

## Criteria for exemption

### Exemption

If – due to an exceptional situation – a GMP+ participant is unable to meet (one of) the GMP+ requirements, it is possible to request an (temporary) exemption from GMP+ International. This is possible based on article 11.3 of GMP+ A1 General Regulations of the GMP+ FC scheme.

An exceptional situation for which an exemption can be requested includes:

- a special production method,
- a temporary situation,
- the purchase of a special product that is not available in the GMP+ chain,
- the purchase of a non-certified supplier,
- production or purchase of feed materials of which no risk assessment has been included in the product list of the Feed Support Products (FSP) yet
- purchase of former foodstuffs,
- for production of test feed with, for instance, a new feed material (that is not yet include in the product list of the FSP) or that is purchased from a non-certified supplier

Exemptions for the purchase of former foodstuffs and for the production of test feed are issued for a longer period of time. All other exemptions are temporary in nature and apply for a period during which the GMP+ participant works on a solution.

### Criteria for granting an exemption

As soon as the application has been received, GMP+ International will test it against the following criteria.

Please read the criteria below thoroughly before submitting an application!  
It would be a waste of your time if your application is rejected immediately because it is not in line with our criteria.

### General criteria

- The site for which an exemption is requested must be registered in the GMP+ company database. The GMP+ registration number must be listed on the application form.
- The application must relate to a special product and / or an exceptional situation.
- The company requesting the exemption must provide a clear motivation. This motivation must be as detailed as possible to gain clear insight into the situation. In addition, we need concrete information of the product / service and supplier.
- No commercial argumentation can be used to request an exemption. Any agreements you might have with a certain party, limiting your choice of suppliers, cannot be used as an argument in your request.

## Specific criteria

Certain application must – in addition to the general criteria above – also meet specific criteria:

- Exemption for purchase from a non-certified supplier

It is possible to request an exemption for the purchase of products or services from a non-certified supplier. To be granted an exemption for this, the following must be provided:

- Proof that the supplier is already in the certification process for the GMP+ FC scheme or an equivalent scheme. The supplier must be registered as applicant in the GMP+ company database. Should the supplier opt for a different certification scheme, a written statement from its certification-body or the scheme manager is required.
- Detailed monitoring plan for the relevant product.

In addition, only applications of supplier for which there is no alternative in the GMP+ chain are accepted. In other words, there is no point to submitting an application for a product that is readily available at the already certified GMP+ companies.

Should GMP+ International decide to grant an exemption, the company must meet additional requirements from the gatekeeper protocol. These are additional measures that must be taken by the company to assure food safety.

The gatekeeper protocol is available [here](#).

- Production or purchase of feed materials of which no risk assessment is included in the product list of the FSP.

In anticipation of the definitive inclusion in the product list of the FSP, it is possible to request an exemption for production or purchase of feed materials of which the risk assessment has received preliminary approval from GMP+ International. The preliminary approval must be attached to the application form.

The procedure for submitting a risk assessment is available [here](#).

- Production of test feed

The site for which an exemption is requested for the production of test feed, must be registered in the GMP+ company database with a production scope.

## Requesting exemption

An exemption can be requested by the GMP+ participant, a consultancy on behalf of the GMP+ participant or the certification body of the GMP+ participant. This can be done using the designated form.

[Exemption application form](#)