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By Denmark

Danish Food Quality & Safety

Danish companies are world leading within food quality & safety

Around the world, Danish food products are synonymous with high quality, reliability and excellent hygiene. Danish food manufacturing businesses operate some of the world's most advanced processing plants and ranks among the most modern and cost-efficient in the world. Today the Danish food production is high enough to feed three times our own population - a feature showing the high productivity of the Danish food production. Because of this large production, Danish companies are putting much focus on selling their products abroad.

This position reflects an optimization of the production chain. At all stages, there is a unique collaboration between research bodies, extension services, farmers, companies and the authorities.

Strong global market position due to high quality & safety

The competitive advantage of Danish food products is strong due to the focus on high quality & safety. The Danish legislation sets very high standards for food safety, and the processing of food is subject to a thorough control from the Danish authorities.

The safety and tracking system, which is focused on consumer and animal health protection, starts at farm and fishing levels and continues all the way to the dining tables of consumers all over the world. On several indicators, the Danish food legislation exceeds that of other EU members – and with full support of the industry.

In terms of food safety, the Danish food cluster delivers several solutions:

- Danish food production is transparent and fully traceable – this secures high food safety
- Denmark has a history of close collaboration between the producers and public authorities. This means that high safety is a part of the Danish food DNA
- Due to close collaboration between several actors of the Danish food cluster, Danish poultry is now 100 % free of salmonella.

Danish quality – In demand around the world

Today, Danish foods of high quality and safety are in demand in countries around the world. In several countries, the criteria to import food are strict and not many foreign companies are allowed to operate there.

An example is the Danish pork producer, Danish Crown, one of the few companies in the world who is allowed to export pork to the Chinese market. This is due to the high safety of Danish food products.

The Danish food cluster contributes by 25% to the total Danish export of goods.

DuPontDanisco's rennet is now creating values for Columbian farmers. Columbian farmers have previously encountered difficulties with their cheese production: Before, the farmers used traditional rennet of a very low quality, and therefore much of the cheese had to be discarded, as it became infected with impurities. With the new rennets nothing has to be wasted.

In May of 2017, Denmark signed a trade agreement with the Chinese government. The agreement allowed Danish companies to export processed pork to China. When signing the agreement, the Chinese government emphasised the importance of the high Danish food safety.