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Environmental and Social Completion Sheet (ESCS)

Overview

Project Name:	ARLA DAIRY PRODUCTS RDI
Project Number:	2016-0210
Country:	Denmark
Project Description:	Financing of RDI activities to develop new food products, maximise the usage of strains and cultures to strengthen the nutritional benefits of dairy products, increase the use of biodegradable materials in packaging, and reduce the consumption of energy and fresh water in the food production processes.

Summary of Environmental and Social Assessment at Completion

EIB notes the following Environmental and Social performance and key outcomes at Project Completion.

Environmental Assessment

The project concerned mainly investments in Research and Development that were carried out in the existing facilities of the Promoter, already authorised, and which did not require an EIA under Directive 2011/92/EC. The project includes the implementation of capital expenditures such as laboratories, piloting equipment and systems dedicated for implementation of the RDI programme. These activities however, did not require a change to the existing environmental permits.

The RDI program included research activities that led to improved products in relation to nutrition, food structuring, packaging, process technology, as well as more tailored response to their targeted market segments in terms of dietary demand. Moreover, RDI activities to improve technologies for drying, evaporation, cleaning, process control and packaging helped the Promoter to increase its resource efficiency in processing and thus to reduce its environmental footprint through decreased consumption of water and energy.

Other Environmental and Social Aspects

The promoter has a quality system for the entire production chain to ensure the safety and quality of its products. The standards cover food safety, quality, health and safety at work, fire protection and environmental protection, and apply throughout the whole value chain from the dairy farms to the dairy production facilities. Overall, the Promoter follows HACCP, ISO 22000, FSSC 22000 and ISO 14000 quality standards. Good Laboratory Practice (GLP) and Good Pilot Plant Practice are followed and a welfare committee exists in the Innovation Center.

No significant environment or social issues were registered during implementation.



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Summary opinion of Environmental and Social aspects at completion:

Based on information provided by the Promoter, the EIB is of the opinion that the project has been implemented in line with EIB Environmental and Social Standards, applicable at the time of appraisal.