



Qualitätssicherung. **Vom Landwirt bis zur Ladentheke.**

EU GUIDELINE 2010/C 341/04

EXPERIENCES OF THE CROSS-STAGE QUALITY SCHEME QS

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QS. QUALITY
ASSURANCE FROM
FARM TO SHOP.

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THE QS SCHEME AT A GLANCE



QS is ...

- a transparent, cross-stage quality assurance scheme:
from farm to shop
- an independent quality standard (without any influence of governments and authorities!)
- a system open for all countries (companies from more than 25 countries participate in the QS scheme)



QS PRODUCTION SCOPES



■ Meat

- Pig
- Cattle
- Poultry

■ Meat products

- Sausages
- Ham
- Convenience products

■ Fresh fruit

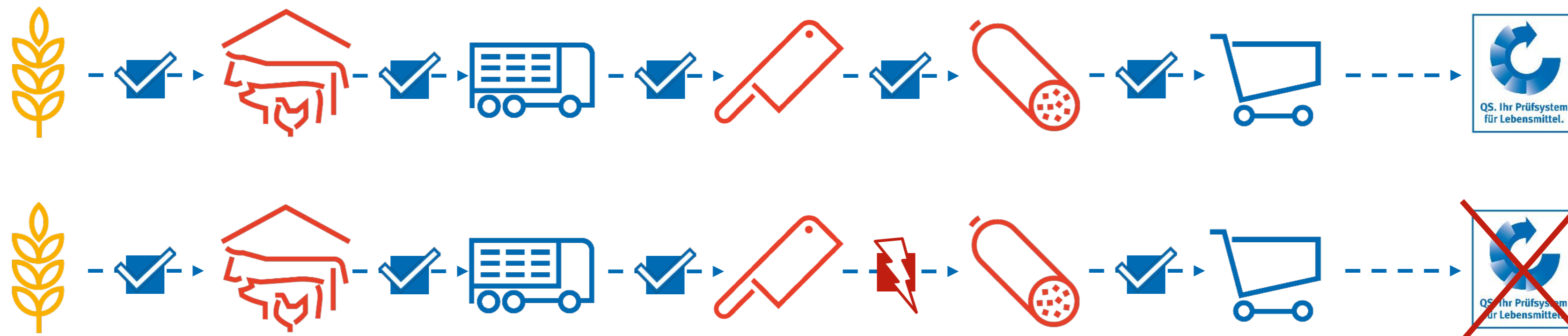
■ Fresh vegetables



QS CERTIFICATION MARK AS PROOF OF CROSS-STAGE COOPERATION



"Only feed which have been produced and marketed right from the start by QS certified businesses in compliance with all QS requirements may bear the QS certification mark."





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GERMAN RETAILERS RELY ON QS

QS certified products in more than 25,000 retail stores.



REWE



PENNY.

Netto
Marken-Discount

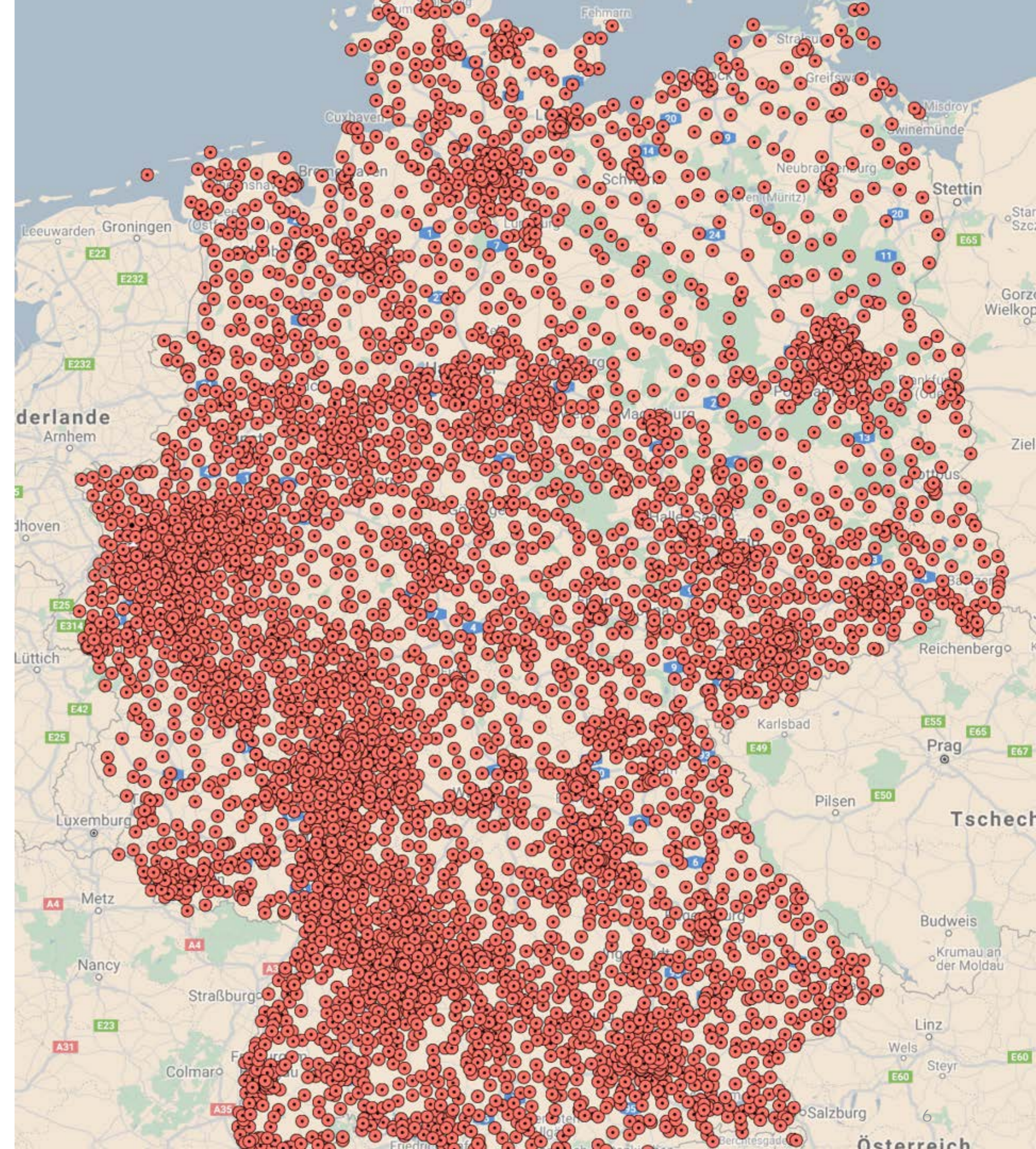
METRO



famila
sympathisch. nordisch. frisch.

KONSUM
LEIPZIG

MARKANT
Der Markt für Essen und Trinken



TRANSPARENCY WITHIN THE QS SCHEME ON REQUIREMENTS AND PARTICIPANTS







Requirements and participants are publicly available on www.q-s.de

Pig Farmers


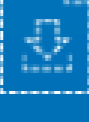

Overview

To the sample forms

Checklists

-  Self-assessment Checklist Pig Production (Word) 01.01.20
Word Document, 129 KB
-  Self-assessment Checklist Pig Production (pdf) 01.01.20
PDF, 241 KB
-  Checklist Agriculture Pig Farming (REGULAR AUDIT) 01.01.20
PDF, 279 KB
-  Checkliste VLOG-Zusatzmodul Schweinehaltung 01.01.20
Excel Sheet, 255 KB

Guidelines / Annexes

-  Pig Farming 01.01.20
PDF, 704 KB
-  Notes to the guideline Agriculture Pig Farming 01.01.20
PDF, 611 KB
-  Anlage II VLOG-Zusatzmodul „Ohne Gentechnik“ 01.01.20
PDF, 263 KB

Name

Location number

QS-ID

Postal Code

Country

City

Great Britain

radius search (only available with postal code)

Feed material production

Compound feed production

Premix producer

Feed trader

Additive producer

Private Labelling

Road Transport

Storage and transshipment

Rail, inland waterway and ocean ship transport

mobile feed milling and mixing plant

Product range

Search

Locations

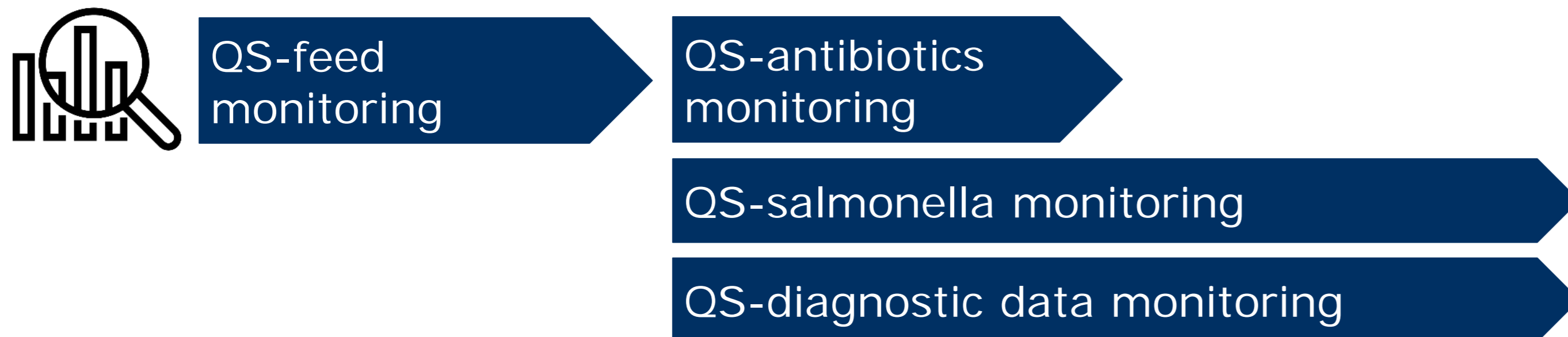
Location number	Name	Post	City	Approved production scope	Non approved production scope	Product range	Certification scheme	Participation QM-Mil	QS-ID
F00000504	Primary Diets Ltd.	HG4 5HP	Ripon	compound feed production (71)			AIC		4031735733723
F00000810	Premier Nutrition Products Ltd	WS15 1RD	Rugeley	premix production (70)			AIC		4048473147217
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F00000909	Scotmin Nutrition	KA8 9RX	Ayr	compound feed production (71)			AIC		4048473128254
F00001072	Caltech Crystalyx	CAJ 4 AJ	Cumbria, Wigton	compound feed production (71)			AIC		4031735979886
F00001107	Devenish Nutrition Ltd	BT3 9AR	Belfast	compound feed production (71)			AIC		4048473169431

QUALITY ASSURANCE ALONG THE SUPPLY CHAIN



QS Guidelines define strict and specific requirements for all stages of the supply chain to ensure safe processes

Additional monitoring programmes to ensure food safety:



THREE LEVELS OF CONTROL TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH QS REQUIREMENTS



Basis: QS guidelines and checklists

Internal Control

Self-assessments
Continuous sampling

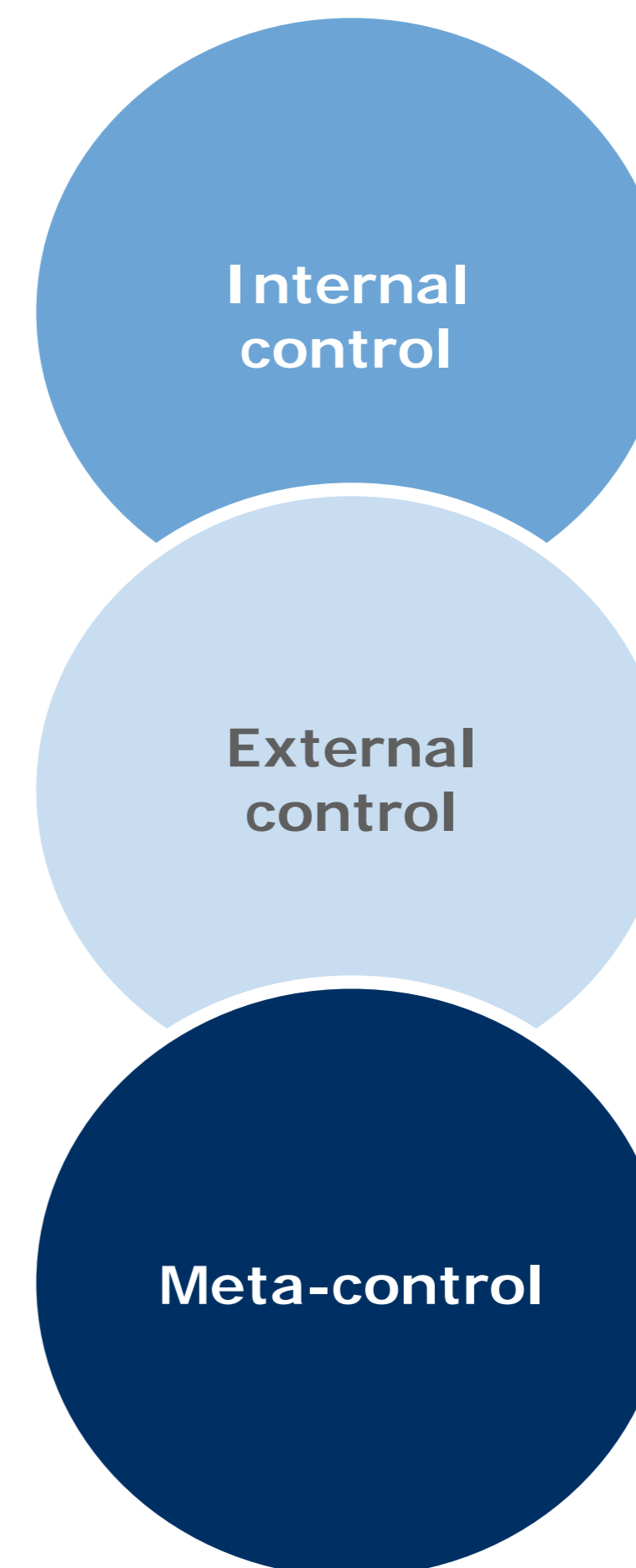
External Control

Independent audits (479 auditors)
Neutral analyses (178 laboratories)

Meta-Control

Laboratory performance assessment
Random sample audits, traceability checks
Audit report inspection

Non-compliance → loss of eligibility of delivery and sanction procedure



20 YEARS OF ACTIVE QUALITY ASSURANCE



Shareholders of the QS scheme



FEED SECTOR



AGRICULTURAL
PRODUCTION



SLAUGHTERING/
DEBONING



PROCESSING



FOOD RETAIL



QS QUALITÄT UND
SICHERHEIT GMBH

QS Fachgesellschaft Obst-Gemüse-Kartoffeln GmbH



QS Fachgesellschaft Geflügel GmbH



DECISION-MAKING IN THE QS SCHEME/ UNANIMOUS DECISIONS



Advisory boards

- Definition of QS requirements and inspection system
- Representatives of all production stages involved into the QS scheme
- 3 Advisory boards
 - Pig and cattle
 - Poultry
 - Fruit, vegetables and potatoes

Board of trustees

- Advice of management and Advisory boards
- Participants of science, politics and consumer representatives

Committees in the QS scheme

Sanction board

- Neutral and independent
- Penalisation of violations against QS requirements
- Advocate and independent specialists

Meeting of shareholders

- Strategic direction
- Annual accounts and appropriation of profits
- Appointment / dismissal of members of other committees

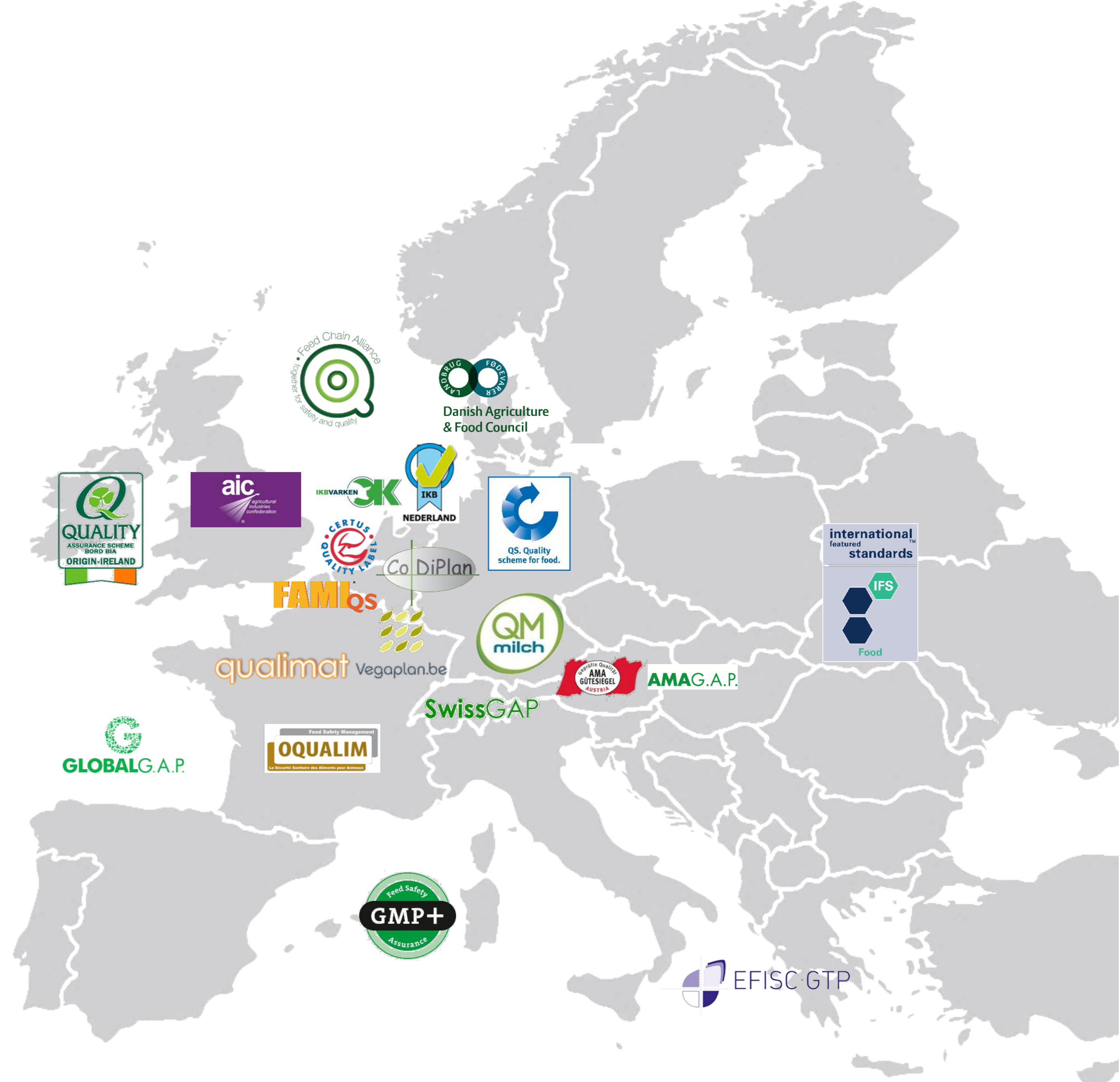
Board of science funds

- Financing science and research projects in the agricultural and food industry
- Nonprofit and financed from financial sanctions

QUALITY ASSURANCE ACROSS BORDERS

Recognition agreements avoid double auditing

- QS has signed ~ 15 recognition agreements with other scheme owners for
 - Feed
 - Livestock production
 - Meat
 - Fruit and vegetables



IMPLEMENTATION/FULFILLMENT OF THE *„EU BEST PRACTICE GUIDELINES FOR VOLUNTARY CERTIFICATION SCHEMES FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS AND FOODSTUFFS“* IN THE QS SCHEME

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Recommendations EU Guideline	QS	Explanations/Experiences QS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open to all participants 	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participants from > 25 countries Different legal requirements, often language as a barrier
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scheme requirements developed by technical committees 	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advisory boards with experts from all industries Unanimous decisions ensure support from everybody (but sometimes hard to reach)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feedback mechanisms in place (e.g. for participants) 	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public call for feedback on guidelines/checklists (news, press release)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scheme specifications freely available 	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All documents published on QS-Website https://www.q-s.de/search/gb/downloadcenter/
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information for consumers where further details can be found 	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> URL on certification mark on QS products Consumer information on QS website





Recommendations EU Guideline	QS	Explanations/Experiences QS
• Open to all CBs	✓	• CBs from 7 countries
• Unannounced inspections and inspections at short notice	✓	• Unannounced audits and audits at short notice • Critized by some participants, but hardly any problems
• Membership fees publicly available	✓	• https://www.q-s.de/search/gb/downloadcenter/
• Enabling/promoting participation of small-scale producers	✓	• Participation of small scale feed producers as well as mobile milling and mixing plants
• Recognition of other schemes and/or combined audits	✓	• ~15 recognition agreements as well as combined checklists for IFS • Constant benchmarking process to ensure comparable quality assurance across borders
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THANK YOU

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