

→ Together For GMO-Free Food

Verband Lebensmittel ohne Gentechnik (VLOG) awards and administers the government-initiated „Ohne GenTechnik“ seal for food and the „VLOG geprüft“ seal for animal feed.

We are a cross-industry association of businesses and individuals committed to GMO-free agriculture and food production. Our members and licensees include producers and distributors of “Ohne GenTechnik” food as well as from feed manufacturing and agriculture, also certification bodies and laboratories.

We act as advisors to businesses that want to produce GMO-free products and train the certification bodies who audit the seal users. We inform the public about the seal and the developments in genetic engineering. Moreover, we engage to authorities and policymakers to promote a GMO-free agriculture and food industry - and for the same rules to continue to apply to new genetic engineering methods such as CRISPR. This is the only way to ensure labelling and transparency.



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**This Seal
Guarantees
GMO-Free
Food →**

→ Our Seal Closes The Gap

Genetically modified ingredients in food must be labelled. But this regulation has gaps. Animal products such as milk, eggs and meat do not have to be labelled, even if the animals were fed with genetically modified ingredients. Most soybeans that are fed to animals in Germany are genetically modified. Maize/corn and rapeseed/canola could also be affected.

Additives, aromas or auxiliary substances such as enzymes produced with the help of genetically modified organisms are also not labelled. Examples include the antioxidant ascorbic acid or the enzyme chymosin, which many dairies use to produce cheese.

The „Ohne GenTechnik“ seal closes this gap. With its help, you can consciously choose which food you buy. This voluntary labeling was introduced in 2009 by the German Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture. You can find all of the more than 15,000 foods that currently carry the „Ohne GenTechnik“ seal in our product database at www.ohnegentechnik.org/en.

→ Guaranteed GMO-Free



Food that is labelled with the “Ohne GenTechnik” seal must comply with the following rules:

- The use of genetically modified organisms (GMOs) or parts thereof is prohibited.
- Vitamins, aromas, enzymes or food additives that were produced with the help of genetically modified micro-organisms may not be used.
- Genetically modified plants are not permitted to be used in animal feed. If farmers convert the feed, they must observe strict waiting periods before they can market their animal products with the “Ohne GenTechnik” seal.

→ Controlled By Law

“Ohne GenTechnik” is a voluntary seal guided by statutory rules. It may be used by businesses that follow the legal requirements and comply with the seal usage regulations of the Verband Lebensmittel ohne Gentechnik / German Association Food without Genetic Engineering (VLOG).

However, such entities must meet strict guidelines to avoid contamination with genetically modified organisms. Animal feed, ingredients and products are regularly tested for genetically modified genetic material.

The seal therefore assures that the labelled food does not contain any genetically modified components. The technical detection limit of 0.1 percent per ingredient applies. For animal feed, this tolerance level is at maximum 0.9 percent, but only if adventitious or technically unavoidable. External testing institutes check that the legal regulations are observed.

