

DANISH **PRODUCT STANDARD** 2020

Main document
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Introduction

The DANISH Product Standard is the accredited quality assurance scheme for Danish pig producers.

The provisions of the DANISH Product Standard ensure and document that DANISH certified pig farms comply with Danish legislation and industry requirements, with particular focus on animal welfare, a high standard of food safety and clear traceability.

A DANISH certificate is a farmer's mark of quality. The DANISH scheme enables Danish pig producers to account for all steps in production and document that they meet the quality scheme's objectives and requirements. This instils confidence in customers and consumers across the world.

Purpose

The purpose of the DANISH Product Standard is to provide accredited third-party certification for the production of live pigs.

Scope of application

The DANISH Product Standard applies to publicly registered pig production farms. The scheme covers farms in the Central Husbandry Register (CHR), i.e. registered sow, boar, piglet and finisher farms. The standard and accompanying appendices summarise the requirements for DANISH certified productions.

The ultimate responsibility for maintaining DANISH certification lies with the individual who has signed the certification agreement with a DANISH approved certification body. This individual is also responsible for keeping updated on the latest version of the DANISH Product Standard, which is available at dps.svineproduktion.dk

Certification of the DANISH Product Standard must be carried out by a certification body accredited to the international standard ISO 17065:2012 – scope DANISH Product Standard, and can be found on the list of approved certification bodies at dps.svineproduktion.dk

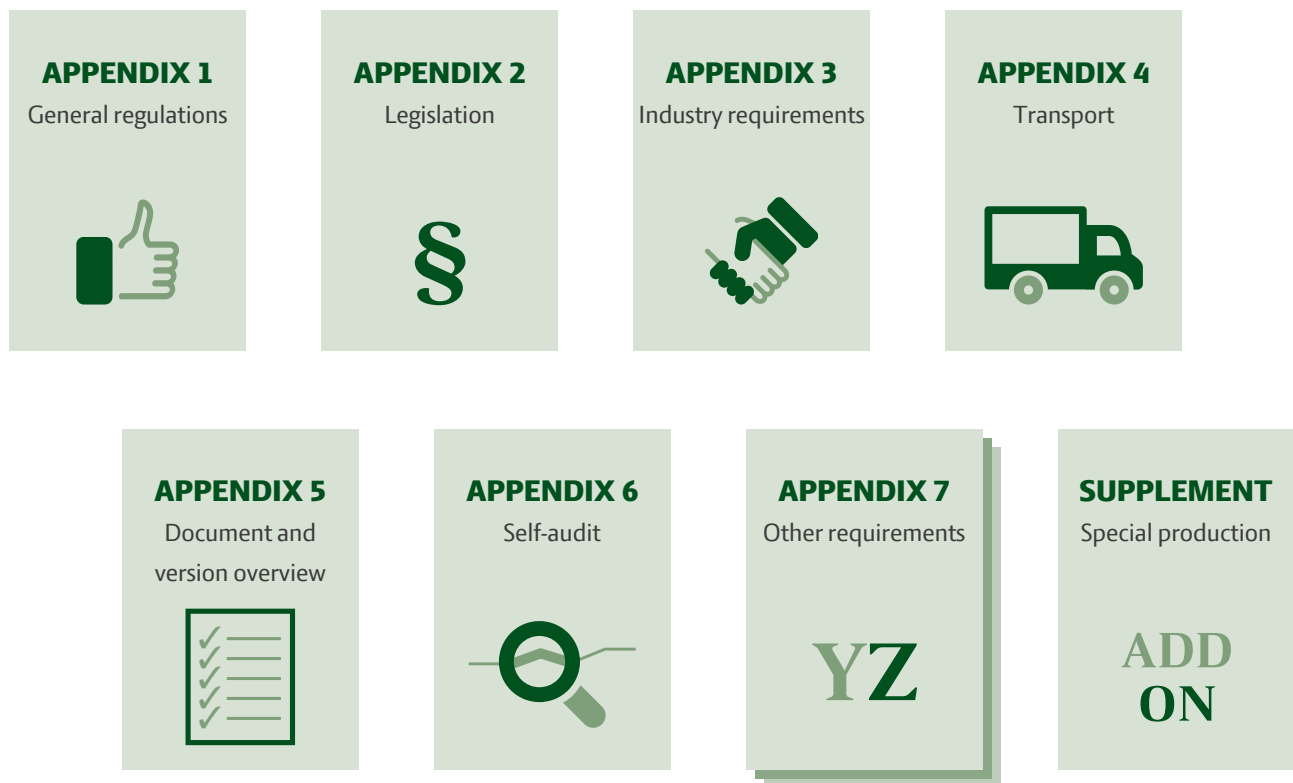
Scheme owner

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Structure of the DANISH Product Standard

The DANISH Product Standard is structured in a simple and transparent way where the areas covered by the standard are briefly described in the main document. The accompanying appendices cover the specific topics in more detail and are divided into legislative requirements, industry requirements and transport. In addition, reference is made to a number of guidelines, which can profitably be used.



Topic areas

Appendices 2, 3 and 4 describe the relevant legislation and industry requirements. These requirements can change, which is why it is important to keep updated on the latest version of the DANISH Product Standard. The appendices are divided into the following topics:

Pig identification and traceability

It must be possible to document that all pigs are born and bred in Denmark. This is a requirement from a number of markets. Moreover, legislation requires clear traceability for veterinary reasons.

Feed

Legislation sets out requirements for the purchase and content of feed. There are also industry requirements for the purchase of feed and special requirements concerning quantities and production of special ingredients.

Herd health and use of medicine

Protection against infection is important in terms of both the health of the herd and animal welfare. Therefore, one of the standard's main focus areas is protection against infection. The same applies to the use of medicine and storage.

Treatment of sick or injured pigs

Animal welfare is one of the cornerstones of the DANISH Product Standard. Therefore, this topic is covered by current legislation, the self-audit programme and certain guidelines to ensure optimum understanding and compliance.

Housing and equipment

There are strict requirements covering housing and housing design in Danish legislation. This is part of the standard.

Outdoor production

Special requirements exist for pig producers who keep pigs outdoors.

Feed and water provision

A pig's need for feed and water must be met for reasons of health and welfare.

Management

The DANISH Product Standard assigns significant importance to management. This applies, for example, to training, handling, castration procedures, preventative measures and the checking of technical equipment.

Delivery of pigs

For DANISH certified herds, there are special requirements with regard to transport. This is mainly due to protection against infection.

Transport of live animals (own vehicles)

As with the delivery of pigs, there are requirements covering the transport of live animals in own vehicles.

Add-on

The DANISH Product Standard is the basic standard for the production of live pigs in Denmark. It is possible with the agreement of the scheme owner to develop add-on modules that supplement DANISH certification (see Add-on). Existing add-on modules are listed at dps.svineproduktion.dk

Appendix overview

The following appendices are part of the accredited third-party certification:

Appendix 1	General regulations
Appendix 2	Legislation
Appendix 3	Industry requirements
Appendix 4	Transport
Appendix 5	Document and version overview
Appendix 6	Self-audit programme for herds certified under the DANISH Product Standard

For current versions please refer to Appendix 5.

International acceptance

The DANISH Product Standard is internationally recognised. The German Qualität und Sicherheit GmbH (QS) thus recognises the standard as an equivalent to QS' quality standard 'Agriculture Pig Farming', which provides direct access to live pigs and pig meat in the German market.

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