Danish biosecurity standards

Protection against introduction of serious, infectious diseases such as foot-and-mouth disease is crucial to prevent outbreaks of disease with severe financial consequences for Danish agriculture.

Three main rules apply before entering a farm site upon arrival from other countries:

1. 24 hrs down time from crossing the Danish border until entering the farm site.
2. Prior to entering the farm site, visitors must shower and change clothes and boots.
3. Food, hunting trophies and live animals imported from other countries must NOT be present on the farm site.

Exceptions to main rule no. 1:

Upon arrival from LOW-RISK AREAS

- 12 hrs down time from crossing the Danish border until entering to the farm site.
- If the herd owner has thorough knowledge of the visitors, 12 hrs down time applies from leaving a foreign farm until entering the farm site.

Upon arrival from HIGH-RISK AREAS

- If the herd owner has thorough knowledge of the visitors, 24 hrs down time applies from leaving a foreign farm until entering the farm site.

Upon arrival from other countries WITHOUT having had contact with cloven-footed animals

- No down time applies provided the herd owner has thorough knowledge of the visitors

Fig. 1 Outline of down time

Knowledge / Risk area	Not thorugh	Thorough *
High	24 hrs in DK	24 hrs from farm to farm
Low	12 hrs in DK	12 hrs from farm to farm

*family, staff, vets, pig advisors and people who repair equipment

High/Low-risk areas
Currently, high-risk areas are all countries outside the EU and Greece, Italy, Poland, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Bulgaria, Hungary and Romania. An updated list is available at VSP's website under DANISH. The list is updated regularly.

Disinfection of tools
All tools must be cleaned and disinfected before they are brought into the pig house. The down time rules applying to human beings also apply to tools.

Visitor log book
All visitors arriving from other countries must register upon arrival to the farm and with their signature verify that they comply with the rules.