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AgrarMarkt Austria (AMA) Quality Seal Guidelines - Cow farming, 2024 Version

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Message

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Does not open the delays - N'ouvre pas de délai - Kein Fristbeginn - Не се предвижда период на прекъсване - Nezahajuje prodlení - Fristerne indledes ikke - Καμία έναρξη προθεσμίας - No abre el plazo - Viivituste perioodi ei avata - Määräaika ei ala tästä - Ne otvara razdoblje kašnjenja - Nem nyitja meg a késéset - Non fa decorrere la mora - Atidējimai nepradedami - Atlikšanas laikposms nesākas - Ma jiftaħ il-perijodi ta' dewmien - Geen termijnbegin - Nie otwiera opóźnień - Não inicia o prazo - Nu deschide perioadele de stagnare - Nezačína oneskorenia - Ne uvaja zamud - Inleder ingen frist - Ní osclaíonn sé na moilleanna

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4. 2023/0615/AT - C00A - AGRICULTURE, FISHING AND FOODSTUFFS



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5. AgrarMarkt Austria (AMA) Quality Seal Guidelines – Cow farming, 2024 Version

6. Primary products and food

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8. The 'Cow farming' guidelines are being amended:

Feeding:

- Only feed originating from GMO-free production may be used.
- An additional requirement is being laid down for feed containing or made from soy, namely that only soy from certified deforestation-free production may be used.

From 1 January 2024, tethered farming in combination with access to pasture/outdoor enclosure/other opportunity for movement for fewer than 90 days per year will no longer be permitted.

A new voluntary module encompassing higher animal husbandry requirements ('Animal husbandry plus' module) is being introduced. This module lays down additional requirements for animal husbandry and feeding on the farm, and stipulates mandatory participation in an animal health service as well as an extended animal health monitoring programme (monitoring of antibiotics including mandatory measures, feedback from inspections of animals for slaughter and meat).

Dairy products from farms participating in the 'Animal husbandry plus' module shall be labelled with the AMA quality seal 'Animal husbandry plus'. Dairy products from farms participating in the 'Animal husbandry plus' module and keeping cows in loose housing with an outdoor climate shall be labelled with the AMA quality seal 'Animal husbandry plus with outdoor climate'.

9. GMO-free feeding is of great importance to consumers and contributes to sustainability and climate protection. Sustainability and climate protection are very relevant issues for society. The mandatory use of deforestation-free soy also puts greater emphasis on sustainability and climate protection in the AMA quality seal scheme for milk.

Animal husbandry is likewise a very relevant issue for society. The obligation to provide tethered animals with an opportunity for movement on at least 90 days a year in the future, as well as the new 'Animal husbandry plus' module, will lead to improved animal husbandry.

The specific labelling of dairy products produced in accordance with the 'Animal husbandry plus' module will make it easier for consumers to identify higher welfare products.

10. Reference to the basic texts: The basic texts were submitted as part of an earlier notification:
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11. No

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13. No

14. No

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16.

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SPS aspects: No

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