTRS Standard for Responsible Soy Production RTRS Chain of Custody Standard MI 5.1 with the scope *RTRS Mass Balance*
Accepted supply Chain model	Mass Balance

The supply chain model must be covered within the scope of certification of the supplier.

Note: In addition to the accepted certification schemes as mentioned in the table above, it is also accepted to purchase responsible soy from companies that are certified for a certification scheme which is approved by RTRS as equivalent. All RTRS approved certification schemes are published on the RTRS website: www.responsiblesoy.org.

4.3. RTRS logo & claims

Companies certified for the RTRS Segregation and/or RTRS Mass Balance scope(s) within the GMP+ FRA module are allowed to use the RTRS logo and RTRS claims on their products, accompanying documents and other statements. The criteria for use can be found in the document "RTRS Use of the Logo & Claims Policy" which can be found on the RTRS website.

Feed Support Products

That was a lot of information to digest and one might ask, what is the next step? Luckily we can offer support for the GMP+ Community when doing this. We provide support by means of various tools and guidances but as each company has a shared responsibility to feed safety, and therefor tailor-made solutions cannot be offered. However, we do help by explaining requirements and provide background information about the requirements.

We have developed various supporting materials for the GMP+ Community. These include various tools, ranging from Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) lists to webinars and events.

Supporting materials related to this document (Guidelines and FAQ's)
We have made documents available which give guidance to the GMP+ requirements as laid down in the module GMP+ FSA and GMP+ FRA. These documents give examples, answers to frequently asked questions or background information.

Find our Feed Support Products here:

Guidelines
More information: https://gmpplus.org/en/feed-certification-scheme-2020/gmp-fsa-fra-certification/support/

GMP+ International

At GMP+ International, we believe everybody, no matter who they are or where they live, should have access to safe food.