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Act on the labelling of foodstuffs with the husbandry of the animals from which the food was obtained

Danish Agriculture & Food Council opposes the draft act since we consider it against the principles of free movement of goods within the internal market as the proposed introduction of the labelling is mandatory. Furthermore, in the draft act it is stated that it will be extended to other product types in the future, thus not only fresh meat. Therefore, the whole Danish export of pig meat and live animals could be negatively affected by this proposal, which will be a technical barrier to trade in contradiction to the whole principle of the functioning of a single market. Denmark has a yearly export to Germany of around 540 million Euro which all might be affected by the proposal.

The EU Commission is currently working on a harmonized animal welfare law according to the Farm to fork strategy. Consequently, it is essential that no national mandatory animal welfare legislation is introduced, which could differ from the intention in a coming harmonized EU law.

Danish Agriculture & Food Council supports animal welfare schemes if they are based on voluntary and not mandatory schemes.

We have not made any comments to the animal welfare content in the proposal since in its entirety are against the principle of the internal market.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Erik Kam', is written over a horizontal dashed line.

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