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6. Although the AMA Quality Seal Guidelines also serve to inform consumers, they primarily define the requirements for manufacturers. The obligation to use deforestation-free soy should therefore remain in the AMA Quality Seal Guidelines "Keeping cows" even after the general ban on use by Directive 2023/1115 in order to inform producers of their obligation. However, it is clarified that this will be a legal obligation from 30 December 2024.

The item "Additional requirements for feed containing or consisting of soy" in Chapter A, point 4.2, has therefore been supplemented by a reference to the general obligation under Directive 2023/1115 and now reads as follows:

Only soy from certified deforestation-free production may be used under the AMA Quality Seal programme. The use of deforestation-free feed is guaranteed when feed labelled with the 'pastus+ AMA Quality Seal' is purchased. Only deforestation-free soy may be used in feed labelled with the 'pastus+ AMA Quality Seal'.

It should be noted that Regulation (EU) 2023/1115 on the making available on the Union market and their export from the Union of certain raw materials and products associated with deforestation and forest degradation provides for a general obligation to use deforestation-free soy in feed from December 30, 2024, which also applies to the AMA Seal of Quality programme."

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