

Antibiotics Statement – Scandi Standard

Humans and animals may occasionally need antibiotic treatment to cure an infection, to prevent suffering and in many cases to save lives. Bacteria can develop resistant strains resulting in antibiotics having less/no effect. This development of bacterial resistance can be worsened by an extensive or irresponsible use of antibiotics. Antibiotic resistance is a growing concern in the world – challenging both human and animal health – and coupled with the UN Global Goals for sustainable development. Keeping and growing animals *without* the use of preventative antibiotic treatment is and has been a goal in the Nordic countries for the past 20-30 years. Systematic work in improving the living conditions and production methods – focusing on the *needs of the animal* and animal welfare – has led to reach not only that goal, but also the next level goal: practically eradicating the need of any antibiotic treatment of the chickens.

Our view on antibiotics usage – Zero Antibiotics Vision

The principles are simple: healthy animals *don't need* antibiotic treatment, but at times animals *may need to* be treated. Our view is to focus on practises and systems, root causes and animal welfare, which ensures and enhances the well-being of the chickens, thereby making and keeping them healthy so that there is no need for antibiotics – instead of treating symptoms and problems. Scandi Standard is, and will continue to be, a responsible and good steward on dealing with antibiotics with a zero antibiotics vision. Our processes, systems and practices will consistently meet high standards leading to good animal welfare and well-being, thus eliminating the need of antibiotics.

Our commitment

- We have zero-tolerance for preventative antibiotic treatment.
- We will never use any antibiotics which are important and critical in human medicine. At the same time, we will treat chicken flocks with significant bacteriological issues or to alleviate animal suffering.
- All our decisions to start treatment are based on an inspection of the chickens by an experienced veterinarian.
- We report on antibiotics usage on our contract chicken farms.

Our track record in antibiotics usage

Within Scandi Standard, the percentage of treated flocks in the Nordic countries (at any time, at any dose, with any substance) have been between 0 to 1% - with small yearly variation. At the same time, the mortality figures are low - proving that our processes and focus on Animal Welfare is effective. Together with our contract farmers, we are proud of this achievement, and believe these figures are world class. We believe that this can be, and will be, achieved in all other countries we operate in as well. At the same time, we work for constant improvement and strive to produce Better Chicken – every day. This is the Scandi Way.

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