

Danish Customs Nationwide DOPING Project



SKAT



www.SKAT.dk/doping

The organisation of the tax and customs tasks in Denmark

In 2005 all tax and customs tasks in Denmark were placed within SKAT (the Danish Tax and Customs Organisation).

The common administration enables us to work across geography and functions.

On 1 January 2009 a new structure was introduced within SKAT. The purpose of the reorganisation was to establish special professional environments, in which tasks can be handled in nationwide units or within regional cooperation.

Our new structure enhances efficiency, coherence and professional environments benefitting the employees and customers of SKAT.

This is why SKAT has established a nationwide initiative project, especially focusing on doping substances.



DENMARK

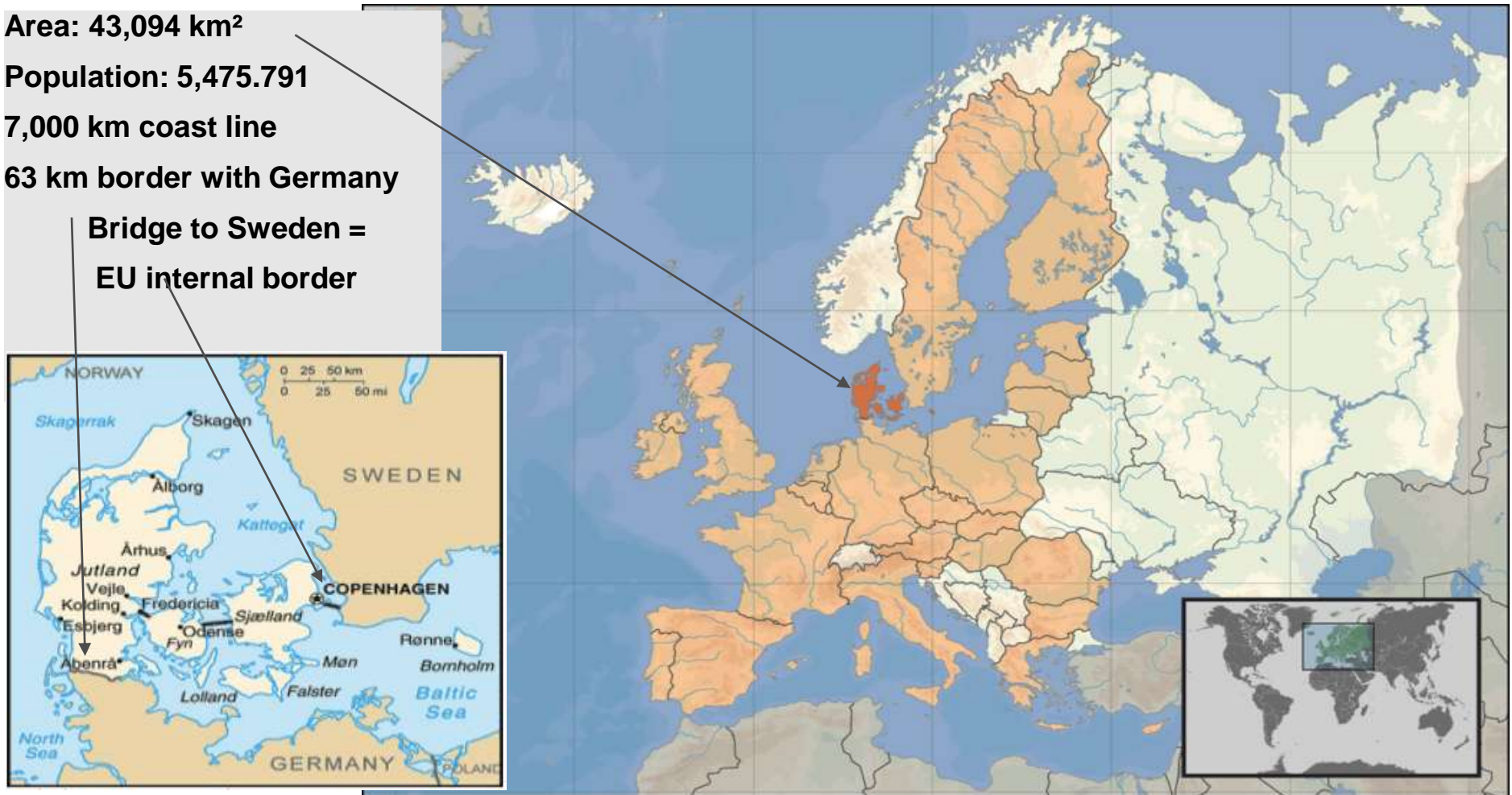
Area: 43,094 km²

Population: 5,475.791

7,000 km coast line

63 km border with Germany

Bridge to Sweden =
EU internal border



Extracts of the Act on Prohibition of Certain Doping Substances

The Act on Prohibition of Certain Doping Substances applies to the following groups of doping substances:

Anabolic steroids

Testosterone and derivatives and corresponding substances with androgen effect.

Growth hormones

Erythropoietin and substances having a similar effect by increasing the number of red blood cells in the blood to more than normal values for age and sex.

Substances increasing the production and release of

a. Growth hormones

b. Testosterone and derivatives and corresponding substances with androgen effect or

c. Natural erythropoietin.

The Minister for Health is authorised to determine other groups of doping substances, to which this Act applies.

The said doping substances must not be produced, imported, exported, sold, handed out, distributed or possessed, unless they are to be used for the prevention of disease or for scientific purposes.

The just mentioned use for the prevention of disease must be ordered by a doctor as regards private persons.

Violations of this Act will be punished with a fine, simple detention or imprisonment for up to two years.

How many doping substances are used in Denmark?

It is estimated that out of Denmark's population of 5.5 million people :

- About 33,000 are users of drugs (the National Board of Health 2010)
- About 44,000 are users of doping substances (University of Southern Denmark 2010)

Both drugs and doping substances are each year the cause of many deaths, also of many physical and mental damages



Production	Order, purchase and sale
<p>The US - China - Thailand – the UK – Turkey - Denmark</p> <p>Many others</p> <p>Arrive in Denmark through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mail - Courier - Car - Airoplane 	<p>The Internet: Foreign pages</p> <p>Fitness centres</p> <p>Friends</p> <p>Vendors generally</p> <p>Foreign travelling</p>
Police	Customs
<p>Police:</p> <p>Surveillance of criminals</p> <p>Surveillance of special websides</p> <p>National Centre of Investigation (NEC):</p> <p>Sale and use of AAS in connection with biker and gang crime.</p> <p>Coordinate action on the basis of ADD information and information from own police districts and the customs authorities</p>	<p>Customs (SKAT):</p> <p>Risk analysis of imports</p> <p>Control/seizures within airports/postal centres/at borders, etc.</p> <p>Information on the prohibition of imports/orders through the Internet</p>

Responsibility

Under the Customs Act SKAT is responsible for checking goods entering and leaving or transiting Denmark.

SKAT assists in solving a number of control tasks regarding goods which are subject to special import provisions. The control regards rules, which are mainly managed by other ministries than the Ministry of Taxation.

Special import provisions are special control measures which apply to imports, exports and transit of goods, inter alia out of consideration for public order and security and the protection of the lives and health of people and animals.

In most cases the customs control can be carried out without procuring a court order.



Section 15 (2) of the Customs Act

Section 15 (2) With a view to searching and controlling goods **without any court order** the tax and customs administration is allowed to move freely along all coasts, harbours, within airports, at landing places, within transport centres, in trains, at railway buildings, and on roads open to the public.

At the mentioned places search and control can be carried out of goods in postal parcels, within warehouses, in containers, in transport means and at other temporary or permanent places, which can be used for storage of goods.



SKAT's DOPING project

- The purpose of the project is to prevent the smuggling of doping substances and imports of chemicals and other substances for illegal production of doping substances.
- The project is to intensify activities, including both informative and preventive measures.
- Cooperation has been established between relevant parties, Anti-Doping Denmark is the most important one.
- Customs officers have been trained to identify doping substances, control actions have been launched, and dogs have been trained, which are able to track doping substances – as far as we know they are the first in the world!
- Information campaigns have been launched.
- The strategy of the project is to focus on innovation and reflection and establishing a system for the task!



SKAT's DOPING project

- The strategy has been to focus on using
• **innovation + reflection**, and to **establish as system for the task**

The following measures have been launched:

- ❑ Targeted training/professional development, including the creation of an internal doping website
- ❑ Targeted analysis/intelligence cooperation – application of new methods and tools
- ❑ Creation of risk profiles, etc. within the customs system, etc.
- ❑ Targeted control (mainly directed against target groups – organised crime)
- ❑ Targeted additional analysis of the cases which are disclosed
- ❑ Creation of a communication network (regarding doping) with the police in Denmark and the customs authorities in the neighbouring countries.
- ❑ Cooperation with other SKAT projects/sections – e.g. e-commerce and economic crime on the Internet
- ❑ Information to key persons within the transport/forwarding/travel industry

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- ❖ Preventive measures: (aimed at those who are prepared to comply with the rules – the ordinary citizen):
- ❖ Creation of a website where all citizens can gain access: www.skat.dk/doping
- ❖ Contact to television/radio/newspapers/net media
- ❖ Presentations for fitness instructors, the Sports Confederation of Denmark, schools and high schools
- ❖ Information material distributed to the focus groups

Extracts regarding preventive measures

Target group To whom	Purpose Why	Choice of media How
- Youngsters, fitness centres	We have to draw attention to the concept of doping, and that people must not own, possess, import, export, purchase, sell doping substances	Post cards with stickers and Posters at places, where the target group is Mints which look like pills
The press	We have to draw attention to the concept of doping, and that people must not own, possess, import, export, purchase, sell doping substances	Press coverage when performing large seizures, when launching a project and in case of interesting stories
Everybody – general information	There was nothing available about doping substances on SKAT's website	Creation of a website skat.dk/doping
Everybody	Information	SKATv – short movie to be used in connection with training, the press and the website
Youngsters	Information	Presentation material is to be drawn up Presentations are to be made

Information via Gocards!

Inter alia SKAT has sent the message through free postcards (Gocards) at cafés, fitness centres and music places.

Advertising postcards are the most appreciated advertisement among young people.

Gocards address active people, especially students, single persons and young families.

Furthermore, the users of advertising postcards are characterized by their great IT knowledge, have much spare time and are large-scale consumers of entertainment offers.

The target group is 20-49- year-old persons.



Equipment and technical aid

Type	Number
Dogs	34
Stationary x-ray facility	10
Mobile x-ray cars	3 + 2 are in the pipeline
Mobile container scanners	2
Various personal equipment.	



Denmark's first DOPING dog!



"Chili" Denmark's first DOPING dog

*Denmark's first
DOPING dog!
"Chili"
is an experienced sniffer
dog.
Now, she is also trained
in finding anabolic
steroids and other
kinds of doping
substances!*

Denmark's first DOPING dog!

Chili is trained on **100 % pure** anabolic steroids, testosterone and other doping substances in powder form – not tablets, ampoules and vials !

Searching for steroids!



The experience with Chili is now used for training more customs dogs in finding doping substances.

Sniffer dogs

Danish Customs use dogs for finding narcotics, precursors, firearms, ammunition, money and doping substances.

SKAT has 34 dogs of the following breeds: Labrador Retrievers, Field Trial Cocker Spaniels, Field Trial Springer Spaniel and Belgian Malinois.



Denmark's largest case with drug chemicals!



In Denmark **all customs sniffer dogs are also trained in finding certain chemicals.**

In March 2011 Chili was part of the largest case with chemicals ever seen in Denmark.

More than 2.7 tons of chemicals were imported into Denmark.

It is suspected that the chemicals should have been used for drug production!

“Chili” recognizes drug chemicals in a large number of drums!

The Danish DOPING Project

Since its creation SKAT's doping project has seized a huge number of doping substances comprising ampoules, capped vials and powders. This includes a number of new doping substances, which have not earlier been seized in Denmark.

Most doping substances have been seized in connection with the control of the post and courier traffic to and from Denmark, but larger amounts have also been found with airline passengers, at the border and in ferry ports.

Furthermore, basic substances for the production of doping substances have been seized. Similarly, packaging has been found, which no doubt should have been used for packing illegally produced doping substances. SKAT has also assisted in disclosing illegal doping laboratories in Denmark.



Examples of seizures made by the Danish Customs

4 x 1,260 ampoules of 100 mg Nandrolone



1 box of vials Trenbolone Decanote 250



Examples of seizures made by the Danish Customs

100 % pure testosterone powder hidden in metal mug! Sent as air mail!



100 % pure trenbolon powder hidden in document. Sent as air mail!



Doping substances hidden in courier parcel!



Examples of seizures made by the Danish Customs

Flight passenger CPH.

**Suitcase contained
thousands of:**

Ampoules - testosteron

Ampoules - nandrolon

Vials - nandrolon

Tablets - oxymetholone

**Vials - boldenone
unbecylenate**



Examples of seizures made by the Danish Customs

Vials hidden and packed to look like a book! Seized in mail.



Packaging material for illegal doping substances

Packaging material for illegal doping substances found by the Danish Customs. It is suspected that the packaging material should have been used for illegal production!



A million DOPING ampoule, vial and cylinder glasses in a container

On 1 March 2012 a container was declared in the Free Port of Copenhagen. One of the risk profiles of the Doping project went on full alert, and therefore the container was checked. A small engineering shop was behind the import of a million empty ampoule, vial and cylinder glasses, which can only be used by the pharmaceutical industry.

The one million ampoule glasses have now been seized, and an investigation is being made. Presumably, it will lead to a discovery of an illegal doping laboratory somewhere in Denmark



Doping control of accompanying cars during cycle race championship

Cycle teams from a number of countries participated in the cycle championship in Copenhagen in 2011. SKAT's DOPING project welcomed a number of the teams.

We chose to control in connection with the cycle championship to send a preventive signal. We wanted to show that it is not only the racers who are tested for doping substances during the race, but that people can also risk having their cars investigated.

SKAT's control focused especially on the many cars, vans and lorries which brought food and equipment to the many teams. The doping dog Chilli assisted in the controls.

We found large amounts of medicine in the cars bringing service and food. But it was medicine, which could be imported legally into Denmark. As a matter of fact, we found no doping substances.



Conclusion!

- Now, the employees of SKAT pay more attention to the doping substances during their daily work.
- We have endeavoured to receive more information on the area, inter alia through closer cooperation with Anti-Doping Danmark and other national or foreign authorities.
- Now, we know more about the look of the doping substances, where they typically come from, and how they are hidden.
- Besides, we know that considerable illegal production takes place in Denmark. We also know that we have to focus on chemicals and other substances, which illegally can be used for this.
- We have circulated this knowledge within our organisation, so all customs officers are better prepared for disclosing doping substances.
- Seen from a preventive point of view we have reached the target groups, and they have received information on the doping substances – that they are illegal. And they have received information about the consequences of violating the import rules, etc, inter alia through a website, postcards and posters, through the press and presentations in fitness centres, at schools, etc.

More information available on www.skat.dk/doping

