

COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT

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AGREEMENTS

between

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NNF

and

THE CONFEDERATION OF DANISH INDUSTRY - DI

the food industry

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Scope of the agreement

With the renewal of the collective agreements in 2007, an agreement was reached between The Danish Food and Allied Workers' Union (NNF) and DI on a joint framework agreement for the food industry.

The collective agreement, which covers the same areas, consolidates and supersedes the following previous agreements between DI and NNF:

Pro- cessing:	Processing area/The Food Industry in general
23:	Biscuit and Cake factories
24:	Biscuit, Cake and Waffle factories
111:	Mette Munk A/S, Odense
146:	The Association of Danish Millers
S/C:	The Association of Danish Chocolate and Sugar Confectionary Manufacturers
OM:	Odense Marcipanfabrik A/S and Kims A/S
Tobacco:	The Tobacco Manufacturers Association of Denmark
Meat:	The Association of Danish Meat Manufacturers

Abbreviations / Glossary

A-kasse:	Unemployment insurance fund
AM:	Working environment
AMU:	Working environment committee
AMU:	Adult vocational training programme
AM-rep.:	Occupational health and safety representative
DA:	The Confederation of Danish Employers (DA) is a main organisation. DI is a member of DA.
FH:	The Danish Trade Union Confederation is a main organisation (previously LO). NNF is a member of FH.
FV:	Free-choice scheme
FVU:	Preparatory adult education
DI:	The Confederation of Danish Industry (party to the collective agreement)
NNF:	The Danish Food and Allied Workers' Union (party to the collective agreement)
IKUF:	The Industry Competence Development Fund
IP:	Industriens Pension (labour market pension scheme)
IPS:	Industriens pensionsservice
KAU:	The Meat Industry Working Environment Committee
The parties:	The organisations DI and NNF
TSBM	Tobacco, Sugar & Chocolate, Bakeries, Milling Working Environment Committee
Local agreement:	Agreement between local parties
The local parties:	Enterprise representative and shop steward (TR)
SFKF:	The Meat and Food Industry Cooperation and Competence Development Fund, under The Industry Competence Development Fund (IKUF)
SH:	Weekday holiday
SU:	Works council
SU-rep.:	Works council representative
ESU:	Cross-border works councils
The TB Foundation:	The Tuberculosis Foundation
TEKSAM:	Cooperation body for DI and the Central Organisation of Industrial Employees in Denmark (CO-industri) NNF is included in the cooperation.

TR: Shop steward
VEU: Adult education and continuing training

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INTRODUCTION

In connection with the renewal of the collective agreements in 2007, the Danish Food and Allied Workers' Union (NNF) and the Confederation of Danish Industry (DI) agreed on the framework collective agreement for the food industry.

The collective agreement, which covers the same areas, supersedes the following collective agreements:

*Collective agreement between DI for the Association of Danish Biscuit and Cake Manufacturers and NNF Craft/Industry Group/Bakeries/Milling Industry - in the following called: **23***

*Collective agreement between DI for the Association of Danish Biscuit, Cake and Waffle Manufacturers and NNF Craft/Industry Group/Bakeries/Milling Industry - in the following called: **24***

*Collective agreement between DI for Mette Munk A/S, Odense, and NNF Craft/Industry Group/Bakeries/Milling Industry - in the following called: **111***

*Collective agreement between DI for the Association of Danish Millers and NNF Craft/Industry Group/Bakeries/Milling Industry - in the following called: **146***

*Collective agreement between DI for the Association of Danish Chocolate and Sugar Confectionery Manufacturers and NNF Craft/Industry Group/Bakeries/Milling Industry - in the following called: **S/C***

*Collective agreement between DI for Odense Marcipanfabrik A/S and Kims A/S and NNF Craft/Industry Group/Bakeries/Milling Industry - in the following called: **OM***

*Industry-wide and separate agreements between DI for the Tobacco Manufacturers Association of Denmark and NNF Tobacco Industry - in the following called: **Tobacco***

*Collective agreement and agreements between DI for the Association of Danish Meat Manufacturers and NNF - in the following called: **Meat***

*Collective agreement and agreements between NNF and DI for the processing area - in the following called: **Processing***

*General agreement for shift work 2004 -2007 - hereafter called: **Provisions on shift work (with comments) (page 111)**.*

Structure of the collective agreement

The framework collective agreement for the food industry comprises a general part (framework provisions indicated on a grey background under each paragraph). Special provisions are written under the individual paragraphs where applicable. Both have the same legal status.

- The general part contains provisions that apply to all trades, enterprises and employees covered by the collective agreements now superseded.
- The specific conditions for the individual agreement areas have been drawn up as special provisions and only apply to these agreement areas.
- The special provisions take precedence over the framework provisions, in full or in part, or supplement the framework provisions.

- To the extent that the special provisions have a different content than that in the framework provisions, the special provisions supersede or supplement the framework provisions.
- If a special provision supersedes a framework provision, the special provision substitutes the framework provision.
- If a special provision supplements a framework provision, the special provision applies as a supplement to the framework provision.
- In case of discrepancy between a framework provision and a special provision, regardless of whether such special provision supersedes or supplements the framework provision, this part of the special provision will apply.

Local agreements with special status

When the collective agreements were consolidated and the framework collective agreement for the food industry was prepared in connection with the renewal of the collective agreements in 2007, certain provisions of the previous collective agreements were left to the local parties and were categorised as and designated "Local agreements with special status".

These local agreements with special status apply concurrently with the collective agreement for the food industry. The provisions of these agreements are laid down by the local parties, subject to consensus, and will not be negotiated by DI and NNF in connection with collective bargaining.

Local agreements with special status differ from the enterprise's other local agreements in that they cannot be terminated by any of the local parties. Termination of the individual local agreements or other amendments is subject to local consensus. The termination of the individual local agreement with special status or other amendments thereof are determined by clause 79. These local agreements with special status may be obtained from the organisations.

CH. 1 - WORKING HOURS

1. Number of working hours

The normal actual working hours are 37 per week.
The weekly working hours are spread over five days, such that the minimum daily working hours are six and the maximum daily working hours are nine, unless otherwise agreed locally.

The working week begins on Monday, unless otherwise agreed locally.

The working day runs from the normal start of work at the individual enterprise to the same time the next day or from 6.00 am to 6.00 am, unless otherwise agreed.

Special provision for: 23, 24, 111, OM, Tobacco, Meat, Processing

23, 24, 111, OM, Meat:

The working hours are spread over the first five days of the week.

Tobacco:

If the weekly working hours are spread over five days, the minimum daily working hours are seven and the maximum daily working hours are eight. However, this does not apply to variable weekly working hours.

Meat:

The minimum daily working hours are seven.

Processing:

The minimum daily working hours are six and the maximum daily working hours are eight.

2. Scheduling of working hours

The normal daily working hours are between 6.00 am and 5.00 pm.
The shop steward must be consulted before the working hours are scheduled.
Duty rosters are prepared locally with due consideration given to both employees and the enterprise.

Special provision for: Tobacco, Meat, Processing

Tobacco:

The normal working hours for the first shift are between the hours of 7.00 am and 5.00 pm on the first five days of the week and between the hours of 7.00 am and 1.00 pm on Saturdays.

Meat:

The working hours are between the hours of 5.30 am and 6.00 pm.

Deviation from the normal working hours is subject to agreement between the local parties. If such agreement is made, it will apply to the remaining part of the term of the collective agreement. However, the maximum daily working hours are nine, including rest breaks in connection with piecework.

For individual employees or groups of employees, the enterprise may schedule normal daily working hours between the hours of 5.30 am and 6 pm which deviate from the normal daily working hours in the department, provided that such new working hours are to apply for more than one payroll week and that notice is given on Friday before the end of normal

working hours, at the latest. However, for lorry drivers, working hours may be between 6.30 am and 6.30 pm.

If the enterprise uses other employees as lorry drivers, such employees may only work during the working hours scheduled for lorry drivers.

Processing:

The working hours are scheduled in consideration of the individual enterprises' requirements (for at least one year at a time) between the hours of 6.00 am and 6.00 pm.

Deviation from the normal daily working hours is subject to agreement between the local parties.

If dayshift work is scheduled for Saturdays and Sundays, only the staff employed for work on such days may be used.

Staff employed at the enterprise have right of first refusal for such work. It has been agreed that no employees may be dismissed on the grounds that they do not wish to work during such changed working hours.

Changes to normal daily working hours:

The current normal daily working hours for the individual enterprises and the scheduling of such working hours are maintained during the term of the collective agreement, unless the works council has considered a change to the working hours, or a change is required by reason of a reduction of working hours.

3. Shift work

Provisions do not apply to Processing.

The provisions on shift work between DI and NNF apply.

If agreed locally - outlined in a local agreement, permanent evening and night shifts may be established.

Reference is made to: Provisions on shift work page 111.

Special provision for: 146, Tobacco, Processing

146:

Shift work is scheduled between Monday at 6.00 am and Saturday at 6.00 am.

Shift allowance:

In connection with shift work, payment of the total amount is affected in accordance with the provisions on shift work. The weekly allowance arrangement is maintained.

The following allowances are paid for shift work:

For the week when the employee works:

27 February 2023

From 2.00 pm to 10.00 pm DKK 1,034.27

From 10.00 pm to 6.00 am DKK 1,406.59

26. februar 2024

From 2.00 pm to 10.00 pm DKK 1,070.47

From 10.00 pm to 6.00 am DKK 1,974.14

If the employee is transferred from one shift to another or from a dayshift to a shift with changed working hours, an allowance of one hour's work is payable for the moved shift (the standard wage according to collective agreement).

Tobacco:

In connection with shift work, shifts are normally changed on Mondays, and the third shift finishes on Saturday morning. Rota periods may be agreed locally, subject to consensus.

Processing:

Shift work

(1) Working hours for the first shift

The working hours for the first shift are scheduled within the hours of 6.00 am and 4.00 pm. The number of weekly working hours on the first shift is the ordinary number of actual working hours stipulated by collective agreement.

(2) Working hours for the second and third shifts

The weekly working hours for the second and third shifts are normally 34 actual working hours for which full wages are paid which equals 34 hours plus differential allowance per working hour. The differential allowance per working hour is calculated as three times the standard wages stipulated by collective agreement divided by 34. If the employer is entitled to industry allowance in pursuance of Chapter 2 clause 11 of the collective agreement, specific provision in respect of Processing, a differential allowance per working hour for the industry allowance shall be calculated in the same way.

Depending on the placing of working hours, an hourly allowance for shift work is paid in accordance with part 2, clause 12, Special provision for Processing.

Working hours normally start at the end of the working hours for the previous shift. Individual overlapping or breaks may occur.

(3) Transfer of staff

If two-shift or three-shift working is introduced, only the staff employed for the individual shifts may be used. However, the enterprise is entitled to transfer staff from one shift to another at the start of the working week.

If, for production reasons, the enterprise transfers staff from a shift to work on a dayshift – or vice versa – during the working week, an allowance of DKK 280.00 is paid for such a shift. No allowance is paid when the employees are transferred back to their normal shift.

(4) Shift changes

In connection with two-shift and three-shift working, the shifts do not have to include the same number of employees. Shifts changes take place on Monday morning.

(5) Notice

Shift work is subject to one week's notice and may start on any day of the week. However, the end of shift work must be the end of the working hours for the last shift on the last working day of the week.

(6) Longer operating time

If, for production reasons, a longer operating time than the total working hours stipulated by collective agreement for the first, second and third shifts is required, the remaining operating time may be filled using substitutes or by distributing the working hours on more shifts.

(7) Shift work on Saturdays, Sundays and weekday holidays

An allowance is paid for shift work on Saturdays, Sundays and weekday holidays in accordance with clause 12.

(8) Moving working hours from Friday to Sunday

Subject to local agreement, and where the purpose is to comply with the wishes of the employees, working hours on Friday evening or night can be moved to Sunday night. Such rescheduled hours are paid as originally agreed.

(9) Shift changes

Change of shifts, unless otherwise agreed locally.

(10) Conversion of shift allowance to wages

Subject to local agreement, it can be arranged for 100 % of the shift work allowance to be used as wages in connection with extra days off.

4. Flexitime

Provisions do not apply to Tobacco and Processing

Flexitime may be established subject to local agreement (with the shop steward, if a shop steward has been appointed).

Flexitime agreements may be made with individual employees or with groups of employees. Flexitime must be scheduled within the hours of 6.00 am and 5.00 pm; however, shift work may also be arranged.

5. Part-time

If enterprises or employees so request, part-time work may be agreed.

The working hours are determined per week, month or year based on an agreed average number of weekly working hours of less than 37 for normal day work, staggered working hours and day shifts (34 for evening and night shifts).

The weekly working hours for part-time employees must be at least eight. For part-time employees where the work is subordinate to their relevant main activity, such as people on early retirement benefit and the like, there is no lower limit on the average weekly working hours.

The working hours for the part-time employee are determined according to the same principles as for a full-time employee, cf. clause 1.

The enterprise may not dismiss full-time employees and replace them with part-time employees.

The enterprise may not reduce the number of full-time employees in connection with the introduction of part-time work if the employees have the same qualifications.

It is considered unfair dismissal if employees are dismissed because they have refused to work part-time or because they have requested to work full-time.

In addition, the parties to the collective agreement agree that part-time employees may only work overtime in exceptional cases.

The parties to the collective agreement agree that it is natural for weekend workers to be members of the same trade organisation as the other corresponding employees at the enterprise.

Special provision for: Processing

Processing:

For enterprises registered as members of DI after 1 May 2020, the special provision regarding processing does not apply.

Part-time work

Number and scheduling of working hours

The working hours must be scheduled during the first five days of the week (Monday - Friday).

Special breaks

For businesses having entered the Framework Agreement in respect of method development and piecework rates, special breaks shall be taken pro rata in pursuance of the number of hours set out in the part-time contract.

Remuneration

Employees are remunerated pro rata in accordance with the weekly wage determined in the collective agreement.

For work outside of the hours of 6.00 am and 6.00 pm, an allowance is paid, cf. clause 12.

Employees working normal hours

Employees working full normal hours at the time of the introduction of the part-time arrangement at the enterprise are entitled to be considered for part-time work on an equal footing with new employees.

Local agreement

The particulars of the part-time arrangement - including the term of the agreement - are laid down in a local agreement, a copy of which must be sent to the organisations.

6. Varying weekly working hours

Provisions do not apply to Processing.

- (a) If the local parties agree, varying weekly working hours may be introduced for all employees or groups of employees, provided that the average number of working hours is 37 over a 12-month period. However, the maximum weekly working hours cannot exceed 44.
- (b) The local parties will decide whether to prepare a plan for the period. Hours in excess of 37 hours per week may be compensated by whole days off, subject to local agreement. An arrangement must be made for saving up wages for use for such hours off.
- (c) Employees, who do not have any wages saved up, must be guaranteed a normal wage for weeks with less than 37 working hours.
- (d) Overtime or staggered working hours in connection with the agreed planned varying daily working hours is/are compensated in accordance with the relevant provisions in the collective agreement.
- (e) Excess/shortage of working hours must be settled before resignation.
- (f) Any disagreements may be discussed between the organisations.
- (g) Such agreements may be terminated in accordance with the rules in force, cf. clause 79 on local agreements.

7. Forty-hour week

The provisions in the box above do not apply to Tobacco.

If the local parties agree, the enterprise may introduce 40-hour working weeks where the excess working hours are banked.

Such banked hours must be taken as full and half days off at a time which is convenient for the parties, perhaps in connection with weekday holidays.

Both parties are entitled to eight days' notice.

In connection with banking of hours, a locally agreed hourly amount is banked.

In the event of resignation, the banked hours must be taken as time off before the employee vacates his or her position.

8. Weekend work

Provisions do not apply to S/C and Meat

If it is necessary to increase the weekly working hours, a local agreement may be made on weekend work in accordance with the rules provided below:

Working hours

- (a) Normally, work is performed in two shifts of up to 24 hours on Saturdays and Sundays. In exceptional cases, employees hired for weekend work may work on the first five days of the week, subject to the organisations' approval.
- (b) The start and end times of weekend work are agreed locally at the individual enterprises. However, weekend work may normally only start after the end of normal working hours on Fridays.
- (c) Employees hired for weekend work are not entitled to have other paid occupation. This means that supplementary benefits may not be paid.
- (d) Failure to comply with (c) above is regarded as breach of the employment contract leading to immediate dismissal from the enterprise.
- (e) The organisations accept that any disagreements may be put up for consideration between the organisations.

Wages

- (a) The wages determined by collective agreement are paid for the hours worked, subject to other agreements made in the relevant area at the enterprise.
- (b) Finally, a weekend work allowance in the amount of DKK 109.00 per hour will be paid as of 27 February 2023. As of 26 February 2024, the allowance will be DKK 112.82 per hour.

Days off and work on weekday holidays

- (a) Weekend work must be scheduled before the start of work, clearly stating which days (Saturdays/Sundays) are days off. If days off have been scheduled, an amount corresponding to the individual employee's average income for the number of hours the employee should have worked on such days is paid. Such amount is deducted from the individual employee's weekday holiday account.
- (b) For work on weekday holidays, only the employee's normal wages are paid, i.e. no special advance/payment is made.

Breaks

The provisions on breaks in the current collective agreement and local agreements apply.

Sickness/injury

During the period when the employer is obliged to pay benefit ("employer period"), the individual enterprise must pay the maximum hourly rate applicable from time to time, such that 24 hours of completed weekend work corresponds to a full normal working week.

The other provisions of the collective agreement also apply.

Holidays

Holiday and holiday allowance are provided in accordance with the Danish Holiday Act, including the provisions of the collective agreement.

If the employee has worked full-time during the qualifying year, he or she will be entitled to five Saturdays and Sundays off.

Contributions to the Danish Labour Market Supplementary Pension Scheme (ATP)

Full ATP contribution is paid.

Pension

The pension contribution is calculated and paid in the same way as for the other employees of the enterprise in accordance with the provisions of the collective agreement.

Transfer

The management of the individual enterprises reserves the right to transfer the employees to normal shift work or day shifts in the event of shortage of manpower, lack of orders, capacity adjustment problems etc.

If weekend work is discontinued, employees transferred to weekend work are guaranteed continued employment at the enterprise in accordance with the general provisions of the collective agreement.

Other provisions

Unless otherwise stipulated, the provisions of the collective agreement apply.

Special provision for: Tobacco, Processing**Tobacco:****Days off and work on weekday holidays**

Further reference is made to the provisions of the collective agreement/local agreement on weekday holiday payment and remuneration for working on weekday holidays.

Organisational matters

The organisations agree that it is natural for weekend workers to be members of the same trade organisations as the other corresponding employees at the enterprise.

Processing:

If required, weekend work may be arranged with a view to avoiding or limiting shift work or if it is not possible to arrange for additional shift work.

The employees may work for up to 12 hours on Saturdays and Sundays, perhaps in two shifts. Weekend work may be extended to begin at the start of normal working hours on Friday.

In exceptional cases, employees hired for weekend work may work in the trade on the first four days of the week, subject to the organisations' approval.

An allowance for weekend work is paid, cf. clause 12, Special provision for Processing.

9. Staggered working hours and allowances

Provisions do not apply to 146 and Tobacco.

In case of staggered working hours where work begins before 6.00 am or ends after 5.00 pm, an allowance will be paid, cf. the table below.

	23	24	111	S/C	OM
Be- tween 5.00 pm and 6.00 am	50 % of standard wages	50 % of standard wages	50 % of personal wages:	First hour 16.7% Second and third hour: 25% Fourth hour and thereafter: 50% Calculated on the basis of overtime allow- ance	50 % of overtime rate If commenced at midnight or later, 100% of the overtime rate is paid
Payable as per	minute	minute	As per half hour com- menced	minute	minute

Special provision applicable to Meat and Processing

Meat:

In case of staggered working hours where work begins before 5.30 am or ends after 6.00 pm, an allowance is paid, cf. clause 12, special provision for Meat.

This is payable as per commenced hour

Processing:

Staggered working hours for departments

In departments where it is necessary or expedient for production reasons, the normal daily working hours may deviate from the normal daily working hours generally applicable at the enterprise.

Staggered working hours for individual employees

In order to ensure the best possible organisation of work, daily working hours deviating from the daily working hours in the rest of the department may be agreed with individual employees.

If it is necessary for the above reason to transfer employees who, for personal reasons, are not able to work staggered hours, such employees must be offered a job similar to their current job. The shop steward must be informed in any case.

It is agreed that no employees may be dismissed if they refuse to accept such staggered working hours.

Payment for staggered working hours

In case of staggered working hours where work begins before 6.00 am or ends after 6.00 pm, an allowance is paid, cf. clause 12, Special provision for Processing.

This is payable as per commenced hour

10. Breaks

The timing and length of daily meal and rest breaks must be discussed with the shop steward.

Special provision for: 23, 24

23, 24:

Employees are entitled to at least 30 minutes of paid breaks per day to be placed before and after the meal break, as agreed locally. The existing breaks may not be reduced.

CH. 2 - WAGES

11. Standard wages

Adult employees

From the start of the payroll period which includes 1 March, the standard hourly wage according to the collective agreement is: See pages 24-25.

Young employees

From the start of the payroll period which includes 1 March, the standard hourly wage for young people under the age of 18 according to the collective agreement is: See pages 24-25.

Wage payment

1. Unless otherwise agreed, the payroll period is a calendar week (Monday to Sunday).
2. The pay slip must clearly state the composition of the wages.
3. Wages are paid as determined by the employer, weekly or fortnightly.
4. Wages can be converted to a monthly wage payment. The transition to monthly wage requires at least two months' notice.

Wages are to be made available to the employee no later than the last banking day of the month.

In relation to the monthly wage transition, the employee can request an advance payment equal to the net wage that the individual in question would have expected to receive in the following payroll period, unless otherwise agreed.

The requested advance payment is paid at the point when the 14 days' wage for the first time is not paid in full. The amount is repaid through pay deductions over the following 12 months with 1/12th of the payment amount per month, unless otherwise agreed. However, the remaining amount is deducted from the last wage payment if the employee resigns.

5. Wages must be available by the start of the working hours on the first succeeding Friday and are usually deposited in the employee's bank/salary account. Where the pay day falls on a weekday holiday, the wages must be paid on the normal working day immediately preceding such weekday holiday.
6. In the event of computer errors, an on-account amount must be paid in cash.
7. Quarterly wage statistics are surrendered to the shop steward, if so agreed locally.

Electronic pay slips

See protocol on electronic documents, page 157.

Special allowances

Staggered working hours

Employees on day shifts working staggered hours will receive an allowance of 50% of the standard wages stipulated by collective agreement for the hours worked before 6.00 am and after 5.00 pm. See clause 9.

Weekend work

For hourly allowance for piecework and work on a piecework basis, it should be assessed whether to implement it in the framework agreement regarding method development and piecework.

From 24 February 2020, the cold allowance is DKK 8.00 per hour. As of 1 March 2021 + DKK 8.12 per hour. As of 28 February 2022, the allowance will be increased to DKK 8.25 per hour.

Works council (SU) fee

Paid according to the rate agreed from time to time by DA (the Confederation of Danish Employers) and FH (the Danish Trade Union Confederation).

Shift allowance

Paid according to the agreed provisions for shift work between DI and NNF. Reference is made to Shift work, page 111.

**Wage rates
As of 27 February 2023**

		Standard wages	Allowance per hour			Total
			Trade Allowance	Hourly Allowance	Clause-12 Allowance	
23	Adult employees	DKK 146.82	DKK 5.95	DKK 0.30		153.07
24	Baker's assistants (skilled)	DKK 151.21	DKK 5.95	DKK 0.30		157.46
	Employees over 18	DKK 148.65	DKK 5.95	DKK 0.30		154.90
	Young employees over 17	DKK 105.27	DKK 5.95	DKK 0.30		111.52
	Young employees under 17	DKK 96.65	DKK 5.95	DKK 0.30		102.90
111	Adult employees	DKK 149.60	DKK 5.95	DKK 0.30		155.85
	Young emp. < 2 months' seniority	DKK 88.00	DKK 5.95	DKK 0.30		94.25
	Young emp. > 2 months' seniority	DKK 105.53	DKK 5.95	DKK 0.30		111.78
146	Basic rate	DKK 147.24	DKK 4.95	DKK 0.30		152.49
S/C	Adult employees	DKK 136.00	DKK 5.95	DKK 0.30	DKK 5.27	147.52
	Young employees	DKK 79.89	DKK 5.95	DKK 0.30	DKK 5.27	91.41 + 9% piecework guarantee
OM	Adult employees	DKK 143.80	DKK 5.95	DKK 0.30		150.05
	Young employees under 17	DKK 101.01	DKK 5.95	DKK 0.30		107.26
To- bacco	Hourly-paid employees*	DKK 142.40	DKK 5.95	DKK 0.30		148.65
	Employees under performance-related pay schemes*	DKK 138.12	DKK 5.95	DKK 0.30		144.37
	Minimum rate	DKK 148.84*	DKK 5.95	DKK 0.30		155.09
	Young employees over 16	DKK 80.88	DKK 5.95	DKK 0.30		87.13
Meat	Adult employees	DKK 145.74	DKK 6.85			152.59
	Young employees under 16	DKK 85.59	DKK 6.85			92.44
	Young employees over 16	DKK 96.88	DKK 6.85			103.73
Pro- cessing	Adult employees	DKK 160.60	**			
	Young people over 16 and under 17	DKK 97.76				
	Young people over 17 and under 18	DKK 101.18				

Processing: Young people under 18 may not participate in piecework.

***Tobacco: Payees under (a) or (b) must be remunerated with the minimum payment**

**** Trade allowance: see under Processing**

**Wage rates
As of 26 February 2024**

		Standard wages	Allowance per hour			Total
			Trade Allowance	Hourly Allowance	Other Allowance	
23	Adult employees	DKK 152.57	DKK 5.95	DKK 0.30		158.82
24	Baker's assistants (skilled)	DKK 156.96	DKK 5.95	DKK 0.30		163.21
	Employees over 18	DKK 154.40	DKK 5.95	DKK 0.30		160.65
	Young employees over 17	DKK 109.04	DKK 5.95	DKK 0.30		115.09
	Young employees under 17	DKK 100.11	DKK 5.95	DKK 0.30		106.36
111	Adult employees	DKK 155.35	DKK 5.95	DKK 0.30		161.60
	Young emp. < 2 months' seniority	DKK 91.15	DKK 5.95	DKK 0.30		97.40
	Young emp. > 2 months' seniority	DKK 109.31	DKK 5.95	DKK 0.30		115.56
146	Basic rate	DKK 152.99	DKK 4.95	DKK 0.30		158.24
S/C	Adult employees	DKK 141.75	DKK 5.95	DKK 0.30	DKK 5.27	153.27
	Young employees	DKK 82.75	DKK 5.95	DKK 0.30	DKK 5.27	94.27 + 9 % piece-work guarantee
OM	Adult employees	DKK 149.55	DKK 5.95	DKK 0.30		155.80
	Young employees under 17	DKK 104.63	DKK 5.95	DKK 0.30		110.88
Tobacco	Hourly-paid employees*	DKK 148.15	DKK 5.95	DKK 0.30		154.40
	Employees under performance-related pay schemes*	DKK 143.87	DKK 5.95	DKK 0.30		150.12
	Minimum rate	DKK 154.59*	DKK 5.95	DKK 0.30		160.84
	Young employees over 16	DKK 83.78	DKK 5.95	DKK 0.30		90.03
Meat	Adult employees	DKK 151.49	DKK 6.85			158.34
	Young employees under 16	DKK 88.65	DKK 6.85			95.50
	Young employees over 16	DKK 100.35	DKK 6.85			107.20
Pro- cessing	Adult employees	DKK 166.35	**			
	Young people over 16 and under 17	DKK 101.26				
	Young people over 17 and under 18	DKK 104.80				

Processing: Young people under 18 may not participate in piecework.

***Tobacco: Payees under (a) or (b) must be remunerated with the minimum payment**

**** Trade allowance: see under Processing**

Special provision for: 23, 24, S/C, Tobacco, Processing

23, 24:

Personal wages:

The current higher personal wages are maintained and may not be reduced as a consequence of this collective agreement as long as the employees in question work for the same employer.

S/C:

If the normal pay date falls on a weekday holiday, the wages or an on-account amount must be made available to the employee two days before such weekday holiday. The on-account amount must, as far as possible, correspond to the wages earned. The final amount of the wages for the period in question is settled at the time of the next ordinary wage payment.

Where piece-rates, incentive bonus or other bonus schemes have not been introduced for functions where it would be possible and expedient, a piecework guarantee payment or a personal allowance of at least 9% of the current hourly wages is paid, unless separate compensation is paid for this.

At enterprises where the allowance of 9% has been converted, this must be updated in accordance with the new basis of calculation for determining the hourly wages.

Tobacco:

Wage statistics

The enterprise is obliged to prepare wage statistics and surrender them to the shop stewards.

Hourly-paid employees

Hourly-paid employees are employees who are paid by the hour without performance-related allowances.

Employees under performance-related pay schemes

Employees under performance-related pay schemes are employees who are paid a basic hourly rate plus a performance-related allowance.

General provisions for hourly-paid employees

Adjustment of wages

The parties to the collective agreement agree that future adjustments of wages in connection with the renewal of collective agreements and any other general adjustments of wages must be made in accordance with the provisions laid down for employees receiving standard wages.

Processing:

Remuneration structure and payment rates

As of 27 February 2023		The wage scheme of the business	
		Basic rate **	Piecework rates cf. the Framework Agreement *
- hourly allowance	(DKK/hour)	85.75	85.75
- basic rate	(DKK/hour)	68.85	68.85
- piecework guarantee	(DKK/hour)	6.00	-
Hourly rate in total	(DKK/hour)	160.60 **	154.60
+ Trade allowance	(DKK/hour)	3.15	3.15
Piecework *		-	Variable wages cf. amount produced
- piecework basis	(DKK/earned piecework hour)	-	70.34

As of 26 February 2024		The wage scheme of the business	
		Basic rate Basic rate **	Piecework rates cf. the Framework Agreement *
- hourly allowance	(DKK/hour)	85.75	85.75
- basic rate	(DKK/hour)	68.85	68.85
- piecework guarantee	(DKK/hour)	11.75	-
Hourly rate in total	(DKK/hour)	166.35 **	154.60
+ Branchetillæg	(DKK/hour)	3.15	3.15
Piecework *		-	Variable wages cf. amount produced
- piecework basis	(DKK/earned piecework hour)	-	75.18

* The enterprise has agreed to the Framework Agreement pertaining to method development and piecework (see page 128)

* and ** Any locally agreed fixed hourly rate – such as the hourly wage rate total in the above annual tables – must be increased by DKK 6.00/hour as of 27 February 2023 and a further 5.75 DKK/hour as of 26 February 2024. This allowance shall be payable for all hours.

** For other enterprises not having agreed to the provisions of the framework agreement, the employees shall be remunerated with an hourly piecework guarantee of DKK 6.00 as of 27 February 2023 and DKK 11.75 as of 26 February 2024. This allowance shall be payable for all hours.

Hourly allowance shall be payable for all hours.

Seniority in relation to trade allowance is calculated by summing up periods of employment in the same group, which may be interrupted by a maximum period of six months' duration. Seniority will be annulled if the employee gives notice.

An employee performing particularly important work in a satisfactory way may be paid a bonus for such work. Such bonus will cease to apply if the employee is transferred to other work.

Trade allowance

A trade allowance of DKK 3.15 per hour will be payable to employees with a seniority of six months or more.

In the absence of a local agreement on full or partial adoption of the framework agreement regarding method development and piecework, a trade allowance of DKK 5.25 per hour will be payable.

Seniority in respect of trade allowance is calculated by summing up employment periods within the same group which may be interrupted by a maximum period of six months' duration.

Seniority will be annulled if the employee gives notice.

Wage payment

The payroll period may be extended to two weeks. In such case, all members of NNF and apprentices will be paid DKK 100.00 per year.

Such amount will be calculated and paid quarterly to the local branch for use for social and cultural purposes for the members employed at the enterprise.

In enterprises where the payroll period has been extended to two weeks at least one year prior, the enterprise can extend the payroll period to four weeks. The transition to four weeks' wage requires at least two months' notice.

In relation to the four-week wage transition, the employee is entitled to an advance payment equal to the net wage that the individual in question would have expected to receive in the following payroll period, unless otherwise agreed.

The advance payment is paid at the point when the two weeks' wage for the first time is not paid in full. The amount is repaid through pay deductions over the following 12 four-week periods with 1/12th of the payment amount per four-week period, unless otherwise agreed. However, the remaining amount is deducted from the last wage payment if the employee gives notice.

Payment of wages is to be made into the employee's bank account, and wages must be available at the beginning of bank business hours on the following day.

The parties to the collective agreement have agreed to discuss the above provisions to the collective agreement with a view to updating the text.

12. Special allowances, seniority, staggered working hours etc.

Special provision for: 23, 24, 111, 146, S/C, Meat, Processing

23, 24:

If no other similar or higher allowance is paid in addition to the wages stipulated by collective agreement, the employee is entitled to a seniority allowance in accordance with the following rules:

23:

After one year: DKK 0.58 per hour
After two years: DKK 0.69 per hour
After four years: DKK 0.86 per hour

24:

After two years: DKK 28.69 per week
After five years: DKK 45.89 per week

111:

The following seniority allowance is paid:
After one year: DKK 1.43 per hour
After three years: DKK 2.01 per hour
The allowance may be calculated daily or weekly.

146:

After one year: DKK 1.75 per hour

Seniority is calculated by adding up employment periods in the same trade (trade means flour mill and grist mill, respectively) and will only be lost if the employee gives notice or refuses to turn up for work when an enterprise offers employment after a period of redundancy.

Employment periods will only be included if the employee has been reemployed in the trade within one year.

S/C:**Compensation allowance in clause 11**

Such compensation allowance is not included in the calculation of allowance for piecework, staggered working hours, overtime, shift work and the like.
The compensation allowance must be clearly indicated on the individual pay slips.

Dirty work allowance

An allowance is paid for grinding and packing of cocoa powder, depowdering and/or powder casting as well as coating of liquorice.

- As of 27 February 2023, such allowance amounts to DKK 6.54 per hour.
- As of 26 February 2024, the allowance will be increased to DKK 6.77 per hour.

The same allowance is paid for liquorice boiling, fire-boiling and firing in connection with cocoa roasting (not by gas or electricity), washing of tins and moulds not using machines, cherry and plumb pitting, sugar sifting, work by dragée cauldrons and production of fruit pulp.

Such allowance is paid for full working days, as a minimum.

Note 1:

If the above processes are changed in such a way that the nuisance is removed or reduced, the removal or reduction of the above allowances may be negotiated.

Note 2:

The parties to the collective agreement agree that for enterprises with work conditions comparable to the above (very dusty or very dirty conditions), payment of the same allowance may be negotiated locally.

Meat:**Training of apprentices and induction of new employees**

Employees who train apprentices and induct new employees are paid the average wages of the past four weeks of own income.

Samples, testing and running-in of machinery

During periods of testing new methods, developing new products and/or running in of machinery, the employee will be paid the average of the preceding week. Piece workers will be paid the average piecework hourly rate. (Example: Week 38 will be the reference week for the calculation of work performed in week 40). The above wages must also be paid where the work is overtime.

Staggered working hours

Staggered working hours are between 6.00 pm and 5.30 pm.

For work outside of the hours of 6.00 pm to 5.30 am, the following allowance is paid:

	As of 27 February 2023	As of 26 February 2024
From 6 pm to 10 pm	DKK 20.47	DKK 21.19
From 10 pm to 5.30 am	DKK 23.69	DKK 24.52

Processing:

Special allowances

Low-temperature allowance

equals DKK 8.62/hour as of 27 February 2023 and DKK 8.92 as of 26 February 2024.

Staggered breaks

The following allowances are paid for staggered meal breaks:

- As of 27 February 2023: DKK 6.45 per meal break
- As of 26 February 2024: DKK 6.67 per meal break

Working meal breaks

If an employee stays at the machines, boilers etc. without taking meal breaks, the following allowance is paid:

- As of 27 February 2023: DKK 45.37 per meal break
- As of 26 February 2024: DKK 46.73 per meal break

Weekend work (employees employed pursuant to clause 8 – special provisions for processing)

The wages according to the collective agreement for the hours worked plus an allowance per hour for Saturdays and Sundays are paid as follows:

The 24-hour Saturday period	As of 27 February 2023	As of 26 February 2024
From 2 pm to 10 pm	DKK 51.40	DKK 53.20
From 10 pm to 6 am	DKK 68.54	DKK 70.94
The 24-hour Sunday period	DKK 92.61	DKK 94.82

Weekday holidays falling on Saturdays and Sundays are days off with weekday holiday payment.

Sickness benefit is paid, cf. the Danish Act on Sickness Benefits, just as ATP is paid, cf. the applicable rules. In addition, the rules of the Danish Holiday Act apply.

Work outside of the hours of 6.00 am and 6.00 pm (for shift work)

Shall be paid the following hourly allowance (calculated by the minute):

	As of 27 February 2023	As of 26 February 2024
From 6 pm to 10 pm	DKK 20.47	DKK 21.19
From 10 pm to 6 am	DKK 23.69	DKK 24.52

Work during the second and third shift in pursuance of clause 3 (2), Stipulation for Processing, in addition to the above allowance an equalization allowance plus trade allowance, if any, shall be payable by the following hourly allowances (calculated by the minute):

Rates w.o./piecework	As of 27 February 2023	As of 26 February 2024
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Equalization allowance		
All 34 hours	DKK 14.17	DKK 14.68
Trade allowance DKK 5.25		
All 34 hours	DKK 0.46	DKK 0.46

Rates w/piecework	As of 27 February 2023	As of 26 February 2024
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Equalization allowance		
All 34 hours	DKK 13.64	DKK 13.64
Trade allowance DKK 3.15		
All 34 hours	DKK 0.28	DKK 0.28

Rates w.o./piecework	As of 27 February 2023	As of 26 February 2024
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Equalization allowance		
All 34 hours	DKK 14.17	DKK 14.68
Trade allowance DKK 5.25		
All 34 hours	DKK 0.46	DKK 0.46

Rates w/piecework	As of 27 February 2023	As of 26 February 2024
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Equalization allowance		
All 34 hours	DKK 13.64	DKK 13.64
Trade allowance DKK 3.15		
All 34 hours	DKK 0.28	DKK 0.28

Shift work on Saturdays, Sundays and weekday holidays

Shall be paid the following hourly allowance is paid (calculated by the minute):

	As of 27 February 2023	As of 26 February 2024
Saturday from 2.00 pm to 10.00 pm	DKK 51.40	DKK 53.20
Saturday from 10.00 pm to 6.00 am	DKK 68.54	DKK 70.94
The 24-hour Sunday period and weekday holidays	DKK 91.62	DKK 94.82

In addition, the ordinary weekdays shift allowance is paid for the second and third shifts such as it has been set out in the above provision.

Staggered working hours, part-time and cleaning work during the hours between 6 pm and 6 am

Shall be paid the following hourly allowance (calculated by the minute):

	As of 27 February 2023	As of 26 February 2024
from 6.00 pm to 10.00 pm	DKK 20.47	DKK 21.19
from 10.00 pm to 6.00 am	DKK 23.69	DKK 24.52

Dayshift work on Saturdays and Sundays

Dayshift work scheduled for Saturdays or Sundays shall be paid the following hourly allowance:

	As of 27 February 2023	As of 26 February 2024
From 2 pm to 10 pm	DKK 20.47	DKK 21.19
From 10 pm to 6 am and the 24-hour Sunday period	DKK 23.69	DKK 24.52

13. Training allowance

A training allowance is paid as follows:

DKK 1.20 (23, 24, 111, 146, S/C, OM, Tobacco)

DKK 1.95 (Meat)

Training allowance is paid to employees with 12 months' employment at the enterprise where such employees have participated in any courses/training sessions offered by the enterprise.

Employees who have refused to participate in such courses/training sessions during the 12-month period will only receive such allowance if they accept an offer to participate in a course.

In connection with the introduction of an incentive payment system, the training allowance is included as a part thereof.

CH. 3 - OVERTIME

14. Overtime

Overtime before and immediately after normal working hours

If the employee is requested to work overtime before normal working hours or immediately after the end of normal working hours, overtime allowance is paid according to the table below.

For overtime before normal working hours and immediately after the end of normal working hours, an allowance is paid per hour or fraction thereof, rounded up to full hours.

Overtime on days off

If employees are requested to work overtime on days off and Sundays and public holidays, this is paid according to the table below.

In the event of a call-out, any transport time to and from the enterprise is considered as overtime.

See the table below and special provisions.

Systematic overtime

The associations agree that to the extent possible, overtime should be avoided but that there may be situations that will necessitate overtime in order to facilitate the operation of the enterprise or punctual completion of orders, obligations etc.

The shop steward must be kept informed about the extent of the overtime.

At enterprises with varying production requirements and where local parties have unsuccessfully tried to achieve a local agreement about varying weekly working hours, the enterprise can give notice of systematic overtime. Systematic overtime can at most constitute five hours per calendar week and one hour per day and must be timed in connection with the individual employee's normal working hours.

Notice must be given of systematic overtime at the latest before the end of normal working hours four calendar days before the week in which the systematic overtime is performed.

Systematic overtime must – unless otherwise agreed between the management and the shop steward of the enterprise – be taken off in lieu as whole days off within a 12-month period after performing such overtime. Excess working hours, which do not entitle to a full working day, are carried on.

The time for lieu days is determined by the employer according to local negotiations between the parties; however, the employee must be given a notice of at least 6 x 24 hours.

Lieu days stemming from systematic overtime cannot be timed in a period of notice unless the enterprise and the employee agree about this.

The parties to the collective agreement agree that the existing possibilities of giving notice of overtime according to the other provisions of the collective agreement are not affected by the possibility of giving notice of systematic overtime.

The parties to the collective agreement also agree that to the extent that changes are made otherwise in connection with the provisions of the collective bargaining negotiations which will affect the above, adjustments must be made accordingly.

The parties to the collective agreement agree that the idea behind the model described was to create the possibility for enterprises with varying production requirements where the local parties have unsuccessfully tried to achieve a local agreement about varying weekly working hours to give notice of systematic overtime in such a way that within a period of maximum 12 months, the systematic overtime must be compensated through lieu days.

The parties to the collective agreement agree to clarify that the model cannot be used for a permanent increase of the enterprise's production capacity in the form of e.g. a permanent 42-hour working week with continuous lieu days unless the local parties agree to this.

The parties to the collective agreement also agree to clarify that this is not a rolling 12-month phase-out period after the same principle as for lieu days for other overtime with a rolling period of four months. Instead, it is a period of a maximum of 12 months from the start of the systematic overtime in which the systematic overtime must be taken as time off in lieu. If time off in lieu is taken for systematic overtime within the expiry of the 12-month period, the overtime is considered as compensated and in case of a new notice of systematic overtime, a new 12-month period will commence.

As of 27 February 2023	23		24		111	146		S/C		OM	To-bacco	Meat	Processing
Calculated on the basis of:	Standard wages		Standard wages		Per-sonal hourly wages	Standard wages		Standard wages		Per-sonal hourly wages			
Per commenced:	minute		minute		minute	half hour		half hour		half hour	half hour	half hour	Hourly
Overtime payment, all hours:												81.00	90.74
Overtime payment, First hour	50%	73.41	50%	*74.33	50%	50%	73.62	33.3%	*45.29	50% (after)	69.61		
Overtime payment, Second hour	50%	73.41	50%	*74.33	60%	75%	110.43	50%	*68.00	50% (after)	69.61		
Overtime payment, Third hour	100%	146.82	100%	*148.65	100%	100%	147.24	50%	*68.00	50% (after)	69.61		
Overtime payment, Fourth hour and more	100%	146.82	100%	*148.65	100%	100%	147.24	100%	*136.00	100% (after)	104.43		
Overtime payment, before normal working hours						100%	147.24	100%	*136.00	100%	112.33		
Overtime payment, up to one hour before normal working hours and after 6.00 am	50%	73.41	50%	*74.33	50%						105.14		

Overtime payment before 6.00 am	100%	146.82			100%	100%	147.24						
Overtime payment, Saturdays			100%	*148.65	100%	100%	147.24	100%	*136.00	100%	112.33		
Overtime payment, Sundays and public holidays	100%	146.82	100%	*148.65	100%	100%	147.24	100%	*136.00	100%	112.33		
Overtime payment, Sundays	100%	146.82	100%	*148.65	100%	100%	147.24	100%	*136.00		112.33		
Two-hour notice						100%	147.24	100%	*136.00	100%			

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Four-hour notice									
Six-hour notice		1 hourly rate (< 1 hour)							
Notice the day before	46.55 (< 2 hour)		108.47 (< 1 hour)			1 hourly rate	1 hourly rate		
For each three-hour period of actual work, break								70.90	30 min.
Overtime, not immediately following the end of normal working hours								See special provisions	See special provisions Payable 3 or 4 hours

* DKK/hour for adult unskilled employees

As of 26 February 2024	23		24		111	146		S/C		OM	Tobacco	Meat	Processing
Calculated on the basis of:	Standard wages		Standard wages		Personal hourly wages	Standard wages		Standard wages		Personal hourly wages			
Per commenced:	minute		minute		minute	half hour		half hour		half hour	half hour	half hour	Hour
Overtime payment, all hours:												83.43	93.46
Overtime payment, First hour	50%	76.29	50%	*77.20	50%	50%	76.50	33.3%	*47.20	50% (after)	71.70		
Overtime payment, Second hour	50%	76.29	50%	*77.20	60%	75%	114.74	50%	*70.88	50% (after)	71.70		
Overtime payment, Third hour	100%	152.57	100%	*154.40	100%	100%	152.99	50%	*70.88	50% (after)	71.70		
Overtime payment, Fourth hour and more	100%	152.57	100%	*154.40	100%	100%	152.99	100%	*141.75	100% (after)	107.56		
Overtime payment, before normal working hours						100%	152.99	100%	*141.75	100%	115.70		
Overtime payment, up to one hour before normal working hours and after 6.00 am	50%	76.29	50%	*77.20	50%								
Overtime payment before 6.00 am	100%	152.27			100%	100%	152.99						
Overtime payment, Saturdays			100%	*154.40	First hour 50% Second hour 60% Thereafter 100%	100%	152.99	100%	*141.75	100%	115.70		
Overtime payment, Sundays and public holidays	100%	152.27	100%	*154.40	100%	100%	152.99	100%	*141.75	100%			
Overtime payment, Sundays	100%	152.27	100%	*154.40	100%	100%	152.99	100%		100%			
Two-hour notice						100%	152.99						
Four-hour notice													
Six-hour notice			1 hourly rate (< 1 hour)										
Notice the day before	47.95 (< 2 hour)				111.72 (< 1 hour)			1 hourly rate		1 hourly rate			

For each three-hour period of actual work until break								73.02	30 min.
3 - Overtime, not immediately following the end of normal working hours								See made to special provisions	See special provisions Payable 3 or 4 hours

* DKK/hour for adult unskilled employees

Special provision for: 146, S/C, OM, Tobacco, Meat, Processing

146:

1 May

For overtime on 1 May after 12 noon, an allowance of 100% is paid.

S/C:

Overtime wages

Overtime allowance is calculated on the basis of the hourly rates shown in the table in clause 11.

Where the employer requires that piecework is performed outside of normal working hours, employees will receive overtime allowance in addition to the piece rate, cf. the table in clause 14.

When calculating overtime, the time spent on meal and rest breaks will be deducted, cf., however, clause 17, Special provision for S/C, just as absence during the normal daily working hours on the day in question will be deducted from the hours worked, unless the reason for such absence was not attributable to the employee and it was notified to and approved by the employer.

If an enterprise reduces operations for short or long periods of time such that the daily or weekly working hours are reduced, overtime allowance will only be paid for the hours which would normally be subject to overtime allowance.

The Danish Constitution Day (5 June) is considered a public holiday.

Tobacco:

Any existing, locally agreed, more favourable agreements on overtime payment cannot be curtailed as a result of the above provisions.

The organisations agree that to the extent possible, overtime should be avoided but that there may be situations that will necessitate overtime in order to facilitate the operation of the enterprise or punctual completion of orders, obligations etc.

Overtime payment is made per half hour.

Meat:

Overtime

Work on days off

For work on days off, at least four hours of overtime allowance is paid.

General provisions on overtime

If an employee is late for work, for every quarter hour or a part thereof, a quarter hour will be deducted.

Processing:

Overtime not immediately after the end of normal working hours

If employees are required to work overtime not immediately after the end of normal working hours, overtime payment is paid in accordance with the provision below on "Work on days off".

Overtime, call-out

Where employees are called out from home for required overtime work outside of the normal working hours (incl. Sundays and weekday holidays), overtime allowance is paid for a minimum of four hours, including the transport time to and from the enterprise.

Work on days off

For required collective work on days off which finishes before 10.00 am or is due to circumstances that are not attributable to the employer, overtime allowance for a minimum of three hours is paid. For other work which finishes after 10.00 am, overtime allowance for a minimum of four hours is paid. For other work which finishes after 10.00 am, overtime allowance for a minimum of four hours is paid.

Specific employees performing different service functions are paid for a minimum of two hours, or at least three hours if the work finishes after 12 noon. For overtime on Constitution Day (5 June) of up to one hour immediately after the end of normal working hours, overtime allowance for two hours is payable.

Overtime on special occasions

If overtime is scheduled for weeks with weekday holidays or periods with large supplies, a plan for this must be discussed with the shop steward and notice must be given well in advance.

The principles to be used for such planning must be discussed in the works council.

15. Notice of overtime

The provisions in the box above do not apply to Tobacco.

Notice of overtime for more than one hour must, as far as possible, be given the day before.

In the absence of such notice, one hour's standard wage according to the collective agreement must be paid.

Special provision for: 146, Meat and Processing

146:

If overtime is required, notice must be given to each of the employees at least two hours before the end of normal working hours with the exception of standard work not exceeding one hour.

If the employer requests that the employees work overtime without giving the prescribed notice, an allowance of 100% is paid for the first hour of overtime = twice (hourly rate + overtime allowance).

Meat:

Notice of overtime not exceeding one hour is not required. Notice must be given of overtime exceeding one hour the preceding day before the end of normal working hours, at the latest.

Processing:

On the day after a Sunday or weekday holiday, notice of overtime must be given before the first meal break stipulated by the collective agreement on the day in question.

Such notice is not required in the event of breakdown of machinery or other circumstances of which the employer has no control.

An employee who is prevented from participating in such overtime work must notify the foreman when the notice is given.

16. Time off in lieu

The parties to the collective agreement agree that overtime work must be performed to the required extent and that overtime must be limited as far as possible.

The individual employees are entitled to take the number of hours off corresponding to the number of overtime hours worked.

If employees wish to exercise this right to take time off in lieu, the enterprise must be notified, and the rules must be discussed locally.

Time off in lieu must be scheduled for a point in time that is convenient to both the enterprise and the individual employee.

17. Meal breaks and other breaks during overtime

Provisions do not apply to Tobacco, OM, Meat

For overtime of more than one hour's actual work, the employee is entitled to a 15-minute paid break.

For overtime remunerated by more than three hours, the employee is entitled to a 30-minute paid break.

Special provision for: S/C and Processing

S/C:

Meal breaks during overtime

For overtime of more than one hour, employees are entitled to a 30-minute unpaid break. For overtime of more than two hours, employees are entitled to an additional 30-minute break which will be included in the overtime.

Processing:

Meal breaks during overtime and work on days off will not be deducted from the hourly payment.

In connection with overtime on days off, employees are entitled to meal breaks at the times when such breaks are taken on normal working days. If overtime ends before 1.00 pm, only one meal break is held.

Overtime before normal working hours

If the overtime work is started one hour before normal working hours, a 15-minute rest break is taken. If the overtime work is started two hours before normal working hours, a 30-minute rest break is taken.

Overtime after normal working hours

For overtime of more than one hour, a 30-minute rest break is taken before the start of the overtime work. In addition, a 30-minute rest break is taken for every three hours of actual overtime work.

18. Overtime on shift work or shift work within processing

For overtime for employees on shift work, overtime allowance is paid in addition to the applicable shift allowance. Cf. clause 4 of the shift work agreement page 111.

Processing:

A - Before or immediately after normal working hours

For overtime before or immediately after the second and third shifts, overtime allowance is paid in addition to the applicable shift allowance.

B - Not immediately before or after normal working hours

For overtime which is not immediately before or after the normal working hours of the second and third shifts, overtime allowance is paid.

C - Weekday holidays and days off

Overtime on days off, including weekday holidays, is excluded from the provisions in B above if such overtime is scheduled for the normal working hours for the shift on weekdays.

Overtime allowance and the shift allowance for weekdays are paid.

For overtime on weekday holidays, the weekday holiday advance is paid, cf. the provisions on weekday holidays.

CH. 4 - EMPLOYMENT PROVISIONS AND TERMINATION

19. Employment provisions

1. When employees are employed for more than one month with average weekly working hours exceeding eight hours, an employment contract is to be prepared. Such contract must be handed to the employee one month after the start of employment, at the latest. The employment contract must contain the same information as a minimum, as stated in the employment contract found on page 109.
2. If the information stated in the employment contract is changed or in case of changes concerning stationing under section 7, written information must be given to the employee as soon as possible and at least one month after the change has taken effect.
3. The parties to the collective agreement recommend referring to the published employment contract on page 109.
4. If an employment contract has not been provided to the employee within the deadlines fixed in subclauses (1), (2), or (5), the issue may be settled in accordance with the provisions in the collective agreement on settlement of industrial disputes. Fines cannot be incurred on the employer if, within five days after an instruction having been given at a meeting between the organisations to deliver the employment contract, the employer has fulfilled this instruction unless it is a matter of systematic breach of the provisions on employment contracts.
5. For employments before 1993, reference is made to the Act on Employment Contracts. Also see page 176 of the protocol.
6. When employees are stationed abroad for a period of more than one month, a written agreement must be made prior to the commencement of the stationing about working hours, wages and working conditions, transport, the currency in which wages are to be paid, any special allowances in the form of cash or benefits-in-kind, including board and lodging, the expected duration of the work to be performed abroad, any insurances taken out for the employee and the terms of any subsequent continuation of the employment in Denmark. This provision supplements the above provisions on employment in Denmark. Also see the protocol on posting abroad (page 152).

20. Employment of foreign employees

The parties to the collective agreement agree that it may be expedient for the enterprise to provide accommodation, transport etc. to foreign employees during their stay in Denmark.

The parties to the collective agreement also agree that it should be up to such employees to decide whether to conclude an agreement with the enterprise on the purchase of services related to the employment relationship, and that it, according to the parties' interpretation, would be in contravention of the collective agreement to make an employment relationship conditional on the employees concluding such agreement.

In addition to this, the parties to the collective agreement agree that employees who have concluded a voluntary agreement with the enterprise on the purchase of services must be given the opportunity to terminate such agreement giving one month's notice to expire at the end of a month, unless another shorter notice period has been agreed.

If DI's members conclude such voluntary agreements with its foreign employees, the parties to the collective agreement agree that payment for such services may be deducted from their wages.

21. Termination - Employer

For employees who have been employed at the same enterprise for the periods of time provided below without other interruptions than those mentioned below, the following notice periods apply. See the table below.

The employee must resign at the end of a working week (does not apply to 24, Tobacco). Those working weekends, however, resign at the end of the 24-hour Sunday period.

Subject to written agreement, an employee may continue to work for up to 14 days after the time of resignation notified without a new notice being required (only applies to 111 and S/C).

	After week(s)	After month(s)	After year(s)	Notice
23			1 year 2 years 5 years	1 week 2 weeks 4 weeks
24		6 months	2 years 5 years	1 week 3 weeks 4 weeks
111		9 months	2 years 5 years	2 weeks 4 weeks 6 weeks
146		3 months	1 year 2 years 4 years 8 years	1 week 2 weeks 3 weeks 4 weeks 5 weeks
S/C		0-6 months 6-12 months	1 year 3 years 5 years 6 years	7 calendar days 2 weeks 3 weeks 4 weeks 6 weeks
OM employed on hourly wages and monthly wages after 1 June 1985 <i>x) Reference is made to: Protocols</i>		6 months	1 year 5 years	1 week 3 weeks 4 weeks
Tobacco (6-day week)			1 year 2 years 3 years 5 years 6 years The age of 50 and 8 years	9 working days 18 working days 36 working days 45 working days 54 working days 90 working days
Meat	8 weeks	From the age of 18. For apprentices who have served their apprenticeships at the same enterprise, the apprenticeship period is included	1 year 2 years 5 years 8 years	1 week 2 weeks 3 weeks 6 weeks 9 weeks
Processing	13 weeks		1 year 2 years 4 years 6 years	1 week 2 weeks 4 weeks 5 weeks 6 weeks

22. Termination - Employee

	After week(s)	After Month(s)	After year(s)	Notice	For resignation on:
23	If an employee resigns from the enterprise without giving at least three days' notice, the employee will be obliged to pay compensation to the enterprise corresponding to the hourly wages for the number of days of non-compliance.			3 days	
24	After six months of employment, the employee must give at least three days' notice. If an employee resigns from the enterprise without giving at least three days' notice, the employee will be obliged to pay compensation to the enterprise corresponding to the hourly wages for the number of days of non-compliance.		6 months	3 days	
111		9 months	5 years	7 days 14 days	At the end of the week
146		3 months	3 years	7 days 21 days	At the end of the payroll week
S/C		< 6 months > 6 months	5 years 10 years	day-to-day 7 days 14 days 28 days	If the employee fails to give notice, he or she must pay compensation to the employer corresponding to the hourly wages for the number of days of non-compliance.
OM			1 year 3 years	3 days 6 days	
Tobacco			1 year 2 years and above	3 working days 6 working days	
Meat	8 weeks and above			7 days	Friday at the end of working hours
Processing	13 weeks and above			7 days	Friday at the end of working hours

Termination by the employee

Notwithstanding the employee's duty to give notice, the employer should not refuse to agree to earlier resignation if the employee documents that the employee would only be able to accept an offer for a permanent position if the notice period is waived.

Special provision for: OM

Reference is made to: *Protocols*, page 145.

23. Dismissal in connection with sickness, injury and holiday

Provisions do not apply to Meat and Processing

Employees with more than six months' seniority at the enterprise are protected against dismissal during absence due to illness and injury, within the first 14 days of the absence period.

Special provision for: Meat and Processing

Meat, Processing:

Dismissal during absence due to sickness, injury and holiday

1. An employee may not be dismissed during absence due to injury and holiday. This also applies to employees who have been absent due to sickness for more than three weeks at the time of dismissal, cf. however subclause (2) below.

Such dismissal is subject to prior consultation with the shop steward.

2. However, after absence due to sickness for a consecutive period of more than 13 weeks or periods of a total of 26 weeks during the immediately preceding 12 months, the employment is regarded as having been terminated.

This does not apply to employees who are injured during working hours or employees with at least two years' seniority, provided that they have notified the enterprise in writing on a reply card submitted by the enterprise that they wish to continue their employment with the enterprise before the expiry of the above deadlines. This must be confirmed every 13 weeks.

After one year of absence, the employment is generally regarded as having been terminated.

For absence reported on 3 July 2023 or later, the following shall apply:

- a. For absence owing to sickness, dismissal cannot take place except in the following cases:
 - An employee can be dismissed if, on the date of dismissal, he/she has been absent owing to sickness for less than 2 weeks.
 - An employment relation shall be considered to be terminated when the employee has been absent owing to sickness for an unbroken period of more than 18 months.

The following shall apply to **Processing**:

The above shall not apply to employees who has been injured within working hours and who, as a consequence thereof, have been entitled to supplementary sickness allowance cf. clause 47 of the collective agreement – special provision for Processing "Supplementary allowances in connection with industrial injury" or for employees with recognised critical sickness in pursuance of the Slaughterhouses' Group Life Insurance. In such cases, the employment relation shall generally be considered to be terminated after 1 year's absence.

In both the above cases, the employer may be entitled to severance pay provided that the criteria set out in subclause 2 of clause 25, special provision for Processing, are met.

In respect of **Meat**, the following shall apply:

The above shall not apply to employees who has been injured within working hours and who has submitted timely report and documentation of such injury or to employees with recognised critical sickness in pursuance of the Food Industry's Group Life Insurance. In such cases, the employment relation shall generally be considered to be terminated after 1 year's absence.

In both the above cases, the employee may be entitled to severance pay on the provision that the criteria of clause 25 of the Framework are met.

- b. Termination cannot take place during absence owing to holiday
- 3. If an employee is dismissed at such a time that the employee's planned holiday will fall fully or partly within the notice period, the employee is entitled to request a postponement of the holiday until after the notice period. The enterprise must accommodate such a request as far as possible.

Dismissal in connection with company closures and mass redundancies

- a In respect of company closures:

All employees may be dismissed, including employees who are absent at the time of dismissal due to sickness, injury and holiday.

- b. Closure of production departments:

All employees in the relevant department may be dismissed, including employees who are absent at the time of dismissal due to sickness, injury and holiday.

- c. Discontinuation of production affecting several production departments:

All employees who work primarily on the relevant production may be dismissed, including employees who are absent at the time of dismissal due to sickness, injury and holiday.

- d. Mass redundancies where the enterprise selects employees from among all employees at the enterprise:

Employees who are absent due to sickness for more than three weeks, absent due to injury or holiday may not be dismissed.

Further reference is made to the Danish Act on Mass Redundancies and the guidelines therefor. In the event of disagreement between the local parties on the dismissals, an industrial procedure may be instituted.

24. Seniority provisions, interruption, loss

a. The employment is not interrupted:

1. during sickness
2. during military service
3. during pregnancy, maternity, paternity and parental leave
4. In case of reemployment if the interruption of employment was due to machine stoppage, material shortage, shortage of work or the like.

b. The following periods of absence are included in seniority calculations:

1. childcare leave created by law
2. pregnancy, maternity, paternity and parental leave
3. sickness for up to three months (does not apply to Meat and Processing)
4. military service for up to three months (does not apply to Meat and Processing)

5. in connection with unemployment for more than 14 days due to lack of work, only the first 14 days are included in seniority calculations (does not apply to Processing).

c. Term of Notice lapses:

1. in connection with unemployment due to other employees striking
2. in connection with machine stoppage, material shortage or other force majeure which stops operations fully or partly.

d. Dismissal without due notice:

1. If an employee who is entitled to receive notice is dismissed without due notice being given, the employer must pay compensation to such employee corresponding to the hourly wages for the number of days of non-compliance.

e. Recovery of seniority

1. Employees, who have been dismissed with at least one week's notice or more, cf. clause 21, and employees without notice period who are interrupted in their work due to shortage of work or one of the reasons mentioned in clause 24(a) and 24(b), will resume their previously achieved seniority at the enterprise if the employee is re-employed within nine months from the dismissal.
2. The seniority is accumulated.

f. Time off for guidance at dismissal

Employees who are dismissed with the notice according to clause 21(1) due to restructurings, job-cuts, company closure or other matters pending in the enterprise are entitled to wages during time off for up to two hours to seek guidance from the unemployment benefit office/the union. The time off is timed as quickly as possible after the dismissal and under due consideration of the production at the enterprise.

Special provision for: 23, 24, 111, 146, S/C, OM, Tobacco, Meat, Processing

23, 24, 111:

The provision on normal weekly working hours does not preclude the enterprise from reducing the weekly working hours for all or some of the employees for some reason or other, such as insufficient sales.

Notice of such reduction, which must be avoided as far as possible, must be given two days in advance, unless special circumstances render this impossible.

If the enterprise has to reduce operations for one or more hours on one day for reasons not attributable to the employees, the employer is not entitled to deduct from the employees' wages.

Following a temporary interruption of operations, the employer must mainly take on employees who have previously been employed in the industry.

24:

Employees who are or have been employed at a biscuit, cake and wafer factory for at least one year will keep their seniority if they are employed at a similar enterprise, provided that they are employed to do similar work and they have not left the industry for more than one year.

In addition, in order to keep seniority, the employee must present the required documentation before the end of the current payroll week.

Seniority is calculated by adding up employment periods in the same trade (trade means flour mill and grist mill, respectively) and will only be lost if the employee gives notice or refuses to turn up for work when an enterprise offers employment after a period of redundancy.

Employment periods will only be included if the employee has been reemployed in the trade within one year.

146:

The notices stipulated in subclause (1) above may be reduced to 24 hours in the event that a strike in another area prevents production and distribution at the mills. However, it is assumed that the employees who have been dismissed are reemployed first on resumption of work.

S/C:

Seniority provisions

1. Employees dismissed in accordance with the provisions stated in the box in clause 21 or as a result of interruption of operations as described in the box above, who accept reemployment at the same enterprise when offered within a period of one year, will keep the seniority earned previously at the enterprise. If the employees are able to document that they have not had other work in the period of unemployment during a period of two years, the above will be increased from one to two years. However, these provisions do not apply if the work offered is for less than two months during the Christmas season.
2. Employees dismissed in accordance with the provisions stated in the box in clause 21 or as a result of interruption of operations as described in the box above, who are reemployed at the same enterprise at their own request without such reemployment having been offered to them, will not keep the seniority earned previously at the enterprise.
3. Employees who have resigned but who are later reemployed, whether at their own request or not, will not keep the seniority earned previously at the enterprise.

OM:

However, employees who have been dismissed by the enterprise giving the required notice may be offered reemployment for a shorter period than the notice period, subject to written notice in each case at the start of work. If employment is extended for more than 14 days (two working weeks), a renewed notice must be given relative to the seniority earned.

Tobacco:

In addition, seniority is earned during periods of unemployment due to temporary closure caused by lack of work, machine stoppage, force majeure and during other absence agreed with the employer.

With regard to the calculation of seniority, absence due to legal work stoppage is included in the seniority calculations.

If an employee is dismissed from an enterprise and the employer fails to observe the above rules, the case may be settled as an industrial dispute. The same applies if an employee leaves an enterprise without giving the required notice.

Employees who have earned seniority at an enterprise will lose such seniority if they leave the enterprise of their own accord or at their own fault, and otherwise if they are not reemployed within one year from the day of resignation. If a young employee continues to work at an enterprise after having attained the age of 18, the period of employment before such time will be included in the seniority calculations.

"Working days" during the notice period include Saturdays off and any days off in lieu in accordance with the applicable rules.

The employer is not obliged to give notice of transfer of an employee from one position to another at the same enterprise.

If the employee is dismissed due to infringement of the regulations applicable to the enterprise, including unlawful removal of raw material, semi-finished products, finished products, tools and equipment and the like or due to infringement of the tobacco product and visitation regulations, the employer will not be obliged to give notice.

The employer is not obliged to give notice if the dismissal is due to other employees' wildcat strike or notice of a strike, or if operations are fully or partly discontinued due to force majeure, material shortage, machine stoppage or the like - including closure for up to two weeks due to shortage of work - which is not attributable to the enterprise.

Meat:

On dismissal, the local shop steward or spokesperson must be notified.

Employees dismissed due to shortage of work are guaranteed at least 11.11% more than the highest rate of unemployment benefits during the period of unemployment. If the employees are released from their duties during the period of unemployment, the same rate is payable.

Meat, Processing:

Compensation for failure to give notice

If an employee resigns from the enterprise without giving due notice, such employee must pay compensation to the employer corresponding to his or her hourly wages for the number of days of non-compliance.

However, for employees, such compensation cannot exceed a weekly wage according to the collective agreement.

Summary dismissal

If an employee commits gross misconduct, such employee may be dismissed summarily.

After having notified the shop steward and investigated and assessed the event, the enterprise must instruct the employee to leave the enterprise immediately.

In such event, the employee is only entitled to wages up to the time of such summary dismissal. On the same day, a written report about the event must be prepared. The shop steward is obliged to object immediately in writing if he or she disagrees with the report.

In the event of dismissal where there is no cause of summary dismissal, or where the employer has not immediately exercised its right to dismiss the employee summarily, the employee is entitled to wages for the notice period stipulated by collective agreement. An employee who has been dismissed summarily is always entitled to have his or her case heard at an organisation meeting where he or she is entitled to account for the case.

25. Job security and competence development

Provisions do not apply to Processing and monthly paid OM

Severance pay for employees with long seniority

1. If an employee who has been employed at the same enterprise for a consecutive period of three, six or eight years is dismissed without any fault on his or her part, at the time of the employee's resignation, the employer must pay special severance pay of one, two or three times, respectively, DKK 5,000.00.

2. The provision in subclause (1) above does not apply if the employee has found other employment, receives pension or does not receive unemployment benefits for any other reason at the time of resignation. Finally, severance pay will not be paid if the employee is employed on terms similar to those in the Danish Salaried Employees Act or is already entitled to severance pay, extended notice period or similar terms putting the employee in a more favourable position than the general notice provisions in the collective agreement.

Moreover, reference is made to page 208 of the Protocol on the Parties' shared understanding of the provision on severance pay.

3. Employees receiving severance pay under subclause (1) above and who keep their earned seniority in connection with reemployment will not be entitled to receive severance pay again before the conditions in subclause (1) above have been met in relation to the new employment.
4. For part-time employees, the amount will be reduced pro rata.

The parties to the collective agreement agree that this provision does not apply in connection with lay-off. This applies regardless of the terminology used in the specific case, as long as the employment is interrupted, and such interruption is by nature temporary. If such interruption which was intended to be temporary later proves to be permanent, the employer's obligation under this provision will become effective.

Employees who have been employed at the enterprise for at least two years, and who are dismissed due to restructuring, cutbacks, company closures or other circumstances attributable to the enterprise, are entitled to participate in a relevant course of up to two weeks' duration within, for example, AMU (adult vocational training programmes), FVU (preparatory courses for adults) or other programmes with public grants at employment benefit level, unless the employee (does not apply to Meat) has completed two weeks of further and supplementary training within the past two years.

The grant will be paid to the enterprise.

The employer will cover the costs of participation up to DKK 1,500.00.

The course must be delivered during the notice period.

However, these rules do not apply to employees entitled to early retirement benefits or a pension from the employer or the Danish State.

Special provision for: 146, Processing

146:

Severance pay

If, after resignation, an employee will receive early retirement benefits, state pension or disability pension, an amount corresponding to a minimum of four weeks' wages will be paid. Severance pay is subject to seven years' seniority.

Processing:

Job security agreement

(1) Company closures and mass redundancies

In the event of company closures (with the exception of bankruptcy) and mass redundancies under the Danish Act on Mass Redundancies, the enterprise will pay to the employees having more than four years' seniority at the time of resignation severance pay of DKK 20,000.

In addition, the following is paid for each seniority year:
 From 4 years up to and including 9 years DKK 1,800
 From 10 years up to and including 18 years DKK 2,300
 From 19 years DKK 2,800

The increase will take effect at the start of the seniority year.

Resignation severance pay is paid to employees on care leave, granted under the Danish Act on Social Services, clause 118.

Seniority	Amount (DKK)	Seniority	Amount (DKK)
Up to 4 years	0	24 years/1 day - 25 years	68,300
4 years/1 day - 5 years	21,800	25 years/1 day - 26 years	71,100
5 years/1 day - 6 years	23,600	26 years/1 day - 27 years	73,900
6 years/1 day - 7 years	25,400	27 years/1 day - 28 years	76,700
7 years/1 day - 8 years	27,200	28 years/1 day - 29 years	79,500
8 years/1 day - 9 years	29,000	29 years/1 day - 30 years	82,300
9 years/1 day - 10 years	30,800	30 years/1 day - 31 years	85,100
10 years/1 day - 11 years	33,100	31 years/1 day - 32 years	87,900
11 years/1 day - 12 years	35,400	32 years/1 day - 33 years	90,700
12 years/1 day - 13 years	37,700	33 years/1 day - 34 years	93,500
13 years/1 day - 14 years	40,000	34 years/1 day - 35 years	96,300
14 years/1 day - 15 years	42,300	35 years/1 day - 36 years	99,100
15 years/1 day - 16 years	44,600	36 years/1 day - 37 years	101,900
16 years/1 day - 17 years	46,900	37 years/1 day - 38 years	104,700
17 years/1 day - 18 years	49,200	38 years/1 day - 39 years	107,500
18 years/1 day - 19 years	51,500	39 years/1 day - 40 years	110,300
19 years/1 day - 20 years	54,300	40 years/1 day - 41 years	113,100
20 years/1 day - 21 years	57,100	41 years/1 day - 42 years	115,900
21 years/1 day - 22 years	59,900	42 years/1 day - 43 years	118,700
22 years/1 day - 23 years	62,700	43 years/1 day - 44 years	121,500
23 years/1 day - 24 years	65,500	44 years/1 day - 45 years	124,300
		45 years/1 day - 46 years	127,100

The criteria laid down in the Act for identifying mass redundancies apply; however, the number of redundancies is fixed at 15 employees covered by the collective agreement in relation to entitlement to severance pay under this provision.

The enterprise's payment obligation in connection with redundancies of between 15 and 29 employees covered by the collective agreement will only apply in the event of relocation of all or parts of production or parts thereof from one production site to another in Denmark or abroad. However, this payment obligation will not apply if the cause of the redundancies is seasonal fluctuations or insufficient sales.

It is a condition for payment of severance pay that the employee in question has not been transferred to another position in the group/enterprise and that the employee stays at the enterprise until the planned time of resignation. Employees who have been transferred to another position in the group/enterprise, but who are then dismissed within a period of six months due to shortage of work, are entitled to severance pay.

In connection with company closures and mass redundancies in accordance with the Danish Act on Mass Redundancies, the enterprise is obliged to negotiate the drafting of a social plan with the employees. The purpose of this plan is to offer the affected employees the best possible conditions for planning and realising their future job and training objectives.

(2) Dismissal through no fault of the employee

Employees who are dismissed through no fault of their own and who at the time of dismissal have attained the age of 35 and have a minimum of eight years' seniority are entitled to severance pay of DKK 17,500. In addition, DKK 1,500 per commenced seniority year is paid for each seniority year exceeding eight years.

Resignation severance pay is paid to employees on care leave, granted under the Danish Act on Social Services, clause 118.

It is a condition for payment of this severance pay that the dismissal is not due to other employees striking, cf. the box in clause 24, and that the employee has not received a written offer for reemployment within six months.

The amount may only be paid once.

The increase will take effect at the start of the seniority year.

Seniority	Amount (DKK)	Seniority	Amount (DKK)
Seniority up to 8 years	0	29 years/1 day - 30 years	50,500
8 years/1 day - 9 years	19,000	30 years/1 day - 31 years	52,000
9 years/1 day - 10 years	20,500	31 years/1 day - 32 years	53,500
10 years/1 day - 11 years	22,000	32 years/1 day - 33 years	55,000
11 years/1 day - 12 years	23,500	33 years/1 day - 34 years	56,500
12 years/1 day - 13 years	25,000	34 years/1 day - 35 years	58,000
13 years/1 day - 14 years	26,500	35 years/1 day - 36 years	59,500
14 years/1 day - 15 years	28,000	36 years/1 day - 37 years	61,000

15 years/1 day - 16 years	29,500	37 years/1 day - 38 years	62,500
16 years/1 day - 17 years	31,000	38 years/1 day - 39 years	64,000
17 years/1 day - 18 years	32,500	39 years/1 day - 40 years	65,500
18 years/1 day - 19 years	34,000	40 years/1 day - 41 years	67,000
19 years/1 day - 20 years	35,500	41 years/1 day - 42 years	68,500
20 years/1 day - 21 years	37,000	42 years/1 day - 43 years	70,000
21 years/1 day - 22 years	38,500	43 years/1 day - 44 years	71,500
22 years/1 day - 23 years	40,000	44 years/1 day - 45 years	73,000
23 years/1 day - 24 years	41,500	45 years/1 day - 46 years	74,500
24 years/1 day - 25 years	43,000	46 years/1 day - 47 years	76,000
25 years/1 day - 26 years	44,500	47 years/1 day - 48 years	77,500
26 years/1 day - 27 years	46,000	48 years/1 day - 49 years	79,000
27 years/1 day - 28 years	47,500	49 years/1 day - 50 years	80,500
28 years/1 day - 29 years	49,000	50 years/1 day - 51 years	82,000

(3) General

If the dismissed employee accepts employment at one of the group's other enterprises, no severance pay is payable; however, seniority is transferred to the new employment.

26. Employment contract

The organisations recommend that the employment contract on page 109 be used.

27. Medical examinations

Pursuant to current legislation, food enterprises are obliged to ensure that food is not contaminated by pathogenic microorganisms.

In consideration of the enterprise's operations, the enterprise may request that people provide health information if they come into contact with food.

The purpose of the health status data is to ensure that the new employee does not suffer from sickness, is the carrier of sickness or has had a sickness that can be transferred to food.

The obligation to disclose all relevant information is limited to the above matters.

If the enterprise is to keep the health status data, the employee must give his or her consent to such storage. The information may not be kept for longer than what is necessary in consideration of operations.

28. Employees employed on terms similar to those in the Danish Salaried Employees Act

During the term of the collective agreement, the parties to the collective agreement intend to discuss the possibility of concluding an agreement on appointments on terms similar to those in the Danish Salaried Employees Act.

CH. 5 - HOLIDAY AND TIME OFF

29. Taking holidays

The Danish Holiday Act applies in addition to the agreements stated in the collective agreement, the special provisions and local agreements with special status.

30. Holiday entitlement

- a) The annual holiday to which an employee is entitled is calculated on the basis of the employee's work and amounts to 2.08 days per month of work at the enterprise. In connection with employment of a shorter duration than one month, the holiday entitlement will be calculated in proportion to the duration of the employment period. The right to holiday is also earned during the time when an employee has been on holiday or has been entitled to holiday allowance with clause 39 during a period of absence due to sickness or injury.
- b) Holiday allowance is provided on an ongoing basis and represents 12.5 % of the total paid wages. When calculating holiday allowance, any such additions to the wage or pay elements that are not subject to income tax are disregarded.
- c) During absence due to sickness and injury of more than one day, the employer will calculate holiday allowance from the second day of absence based on the employee's wages in the last four weeks before the absence.
- d) No holiday allowance is payable on the weekday holiday payment.
- e) Clause 20 of the Danish Holiday Act (until 1 September 2020: clause 25) provides sick leave allowance for employees who are not entitled to full pay during sick leave.
- f) Complaints regarding the employer's calculation of holiday allowance must be made by presenting pay slips or other payroll statements.

31. The holiday year

The holiday year runs from 1 September to 31 August. Holiday allowance earned during the holiday year is accrued so that the holiday is taken from 1 September and 16 months on until 31 December.

32. Timing of the holiday

- a) In enterprises where holidays are initiated successively, an employee who has not been fully employed during the previous qualifying year, may claim holiday days reduced in relation to the reduced holiday payment.
- b) If the employee is entitled to three weeks' holiday or less, it must be given and taken in a consecutive period between 1 May and 30 September (holiday period) or at another time as agreed between the employer and the relevant employee – within the holiday year.

Holiday in the first two weeks of the holiday period should as far as possible be allocated to employees wishing to take their holiday at this time. If the employee is entitled to more than three weeks' holiday, the holidays exceeding three weeks must also be taken in a consecutive period but may be taken outside of the holiday period. However, the taking of single holidays may be agreed with employees locally.

- c) The part of the holiday mentioned in The Danish Holiday Act 14(1) can, if a local agreement is made on this - e.g. between the individual employee and the employer - , take place outside the period of 1 May to 30 September (holiday period).
- d) If an employee wishes to take more holidays than those to which he or she is entitled under the Act, such wish may be accommodated, and an agreement must be made before the start of the holiday. The employee will not receive wages during such additional holidays.
- e) If an employee is called up for military service during the holiday period, he must notify his employer no later than three months before the start of military service in order to ensure that the issue of holiday may be settled before the employee leaves the enterprise.
- f) Employees who are fully or partly unable to take their holidays due to military service, sickness, maternity, commitment to one of the institutions of the prison service or other preventive detention, start-up of self-employment or work at home are entitled to have holiday allowance after the expiry of the holiday entitlement period transferred to the subsequent holiday period pursuant to the provisions of the Holidays with Pay Act. In case of the termination of the employment relation, not used holiday can be paid out upon resignation.
- g) If holidays are taken for a full week, the holiday begins at the start of normal working hours on the first normal working day after the end of the holiday.

Special provision for: Tobacco

Tobacco:

If the enterprise closes down for the main holiday to be held in the period from 1 May to 30 September, the employer must inform the employee of the time of the main holiday before 1 January of the year in which the holiday is to be held. In the event of any major production or sales irregularities in the period before 15 May, the time of the main holiday will be renegotiated.

33. Holiday allowance/pay

- a) Holiday allowance corresponding to the length of the holiday is paid on the first payday after the enterprise has received the employee's request for payment from the centralised digital holiday payment solution *Feriepengeinfo*, however no earlier than one month before the holiday is taken.
- b) Holiday allowance paid to employees during paid holidays can be paid prior to the holiday being taken. In such cases it may require deduction upon resignation to the extent that there have been paid holiday allowances for holidays not taken.

34. Transfer of holidays and interrupted holidays

(1) Transfer of holidays

- a) Employee and employer may agree that accrued and non-settled holidays over 20 days can be transferred to the following holiday period.
- b) A maximum of 10 holiday days in total can be transferred.
- c) The employee and employer must enter into a written agreement before 31 December.
- d) If an employee who has transferred holiday resigns before all transferred holiday has been completed, holiday allowance is paid for the remaining transferred holiday days.

- e) In cases where holiday is transferred, the employer must provide written notification to the person paying the holiday allowance before 31 December that the holiday has been transferred.
- f) Holiday corresponding to transferred holiday cannot be deemed included in a notice of dismissal unless the holiday, in accordance with agreement, cf. above, is able to be taken within the notice period

(2) Holiday in advance

At local level, it is possible to enter an agreement on the departure from s.7 of the Holidays with Pay Act as well as s.15 of the Act on the notification of holiday that is not-accrued on the date of the taking. Such a local agreement must be in writing and may solely be entered with a union representative elected pursuant to the rules set out in the collective agreement.

It may thus be agreed that:

the employees are granted up to 5 weeks' holiday at the beginning of the holiday year on 1 September. Employees appointed in the course of the holiday year shall be granted a pro-ratio number of holidays.

The enterprise may give notice of holiday to be taken at a point in time for which holiday has not yet been accrued (notice of "holiday in advance"). The enterprise may not give notice of more holiday than the employee can accrue before the expiry of the holiday year.

If an employee resigns during the holiday year, and if – on the date of resignation – the employee has used more holiday than accrued, the enterprise shall be entitled to set off such holiday against the employee's claim for wages and holiday pay.

Where resignation is owing to dismissal by the enterprise, the enterprise shall not be entitled to set off more holiday than the employee can accrue before his/her resignation, unless the dismissal is owing to the employee's material breach.

In the event of the employee's cancellation or termination of the employment relationship owing to a material breach on the part of the enterprise, set-off cannot be made.

The enterprise shall calculate and pay back holiday pay to the employee, if the employee has been paid less holiday pay than he/she would have received if he/she had not taken "holiday in advance".

(3) Fit to return to work notice in connection with collective holiday closure

If an employee who is on sick leave before the start of the holiday reports as fit for work during a collective holiday closure, the employee resumes work and is entitled to take the holiday at a later date. If it is not possible to offer the employee employment during this period, the holiday is considered to have begun at the time of reporting as fit to return to work. The holiday that the employee in question has been prevented from taking due to sickness is taken as an extension of the originally notified holiday, unless otherwise agreed.

(4) Interrupted holidays

Where holiday is half a day or more, a full day's time off is granted however only with earned holiday pay. Where holiday entitlement amounts to less than half a day, time off elapses while the money is paid.

35. Holidays by the hour

A written agreement can be made locally stating that holidays can be taken by the hour.

In connection with this, it must be ensured that holiday is not taken for fewer hours than the planned number of working hours on the day in question and that the total holiday is not less than five weeks counted as 25 full days, where compensatory days off and working days are included proportionately. Holidays should be taken in full weeks as far as possible.

Holidays must reflect the working week and may not be scheduled exclusively on short or long working days.

36. Payment of holiday money without taking holiday

- a) Holiday allowance for an accrued year is paid to the employee at the beginning of the holiday year by the employer, regardless of whether the holiday is taken when the amount is DKK 1,500 or less after deduction of tax and labour market contributions.
- b) At the end of the holiday year, the holiday allowance is paid to the employee by the employer if the amount is DKK 2,250 or less, after deduction of tax and labour market contributions. If the employee has been permanently employed by the same employer from a point in the accrued year until the end of the holiday year, holiday allowance relating to this employment relationship will only be paid if the amount relates to holidays over 20 days.
- c) At the end of the holiday year, the employer pays wages during holidays and any holiday allowance to the employee if the amount is DKK 2,250 or less after deduction of tax and labour market contributions and if the amount relates to holidays over 20 days.

37. Disagreements

Holiday payment is a part of the employee's wages and, in case of non-payment, it can be recovered through legal proceedings in the same way as wages. Dispute resolution in industrial procedures only concerns those in the collectively agreed deviations from the Danish Holiday Act.

38. Holiday guarantee scheme

- a) The parties to the collective agreement agree that the holiday guarantee scheme is to be used by NNF members working in enterprises under the Collective Agreement for the Food Industry (DIO I).
- b) If an enterprise wishes to keep holiday allowance in the enterprise instead of making ongoing payments to the *FerieKonto* holiday payment scheme, the parties to the collective agreement agree that this can take place. If so, the enterprise must inform the employees of this in writing. In the event of a transition to *FerieKonto* payment the employees must be informed in the same way.
- c) DIO guarantees all earned holiday allowance, including any transferred holiday.

39. Free-choice scheme

The free-choice model was established as a means of accommodating individual employee requests regarding time off, pension and wages.

It is a condition that choices are made in consideration of the need to continue to ensure efficient and competitive production at the individual enterprise.

Accrual scheme

As of 28 February 2022, 9.25% of the employee's holiday-qualifying wages is allocated to the free-choice model.

As of 26 February 2024, 11.25% of the employee's holiday-qualifying wages is allocated to the free-choice model.

Accrual scheme for Processing

As of 28 February 2022, 9.20% of the employee's holiday-qualifying wages is allocated to the free-choice model.

As of 26 February 2024, 11.20% of the employee's holiday-qualifying wages is allocated to the free-choice model.

Use

By 8 December of each year, the individual employee will choose between the options of wages, pension, time-off and family days – to take effect in the subsequent calendar year:

(a) Wages

If the employee chooses wages, the agreed percentage will be paid by instalments, perhaps as a fixed amount.

(b) Pension

To be entitled to choose the pension option, the employee must be covered by a labour market pension under the collective agreement.

If the employee chooses pension, the agreed percentage will be paid by instalments to the pension company as an extraordinary contribution. In connection with calculation of holiday allowance, tax etc., this amount is considered an ordinary pension contribution. Payment of an extraordinary pension contribution does not imply that an employer's contribution must be paid.

(c) Time off

The employee can choose up to five instalments of 0.45%. The selected percentage will be deposited into the employee's savings account.

For **Processing**, it is possible to select up to six installments of 0.45% may to be deposited. The free-choice percentage stipulated by the collective agreement can, when locally agreed, be divided into six equally large amounts on the existing six free-choice portions.

Extra holidays must be taken on an ongoing basis as agreed between the enterprise and the individual employee. Extra holidays must be held and timed in consideration of the enterprise's interests, and the individual employee's preferences must be accommodated as far as possible.

If an employee so requests and the enterprise subsequently accepts such requests, the extra holidays may be converted to and split into hours off.

The extra holidays must be held within one year of the employee earning them, subject to agreement between the enterprise and the individual employee.

In connection with extra holidays, an amount is withdrawn from the employee's free-choice account to cover the relevant income loss. However, the amount disbursed may never exceed the balance from time to time on the employee's free-choice account.

(d) Family days

Employees and staff, who are entitled to take time off at child's first day of sickness, are entitled to two family days per holiday year. Employees can take a maximum of two family days per holiday year, irrespective of how many children the employee has. The rule concerns children under the age of 14.

The days are timed according to agreement between the enterprise and the employee taking the interests of the enterprise into consideration.

Family days are held without wages, but the employee will be able to get payment from his/her free-choice scheme.

For **Processing**, employees who are entitled to family days can divide these into eight equally large portions, of which two portions are to cover family days.

(e) Calculation

If the employee elects free-choice between wages or time off, weekday holidays and pension must be calculated on the basis of this amount.

Combinations

Employees may choose more than one option. However, options may only be chosen once a year and the choice is binding on the employee.

Employees, who are entitled to family days, can choose a further two days as family days.

Settlement of the free-choice account

The free-choice account is settled once a year, at year end. Any balance is paid to the employee in connection with the second payment of wages of the following year, at the latest.

Resignation

Extra holidays may not be taken during the notice period, unless otherwise agreed between the enterprise and the individual employee.

On resignation, the free-choice account will be settled, and any balance will be paid with the last payment of wages from the enterprise.

Processing - sickness and injury absence:

During absence due to sickness or injury for up to six months, during the maternity and paternity leave stipulated by collective agreement and during paid training periods, time off is banked corresponding to 37 hours per year with payment cf. clause 47, Sick Pay, special conditions for Processing.

Increase at application for membership of a DA employers' association

See protocol on page 153.

40. Weekday holidays

Payment for work on weekday holidays either takes the form of an accrual scheme or a wage payment scheme.

New Year's Day, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Monday, Whit Monday, "General Prayer Day" (fourth Friday after Easter), Ascension Day, Christmas Day and Boxing Day are weekday holidays.

41. Weekday holiday account with savings scheme

Provisions do not apply to 146 and Tobacco (see clause 42).

Accrual scheme

In order to secure payment for the employees on weekday holidays, the employer will allocate an amount corresponding to 3.5% of the employee's holiday-qualifying wages for each employee. This amount includes holiday allowance of the weekday holiday payment.

During sickness and injury, weekday holiday payment is allocated from the wages according to the same provisions as apply to the calculation of holiday allowance, cf. the Danish Holiday Act.

Advance payment

Immediately after being employed, the employee is entitled to weekday holiday payment with the advance payment stipulated. If the balance is negative, the deficit will be set off against the next weekday holiday account.

Any amount due to the enterprise may be set off against wages due in connection with the termination of the employment.

The amount accumulated for each employee is calculated at the end of week 26 every year, and is paid with subsequent wages.

If the balance is negative, the deficit will be set off against the next weekday holiday account.

The daily advance payments are:

	Adult employees	Part-time employees	Employees under 18
23	DKK 650.00		DKK 400.00
24	DKK 650.00	DKK 360.00	DKK 400.00
111	DKK 650.00		DKK 400.00
S/C	DKK 650.00		DKK 400.00
OM	DKK 650.00		
Meat	DKK 650.00		DKK 400.00
Processing	DKK 1000.00		
(weekend work	DKK 2000.00		

Conditions for advance payment

1. It is a condition for receiving an advance payment that the employee is working on the last working day before and - to the extent that the employer is willing to employ the employee - the first working day after the weekday holiday(s) and any holiday and/or closing days immediately before or after such weekday holiday(s).
2. Documented sickness or absence not attributable to the employee as well as absence approved by the employer are not considered unlawful absence if the employee obtains such approval from the employer on the first working day after the period of absence.
3. If the employer does not accept the employee's explanation for being absent, the employer must immediately notify the employee in order for the employee to be able to assess, in consultation with the employee's union, whether the employer's refusal to accept the absence is reasonable. Any disagreement on such issue may be made subject to an industrial procedure.

Forfeiture of advance payment

1. In the event that the employee fails to appear for work the day before and/or the day after the weekday holiday(s), and the employee's explanation for being absent is not

approved, the employee will forfeit an amount corresponding to the mentioned advance payment. Such amount will then be deducted from the employee's weekday holiday account; however, no more than the balance on the account.

2. The above provision covers an individual employee's absence. If the absence is due to participation in collective work stoppage, the employee will forfeit his or her right to the above-mentioned advance payment; however, the amount will not be withdrawn from the employee's weekday holiday account, from which any balance will be transferred to holiday payment for the subsequent holiday year.

Work on a weekday holiday

In case of work on a weekday holiday, the employee is entitled to receive the advance payment in addition to the weekday holiday payment stipulated by collective agreement.

Payment

Weekday holiday payment reserved for each employee for the period from week 27 to 26 is paid in the form of an advance payment in connection with the individual weekday holiday.

The above-mentioned advance payment will be made with the wages for the payroll week/period in which the weekday holiday(s) fall(s). If payment cannot be made at this time due to holiday or closure, it will be made on the next pay day.

On resignation, the weekday holiday account will be settled and paid with the last payment of wages.

The advance payments are made for weekday holidays falling on Saturdays off or weekdays off, but not when falling on Sundays.

The above-mentioned advance payment will be made with the wages for the payroll week in which the weekday holiday(s) fall(s). If payment cannot be made at this time due to holiday or closure, it will be made on the next pay day.

On death, the balance on the weekday holiday account will be paid to the deceased's estate.

Special provision for: Processing

Processing:

The weekday holiday rate is a total of 4.00% of the employee's holiday-qualifying wages.

42. Weekday holidays with full-wage scheme

Provisions do not apply to 23, 24, 111, S/C, OM, Meat and Processing

Payment for weekday holidays and extra holidays corresponds to the number of hours that the employee should have worked on the day in question at the same rate as for working hours.

Payment of weekday holiday payment

The weekday holiday payment will be made with the wages for the payroll week in which the weekday holiday(s) fall(s).

Sickness/weekday holidays

If an employee is absent due to sickness on a weekday holiday, no weekday holiday payment will be paid. Instead, sickness benefits in accordance with the provisions of the Danish Act on Sickness Benefits or sick pay will be paid.

If an employee reports fit for work on a weekday holiday, normal weekday holiday payment will be paid.

Holiday/weekday holidays

Weekday holidays cannot be considered holidays as weekday holiday payment is payable for such days.

Work stoppage/weekday holidays

If a weekday holiday falls during a collective work stoppage, no weekday holiday payment will be paid.

Work on a weekday holiday

In case of work on a weekday holiday, the employee is entitled to receive the weekday holiday payment in addition to the payment stipulated by collective agreement.

Special provision for: 146, Tobacco

146:

Time off on weekday holidays

On the night before Maundy Thursday, "General Prayer Day" (fourth Friday after Easter) and Ascension Day, work will stop at 2.00 am.

Tobacco:

Amount of the weekday holiday payment:

Employees are entitled to weekday holiday payment corresponding to their personal average wages. This amount includes holiday allowance of the weekday holiday payment.

For employees on the second and third shifts, the personal average wages will include shift allowance and any other allowances agreed locally.

43. Special days off and payment

Area	1 May	Constitution Day (5 June)	The day of Christmas Eve	The day of New Year's Eve
23	Entitled to stop working at 12 noon. Unpaid leave	Half weekday holiday Half weekday holiday allowance	Normal working day	Normal working day
24	Entitled to stop working at 12 noon. Unpaid leave	Half weekday holiday Half weekday holiday allowance	Normal working day	Normal working day
111	Time off Regarded as weekday holiday Weekday holiday payment	Time off Regarded as weekday holiday Weekday holiday payment	Normal working day	Normal working day
146	Time off between 12 noon and 12 midnight Unpaid leave	Time off between 12 noon and 6.00 am Paid leave	Work stops at 6.00 am Paid leave	Work stops at 6.00 am Paid leave
S/C	Full day off	Time off Regarded as weekday holiday	Normal working day	Normal working day

	No wages, any weekday holiday payment agreed locally	Weekday holiday payment		
OM	Time off Regarded as weekday holiday Weekday holiday payment	Time off Regarded as weekday holiday Weekday holiday payment	Normal working day	Normal working day
Tobacco	Time off Unpaid leave	Time off Regarded as weekday holiday Weekday holiday payment	Normal working day	Normal working day
Meat	Time off Unpaid leave	Time off after 12 noon Half weekday holiday payment	Day off Paid leave	Time off after 4.00 pm Paid leave
Processing	Work ends 12 noon Unpaid leave	Work ends 12 noon Half weekday holiday payment	Day off Paid leave	Day off Paid leave

Special provision for: 23, 24, Tobacco, Processing

23, 24:

1 May and Constitution Day (5 June)

Employees are entitled to stop work at 12 noon on 1 May. On such days, the enterprise is entitled to stop work completely (possibly in selected departments) if management does not consider it expedient to keep the enterprise in operation during the morning hours because of the share of employees wishing to stop work at 12 noon. Wages will only be paid for the hours actually worked.

Tobacco:

1 May

1 May is a day off for the employees. However, employees in dispatch and delivery functions where a day off on 1 May would cause considerable inconvenience to the customers which could not have been remedied beforehand, or employees working with raw material or materials that would be destroyed due to the day off, may work until 12 noon on 1 May and in exceptional cases later than 12 noon.

Employees working until 12 noon on 1 May will receive wages for a full working day.

For work after 12 noon, employees will receive the same hourly rate as they have earned per hour under the above provision during the time from the start of the working hours to 12 noon.

If, in exceptional cases, it is necessary for compelling reasons to work on 1 May, the employees are obliged to do so.

The enterprise must notify the senior shop steward before 28 April of the extent to which work must be performed on 1 May.

Employers accept to limit work on 1 May as far as possible.

1 May is a full day off without payment.

Urgent work on this day must be agreed with the shop steward and paid as overtime.

Processing:

Only one meal break will be held on these days.

In the event of sickness, maternity leave and injury, the payment obligation for 24 and 31 December will apply only for as long as the employer is obliged to pay sickness benefits, sick pay or maternity/adoption pay, cf. part 6.

44. Bereavement

Provisions are only applicable for Tobacco

An employee is entitled to the required days off in connection with the death and funeral of a close relative.

Close relatives include spouse, live-in partner and children.

The days off are paid by the personal average wages for the day shift.

In connection with the death/funeral of a parent, the employee is entitled to one day off with personal average wages for the day shift.

CH. 6 - SICKNESS, MATERNITY, SICK CHILDREN

45. Notification

Notification and documentation are subject to the provisions of the Danish Act on Sickness Benefits, unless otherwise agreed locally.

With due consideration being had to the above, the organisations recommend that local guidelines on the following are agreed:

Notification for day shifts and, if relevant, evening/night shifts
Documentation (e.g. solemn declaration and doctor's certificate or extended doctor's certificate stating the expected duration of the absence due to sickness)
Delay in connection with notification and documentation

All employees must be informed of the agreements and rules agreed in connection with the above.

46. Partial sick day due to sickness/injury

Full wages are paid for the day when sickness or injury occurs during working hours.

Special provision for: Meat, Processing

Meat:

Sickness and injury

In the event of sickness and injury during working hours, the enterprise will pay full wages for the hours worked and the hourly rate according to the collective agreement for the remaining working hours. These are not holiday-qualifying wages.

Processing:

In the event of sickness or injury during working hours, the enterprise will pay full wages for the hours worked. For the remaining working day, the following is paid:

- As of 27 February 2023, full wages up to a maximum of DKK 154.65 per hour
- As of 26 February 2024, the amount increases to DKK 160.00 per hour.

47. Conditions for and payment of wages during sickness absence

The employee must fulfil the conditions in the Danish Act on Sickness Benefits to receive sickness benefits from the employer.

The employer pays wages during sickness absence to employees who have been employed at the enterprise for a continuous period of at least six months and who fulfil the conditions for entitlement to sickness benefits from the employer.

For temporary employment, it is a condition that the employee has at least six months' seniority from the enterprise within the past 18 months.

The employer pays full wages during sickness absence for up to eight weeks from the first full day of sickness absence.

The employer pays full wages during sickness absence for up to nine weeks from the first full day of sickness absence.

In the event of relapse due to the same illness within a period of 14 calendar days from the first working day after the last period of absence, the employer's payment period will be considered as beginning on the first day of absence in the first period of absence.

Sickness and time off in lieu

Sickness is regarded as an inability to take time off in lieu on the condition that the employee reports sick before the start of normal working hours on the day where the taking time off in lieu should have taken place.

If several lieu days have been planned, the inability to take time off in lieu also applies to sickness on any subsequent days.

It is a condition that the employee reports sick in accordance with the rules of the enterprise.

Special provision for: 23, 111, 146, OM, Tobacco, Meat, Processing

23, 111, 146, OM:

Visits to clinics

The enterprise pays up to four hours' wages for absence due to a documented visit to a clinic or specialist treatment (subject to one day's notice from the employee and provided that it is not possible for the treatment to be scheduled outside of the working hours).

111:

In the event of accident and injury, the employer pays wages for up to eight weeks.

146:

Accident

If the sickness caused by accident leads to absence for more than seven weeks, the statutory sickness benefits are supplemented by up to 100% of the employee's average income (immediately before the accident) for up to 15 weeks in accordance with the above calculation.

Sickness

For employees who have been employed for at least 10 months during the past 12 months, if the sickness absence is longer than six weeks, the enterprise will supplement by up to 90% (however, after five years of employment, up to 100%) of the average income in accordance with the above calculation for up to 16 weeks.

Supplementary sick pay is only payable for 17 weeks in a collective agreement year.

OM:

Industrial injury

For industrial injuries at the enterprise reported and accepted by the Danish Working Environment Authority, full wages are paid for up to nine weeks. Within the meaning of this provision, "full wages" means the average of the past two payroll periods, excluding overtime payment for the employee in question.

Reduced incapacity for work

Reduced sickness benefits may be payable in case of reduced incapacity for work in accordance with section 7(2) of the Danish Act on Sickness Benefits.

Wages during sickness or injury absence for monthly-paid employees

- 1) If a monthly-paid employee becomes unfit for work due to illness, the resulting absence will be regarded as lawful absence for the monthly-paid employee, unless the employee has contracted such illness deliberately or by gross negligence during the time of employment, or has fraudulently failed to inform the employer of the illness before the start of employment.

- 2) However, the monthly-paid employee may be dismissed subject to one month's notice to expire at the end of a month if the employee has received continued wages in case of sickness covering a total period of 120 calendar days during the past 12 months.
- 3) In the event of sickness absence of more than 14 days, the enterprise is entitled to request information about the expected duration of the absence due to sickness from the monthly-paid employee's doctor or a specialist designated by such doctor without expense to the monthly-paid employee.
- 4) If the monthly-paid employee fails to comply with the above obligation, the enterprise may terminate the employment without notice.

Tobacco:

Absence due to industrial injury

During absence due to reported industrial injury, the personal average wages will be paid for up to 28 weeks, regardless of the length of the employee's employment.

Meat:

Wages during sickness and injury absence

It has been agreed that the employer will pay wages during sickness and injury absence to employees in accordance with the following guidelines.

For employees with six months' seniority or more, the enterprise pays full wages for up to 13 weeks from the first full day of absence, provided that the sickness or injury has been duly reported and documented. However, the last nine weeks' wages are exclusive of nuisance allowance.

Processing:

Wages during sickness absence

For employees with nine months' seniority or more, the enterprise pays full wages for up to 13 weeks from the first full day of absence, provided that the sickness or injury has been duly reported and documented, albeit the last 9 weeks are exclusive of nuisance compensation:

- As of 27 February 2023, full wages up to a maximum of DKK 154.65 per hour
- As of 26 February 2024, the amount increases to DKK 160.00 per hour.

The above amount is comprised of a supplementary payment to the rate of sickness benefits laid down by law plus labour market contribution.

Supplementary benefits in case of industrial injury

In case of absence due to industrial injury, the sickness benefits will be supplemented so that the sickness benefits and the supplementary benefits make up 100% of the average wages for the past four weeks before the accident.

The right to supplementary benefits also applies to absence due to injury occurring when the employee has changed clothes and is travelling to/from work at the enterprise, but before/after clocking in.

The supplementary benefits will be paid from the first absence day and for a maximum of 20 weeks.

It is a condition that the accident is reported immediately and on the same day to the foreman, that the mandatory safety equipment has been used and that the mandatory safety requirements have been met.

48. Basis of calculation for sick pay

The basis of calculation for sick pay is the employee's expected income loss per working hour, including systematically paid nuisance allowance during the sickness period.

If this amount is not known, the basis of calculation is the employee's income per working hour during the past four weeks before the absence, including systematically paid nuisance allowance and excluding irregular payments which are not related to the working hours actually worked during the period.

If the number of hours worked during the past four weeks is not known, the number of hours is calculated pursuant to the provisions in the Danish Act on Sickness Benefits (the ATP rules), and the sick pay for up to 37 hours a week is calculated as the number of hours multiplied by full wages.

49. Agreement pursuant to section 56 of the Danish Act on Sickness Benefits

If an agreement pursuant to section 56 of the Danish Act on Sickness Benefits has been concluded, the employer will only pay sickness benefits as required by the provisions of the Act, unless the absence is due to another illness than that covered by the agreement pursuant to section 56.

50. Sick children

Employees and apprentices in training are entitled to take time off to care for their sick child/children under the age of 14 at home.

This only applies to one of the child's parents and the child's first day of sickness.

If the child falls sick during the employee's working day and the employee has to leave work as a consequence hereof, the employee is entitled to take time off for the remaining working hours of that day. Payment is from the child's first full day of sickness

Full wages are paid for the child's first day of sickness, provided that the documentation required by the enterprise is produced.

If the child continues to be ill after the first full day of sickness, the employee is entitled to an additional day off. This day off is taken without wages but the employee will be able to get payment from the free-choice scheme.

Employees who wish to take time off for doctor visits must notify the enterprise of this as early as possible. Time off for doctor visits is taken without wages but the employee will be able to get payment from the free-choice scheme corresponding to the actual absence.

Family days

The rules around family days are described in clause 39, point d.

Special provision for: Tobacco and processing

Tobacco:

Paid time off to care for sick children including doctor visits.

Employees having at least one year's seniority at the enterprise are entitled to take time off to care for their sick child/children under the age of 14 at home.

This only applies to one of the child's parents and only extends to two days off for children under the age of seven and one day off for children between the ages of seven and 14 and until such time as other care arrangements have been made. Regardless of the form of payment, sickness benefits are paid for this day/these days, provided that the documentation required by the enterprise, e.g. a solemn declaration, is produced. In addition, it is a condition that the employee's number of children and their dates of birth have been recorded by the enterprise.

Full wages are paid for absence due to sick children.

Employees and staff members with at least six months' seniority are entitled to time off in connection with doctor visits accompanying the child.

Employees who wish to take time off for doctor visits must notify the enterprise of this as early as possible. Time off for doctor visits is taken without wages but the employee will be able to get payment from the free-choice scheme corresponding to the actual absence.

Processing:

Time off to care for sick children, including doctor visits.

An employee covered by the collective agreement and having at least six months' seniority at the enterprise is entitled to take time off when required to take care of the employee's sick child/children under the age of 14 at home.

- As of 27 February 2023, full wages, albeit a maximum of DKK 154.65 per hour
- As of 26 February 2024, the amount will be increased to DKK 160.00 per hour.

If the child falls sick during the employee's working day and the employee has to leave work as a consequence hereof, the employee is entitled to take time off for the remaining working hours of that day. Payment is as at children's sickness.

This only applies to one of the child's parents and until such time as other care arrangements have been made, and only extends to the child's first day of sickness.

If the child continues to be ill after the first full day of sickness, the employee is entitled to an additional day off. This day off is taken without wages but the employee will be able to get payment from the free-choice scheme.

Employees and staff members with at least six months' seniority who have the right to take the child's first day of sickness, are entitled to time off in connection with doctor visits accompanying the child.

Employees who wish to take time off for doctor visits must notify the enterprise of this as early as possible. Time off for doctor visits is taken without wages but the employee will be able to get payment from the free-choice scheme corresponding to the actual absence.

Documentation for the absence due to sick children is considered as having been received in due time if the employee brings such documentation on the first day after the absence.

Family days

The rules around family days are described in clause 39, under special provision for Processing.

51. Hospitalisation

Employees and employees in training are entitled to take time off when it is necessary for them to be hospitalised with their child under the age of 14.

Only hospital stays requiring staying overnight and hospitalisation in full or in part in the home are considered as hospitalisation and are covered by the provision.

This only applies to one custodial parent and for a total of one week per child within a 12-month period.

The employee must produce documentation for such hospitalisation on request.

Payment is made at the rate applicable to time off to care for sick children.

Special provision for: Processing

Processing: Hospitalisation

Employees having at least six months' seniority are entitled to take time off when it is necessary for them to be hospitalised with their child. The rule concerns children under the age of 14.

Only hospital stays requiring staying overnight and hospitalisation in full or in part in the home are considered as hospitalisation and are covered by the provision.

Full wages are paid up to a maximum of:

- As of 27 February 2023 full wages, albeit a maximum of DKK 155.95 per hour.
- As of 26 February 2024, the amount will be increased to DKK 161.30 per hour.

52. Maternity/paternity leave

Employees having nine months' seniority at the enterprise (12 months for **Processing**) at the expected date of delivery receive full wages during maternity leave from four weeks before the expected date of delivery and up to 14 weeks after delivery (pregnancy leave/maternity leave). Adopters receive full wages during maternity leave for 14 weeks after having received the child. Fathers receive full wages for up to two weeks' paternity leave subject to the same conditions. (Wages correspond to the wages the employee would have earned during the period).

An increased pension contribution will be paid during the 14 weeks' maternity leave in pursuance of the provision on labour-market pension.

In addition, the employer pays wages during parental leave for up to 16 weeks.

Out of the 16 weeks, the parent taking the maternity leave shall be entitled to take five weeks' and the other parent shall be entitled to take eight weeks' leave. Payment ceases if the leave reserved for the individual parent is not taken. The payment for the remaining three weeks of leave is granted to either the father or the mother.

The payment for these 16 weeks corresponds to the wages the employee would have earned during the period, however up to a maximum of DKK 191.00 per hour/DKK 30,623 per month.

The 16 weeks must be taken within 52 weeks after delivery. Unless otherwise agreed, a notice of three weeks must be given for the 16 weeks.

All the above-mentioned amounts are comprised of a supplementary payment to the unemployment benefit rate laid down by law plus labour market contribution.

During the 14 weeks' maternity leave, increased pension contribution is paid, cf. the labour market pension provisions.

For children born or received on 1 July 2023 or later, the following shall apply:

To employees who, at the expected time of delivery, have 9 months' seniority at the enterprise (12 months for Processing) the employer shall pay full pay during absence owing to maternity from 4 weeks prior to the expected time of delivery (before: pregnancy leave) and until 10 weeks after delivery (before maternity leave). Adopters shall receive full pay during maternity for 10 weeks after reception of the child. The same conditions shall apply in respect of the other parent who will receive full pay for a period of up to 2 weeks in connection with childbirth (before: parental leave).

In pursuance of the labour-market pension provision, an increased pension contribution will be paid during the maternity leave.

The employer will pay for leave for a period of up to 24 weeks (before: parental leave). Of these 24 hours, the parent taking the maternity leave shall be entitled to take 9 weeks, whereas the other parent will be entitled to 10 weeks' leave. If the leave, earmarked for the individual parent, is not taken, payment shall lapse. The remainder 5 weeks' leave shall either be granted to one or the other parent or shared between them.

Payment during these 24 weeks shall equal the pay otherwise earned by the said person during the period:

As of 27 February 2023 albeit a maximum of DKK 191.00/hour or DKK 30,623/month.
As of 26 February 2024 albeit a maximum of DKK 195.00/hour or DKK 31,345/month.

However, the parent taking the maternity leave, shall be entitled to full pay for up to 4 of the 24 weeks of parental leave.

The 24 weeks must be taken within 52 weeks after delivery.

Unless otherwise agreed, notice of the 24 weeks' leave must be issued within 3 weeks.

All the above amounts appear as a supplementary initiative to the stipulated unemployment benefit laid down by law with the addition of labour-market contribution.

Unless otherwise agreed, each of the parents' leave may, as a maximum, be divided into two periods.

It is a precondition for payment that the employer is entitled to reimbursement equal to the maximum rate of unemployment benefit. Should the reimbursement be less than that, payment to the employee shall be equally reduced.

All the above amounts comprise the maximum rates of sickness benefits laid down by law.

Increased pension contribution during maternity leave

During the 14 weeks' maternity leave, payment is made to employees having two months' seniority or more, albeit five months or more in respect of Processing, on the expected date of delivery.

Employer contribution	Employee contribution	Contribution in total
DKK per hour/month	DKK per hour/month	DKK per hour/month
8.50/1,360.00	4.25/680.00	12.75/2,040.00

As of 1 July 2023 the following shall apply:

If the employees at an enterprise unite in a union club or the like, the shop steward must be the chairman of such club.

If a senior shop steward has been elected, he or she must be the chairman of the club.

59. Function and tasks

It is the duty of the shop steward and the employer and its representative to endeavour to prevent disputes and promote cooperation between the parties at the enterprise.

The shop steward represents the employees eligible to vote. In local negotiations, both the shop steward and management must be authorised to conclude agreements that are binding on all employees.

If the shop steward is not able to negotiate a satisfactory solution with management

During the 10 weeks' leave (before: maternity leave) payment to employees of 2 months' seniority or more – albeit 5 months or more for **Processing** – will be made at the expected time of delivery:

Employer contribution DKK hour/month	Employee contribution DKK hour/month	Contribution in total DKK hour/month
18.45/2,957.00	3.69/592.00	22.14/3,549.00

Special provision for: Processing

Processing:

Maternity/adoption pay

The amount to be paid under sections 52(a) and (b) is comprised of a supplementary payment to the rate of sickness benefits laid down by law plus labour market contribution.

CH. 7 – RULES FOR SHOP STEWARDS

53. Election of shop stewards

(1) Basis for the election of shop stewards

At all collaboration between an (adult apprentices) may continue as a shop steward. However, it is a condition that during the duration of traineeship, the shop steward works together with his/her election basis.

election basis. The position of shop steward and the management of the enterprise Vocational Education and Training

The position of shop steward will cease to exist if the shop steward was elected during a period with a large number of employees and the number of employees has been reduced to less than five for a period of three months, unless both parties wish to maintain the position of shop steward.

If the employer does not wish to maintain the position of shop steward after the three months, the employer must notify DI in writing. This notice must be immediately forwarded to NNF.

At enterprises with less than five employees, a shop steward may be elected if the parties so agree.

Within the meaning of this provision, "enterprise" shall be construed as a geographically limited unit.

(2) A shared initiative for the election of a shop steward at enterprises that have no representative

The parties to the collective agreement have agreed to support initiatives for the election of shop stewards at enterprises in which, currently, no shop steward has been elected.

The initiative must emphasize the number of advantages to be found in a structured and lasting local collaboration between an elected shop steward and the management of the enterprise.

In each individual case, the more explicit content of such an initiative is agreed upon between the parties to the collective agreement, and the initiative may be financially supported by the funding of the Food Industry's Cooperation Fund – 25-øre fonden (see pages 156 and 167).

Special provision for: S/C, OM, Tobacco, Meat, Processing

S/C, OM, Tobacco:

In addition, a shop steward may be elected by each shift comprising five or more employees.

S/C:

At enterprises with more than 75 employees in the collective agreement area, the employees are entitled to elect two shop stewards, and at enterprises with more than 200 employees, they are entitled to elect four shop stewards. At enterprises with six employees or less, no shop steward is elected.

If an enterprise with more than 75 employees within the collective agreement area has a permanent evening shift with more than six employees, an additional shop steward may be elected by and from among these employees on the evening shift. At enterprises with more than 400 employees, a shop steward must be relieved from productive work in the production and receive wages corresponding to the average of the enterprise's top half.

OM:

If a department does shift work and/or works in permanent shifts, a shop steward may be elected for each of these shifts. However, the position of shop steward will cease to exist if the shift is closed down. However, the shop steward will be entitled to the maximum notice period pursuant to clause 63 (OM).

A shift consists of at least six people.

However, at enterprises with factory departments with six employees or less, no shop steward is elected, unless agreed by the parties.

Tobacco:

In addition, shop stewards may be elected by trade.

Meat, Processing:

One shop steward is elected for each enterprise.

Shift work

In connection with shifts with more than 30 employees, a deputy shop steward with the same rights and obligations as the shop steward may be elected. If shift work is closed down, or if the deputy shop steward is transferred to the day shift, such rights and obligations will cease immediately. If the shift work is made permanent, the shop steward should receive the training stipulated in the framework agreement on piecework.

Spokespersons

In large departments at enterprises, spokespersons may be elected on both dayshifts and other shifts, if the local parties agree.

Such spokespersons, who are elected from among employees having at least one year's seniority, are entitled to a notice period of four weeks in addition to the notice period stipulated in clause 21.

54. Eligibility

The shop steward must be elected from among employees of acknowledged ability covered by this collective agreement and with at least one year's seniority at the enterprise. If there are less than five such employees, the required number of other employees with the longest seniority will become eligible.

The same applies to the election of a deputy shop steward.

55. Election rules

The election of a shop steward must be scheduled to enable all employees at the enterprise or in the department/trade/area at the time of the election to participate.

The election of shop stewards takes place during working hours. The further circumstances of the election will be subject to local agreement between the management and the employees.

The election of a shop steward is only valid if more than one third of the relevant employees have voted for the shop steward. (This does not apply to S/C, Tobacco, Meat, Processing).

The election is not valid until it has been approved by NNF and this has been communicated to DI. However, the special protection of shop stewards takes effect after the election, provided that the enterprise receives written notice of the shop steward elected no later than the day after the election. If such written notice is received too late, the special protection will only take effect on the receipt of the written notice.

If DI believes that the shop steward election was held in contravention of the collective agreement, DI is entitled to object against the election to the union. Such objection must be received by the union within 14 days of DI's receipt of notice.

56. Alternate shop steward

If the shop steward is absent due to sickness, holiday, participation in a course or the like, the alternate shop steward elected/appointed will take his or her place.

During such period, the elected/appointed alternate shop steward enjoys the same protection as the elected shop steward.

Special provision for: Processing

Processing:

The alternate shop steward is not obliged to be trained in accordance with the framework agreement on piecework. Reference is made to: Protocols and other agreements.

Special provision for shop stewards in Processing under the framework agreement regarding method development and piecework, clause 28(2).

57. Senior shop steward

Provisions do not apply to Tobacco and Processing

At enterprises and/or production sites with three or more shop stewards, they may elect from among themselves a senior shop steward to represent all employees in dealings with the employer or its representative regarding matters of common interest.

Both the senior shop steward and the employer or its representative may, if deemed necessary, request all shop stewards or some of them to participate in the deliberations.

The senior shop steward may under no circumstances interfere in issues regarding the normal functions of the individual shop stewards within their respective departments, unless otherwise agreed by the enterprise management and the affected shop stewards.

Notice of the senior shop steward elected must be given to the enterprise immediately.

Special provision for: Tobacco

Tobacco:

If justified by the size of the enterprise, a senior shop steward may be elected for all trades.

58. Union club

If the employees at an enterprise unite in a union club or the similar, the shop steward shall be the chairman.

Where a senior shop steward has been elected, he or she shall be the chairman of the club.

59. Functions and duties

It shall be the duty of the shop steward and the employer as well as the latter's representatives to work towards the prevention of conflicts at the enterprise.

The shop steward represents the colleagues who constitute the electoral basis. In connection with local elections, both shop steward and management shall be empowered to enter into binding agreements on behalf of all employees.

If, in connection with the shop steward's approach to the management, no satisfactory agreement can be arrived at, the shop steward shall be entitled to apply to his/her organisation for the purpose of their attending to the case, but work must continue without interruption while waiting for the results of the organisations' treatment of the case.

The shop steward must, upon agreement with the enterprise, be occupied with work that enables him/her to be called away in the event that his/her contribution is required. The performance of responsibilities must be carried out in such a way that will cause the least inconvenience in respect of the work.

When the shop steward has to leave his or her work to perform duties as shop steward, the shop steward must immediately notify the management.

The organisations agree that the shop steward must be kept informed of appointments and dismissals as well as of overtime at the enterprise. It is recommended that the local parties prepare guidelines for this.

At enterprises that have not acceded to the framework agreement concerning the development of methods and piecework, quarterly wage statistics are delivered to the shop steward.

Access to IT facilities for shop stewards

Shop stewards must be given the necessary access to IT facilities, including Internet access, to be able to perform their duties.

In addition, the organisations recommend that a local agreement be drafted on the physical framework for the performance of the duties of shop stewards in order to ensure consideration of the cooperation at the enterprise.

Organisation

No obstacles shall be put in the way of the organisation of neither enterprise nor employees.

Meetings with newly appointed employees

During working hours, the shop steward shall be allowed to meet up with newly appointed employees. The objective of such a meeting is to provide information about the shop stewards' collaboration with the enterprise as well as the opportunity of membership of the Danish Food and Allied Workers' Union (NNF).

At enterprises with varying workplaces or mobile employees, the aim is to allow new employees the opportunity to meet the shop steward. Where this is not possible, such meetings may be held digitally. Locally, agreements on other solutions may be possible.

Besides, such meetings shall be scheduled in consideration of the operational circumstances of the enterprise.

Special provision for: OM

OM:

The highest possible and reasonable degree of employee participation (ability to influence own work situation) must be aimed at. The purpose of this is to ensure the best possible working environment and the highest possible productivity through motivation.

In all matters, but primarily in connection with the appointment and dismissal of employees, the enterprise must endeavour to consult with the shop steward for the relevant area.

However, the employer's right of management may not be impaired, and the deadlines laid down for the decision-making processes must be respected.

60. Remuneration

The shop steward must not lose income as a result of the time spent on the duties as shop steward, as agreed with management.

Special provision for: OM, Processing

OM:

Outside of normal working hours, the shop steward must be fully indemnified for any expenses incurred when performing duties as shop steward which may benefit the shop steward's co-workers or the enterprise, subject to the enterprise's prior approval.

Processing:

Clause 26(2) of the framework agreement regarding method development and piecework applies. Reference is made to: Protocols and other agreements.

61. Training

NNF undertakes to ensure that employees elected as shop stewards who have not already completed shop steward training complete such training as soon as possible after their election. DI undertakes to ensure that shop stewards are given the required time off for such training.

62. Shop stewards and local cooperation

The Danish model is based on a professional and constructive cooperation between the parties to the collective agreement and on a well-functioning local cooperation between enterprise managers and shop stewards. The key to such success is often the decentralised drafting of agreements and a cooperation process characterised by mutual respect and trust.

Good cooperation between management and employees at the enterprises is vital for the enterprises' productivity and competitiveness and for the employees' welfare and opportunities for development in a globalised world.

If one or more employees feel that they have been wronged or otherwise so requests, the shop steward is obliged to submit their complaint or request to the employer (the foreman).

In addition, the shop steward is entitled to complain to and approach the employer regarding issues of hygiene and safety measures for the prevention of accidents and injuries.

The shop stewards' rights, duties or tasks, except in the present Chapter 7, are mentioned in the following provisions:

- 2. Scheduling of working hours
- 3. Shift work
- 4. Flexitime
- 6. Varying weekly working hours
- 7. Forty-hour week
- 8. Weekend work
- 9. Staggered working hours
- 10. Breaks
- 11. Standard wages
- 12. Special allowances:
- 14. Overtime
- 16. Time off in lieu
- 23. Dismissal during sickness and injury absence
- 24. Seniority provisions, interruption, loss
- 43. Special days off and payment
- 45. Notification (absence, etc.)
- 70. Incentive payment systems
- 72. Trial schemes
- 75. Social chapter
- 79. The conclusion and termination of local agreements etc.

Framework agreement regarding method development and piecework:

- 2. Local agreements
- 3. Method development and work studies
- 4. Local agreement about other payment
- 5. Work study technicians
- 6. Work plan
- 7. Method development
- 8. Instruction
- 11. Special breaks
- 14. Implementation of the piecework contract
- 15. Acceptance of piecework contracts
- 16. Cleaning of machines
- 18. Procedure
- 19. Suspension or shutdown of piecework
- 24. Payment of piecework profit
- 26(2). Special payment
- 27. Work study shop stewards
- 28. Work study committee and education
- 31. Distribution of production on individual piecework contracts etc.
- 36. Other provisions
- 37. Term of the framework agreement

Provisions on shift work:

- 1. General working time provisions
- 8. Work on or moving of days off
- 9. Local agreements
- Append.1 Agreement on seven days between two days off
- Append.1 Agreement on from seven to 12 days between two days off

Protocol on:

- Clarification of use of temporary agency work, page 151.
- Use of subcontractors, page 152.
- The Meat and Food Industry's Education and Cooperation Fund, page 156.

- Protocol on guidance and consulting services etc. for education and training of employees at the enterprise, page 157.
- Arranged education and training, page 160.
- Access to wage information, page 166.

The list is not exhaustive.

The parties to the collective agreement agree that the following should be seen as a positive list of relevant themes and not as a delimitation of the themes that the local parties can discuss in daily cooperation.

63. Dismissal of a shop steward

Dismissal of a shop steward must be for compelling reasons, and management is obliged to give the shop steward a notice of:

23	4 months	
24	4 months	After 5 years, 6 months
111	4 months	After 5 years, 6 months
146	5 months	
S/C	13 weeks	In addition to own notice period
OM	4 months	After 5 years, 6 months
Tobacco	5 months	
Meat	0 months	Own notice period
Processing	3 months	

If the reason for the dismissal is shortage of work, the special notice obligation will lapse.

An employee who ceases as a shop steward after having functioned as such for a consecutive period of at least three years and who is still employed at the enterprise is entitled to a discussion with the enterprise about the employee's need for updating of his or her professional competences. This discussion is held within one month after the employee has ceased working as a shop steward and at the request of the employee. As part of the discussion, it is clarified whether there is a need for updating of professional competences and how this updating should take place.

The employee will be paid during the updating of professional competences. It is a condition that statutory compensation for loss of wages can be granted for the education. Compensation for loss of wages accrues to the enterprise.

An employee who resigns as a shop steward after having served as such for at least one year and who continues to be employed at the enterprise will enjoy a notice period of six weeks in addition to the individual notice period for a period of one year after resigning as shop steward. This provision only applies to resigned shop stewards.

64. Industrial procedure

If an employer believes that there are compelling reasons to dismiss a shop steward, the employer must contact DI and request that the case be heard pursuant to the rules on industrial procedure.

A conciliation meeting must be held within seven calendar days of receipt of the request for a conciliation meeting, and the industrial procedure must otherwise be proceeded with as fast as possible.

Once a shop steward has been elected, it is normally not possible to dismiss such shop steward before NNF has had the opportunity to try the fairness of the dismissal in an industrial procedure.

If it is concluded in such industrial procedure that there are compelling reasons to dismiss the shop steward, notice will be regarded as having been given on receipt of the request for conciliation. In case of disagreement, the enterprise may dismiss the shop steward at the conciliation meeting, after which time NNF may proceed with the industrial procedure.

If the enterprise upholds its dismissal of the shop steward, although it was held to be unfair in the industrial procedure, the enterprise is obliged to pay compensation, the amount of which depends on the circumstances, in addition to wages during the notice period. This compensation is final.

The same rule applies to occupational health and safety representatives.

65. Other elected representatives

Clauses 63 and 64 also apply to the following elected representatives:

- Occupational health and safety representatives (here reference is made to the Danish Working Environment Act),
- Acting substitutes for shop stewards and ESU members are subject to the same rules as shop stewards.
- Board members elected by the employees and their alternates are subject to the same rules on dismissal as shop stewards (clauses 63 and 64).

CH. 8 - APPRENTICES

66. Apprentices

In accordance with the Danish Act on Vocational Education and Training, apprentices must be employed on a contract basis for the apprenticeship period determined by the joint trade committee.

General training provisions

The enterprise is obliged to ensure that the apprentice receives the relevant vocational training, and an apprentice may only work within the profession in which he or she is to be trained.

The enterprise must ensure that the apprentice attends classes approved for the profession in a safe manner, cf. the Danish Act on Vocational Education and Training.

The organisations agree that adult apprentices shall be construed as apprentices concluding an apprenticeship agreement after having attained the age of 25.

Disputes

It must be attempted to settle any disputes between an apprentice and an enterprise by negotiation involving the organisations. Otherwise, the provisions in the Act on dispute settlement apply.

Holidays

The Danish Holiday Act applies.

Apprentices' access to support from IKUF

After being employed for six months at the same enterprise (including any school attendance), apprentices are entitled to apply for support from the IKUF. This support is granted for participation in education and training in their spare time to the same extent and on the same terms as for other employees under the Collective Agreement for the Food Industry.

Boarding house for apprentices

The boarding house is regarded as necessary if it is a consequence of the enterprise using the options of open enrolment or if the education can only be completed at a school where the apprentice is entitled to acceptance to a boarding house under section 3(1) of Executive Order 290/2009 (over five quarters of an hour of transport time). The apprentice's own moving does thus not entitle to payment for boarding house from the enterprise.

The enterprise must pay expenses for staying at the boarding house as laid down in the annual Finance Acts:

- a. If the apprentice is ordered to school attendance according to the applicable rules on open enrolment.
- b. If the apprentice's participation in education can only take place at a school that entitles to acceptance to a boarding house with payment according to the rate (2017-level: DKK 500 per week) laid down in the annual Finance Acts.

Any necessary advance payment for these expenses is paid to the apprentice prior to the commencement of the school attendance, and the apprentice must pay this to the enterprise immediately after having returned home.

Special provision for: Meat, Processing

Meat:

The parties agree that the enterprises offering training must employ skilled employees.

Completion of the apprenticeship period for apprentices from other trades within the profession

Apprentices from other trades within the profession who have not completed their training may complete their training within the sausage-making trade, in which case the apprenticeship period will be determined by the joint trade committee for the butchering profession.

Remuneration

(1) Remuneration

The wages to be paid to apprentices are determined on the basis of the wages for adult employees stipulated by collective agreement between the organisations according to the following scale:

Under 18 years old	50%
Over 18	70%
Over 20	80%

The payroll period follows that of the adult employees at the enterprise. Wage increases according to the scale above must be made on the first day of the payroll period in which the apprentice attains the relevant age. If the apprentice participates in production schemes, the wages according to the collective agreement are guaranteed. Any income in excess of these wages is paid to the apprentice.

The minute factor in connection with piecework is 75% of that of adult employees. The working hours for apprentices are the normal working hours of the enterprise.

(2) Overtime allowance

The overtime allowance for apprentices over the age of 18 is 50% of that of adult employees.

(3)

Apprentices are covered by the provision in the collective agreement on extra holidays.

Absence

In case of sickness and absence, the apprentice's guardian must give notice and provide documentation in accordance with the same provisions as apply to adult employees.

Apprenticeship exam

After having served his or her apprenticeship, the apprentice will do a test in accordance with the regulations on apprenticeship exams within the butchering trade in Denmark.

Holiday after the end of the apprenticeship period

Miscellaneous provisions

If, as an exception, the apprentice's last holiday has not been taken before the end of the apprenticeship period, the enterprise must supplement the accumulated holiday allowance at the slaughterhouse worker's hourly wages according to the collective agreement for the unclaimed holidays.

The master is not obliged to pay wages to the apprentice after the first 13 weeks of absence due to injury, regardless of whether the injury was inflicted at the enterprise.

Work after the apprenticeship

Apprentices are guaranteed a minimum of 13 weeks' work after having served their apprenticeship.

Processing:

Before the end of his or her apprenticeship, the apprentice must do a test in accordance with the rules applicable to the trade. If the apprentice passes the test, the enterprise must ensure that the certificate of completed apprenticeship drafted by the apprenticeship exam commission is sent to the apprentice.

The organisations agree to recommend that apprentices, where practicable, receive coaching on the theoretical work at the correspondence college.

Adult apprentices are covered by clause 46 of the collective agreement, Special provision for Processing, "Partial sick day due to sickness/injury", clause 47, Special provision for Processing, "Supplementary benefits in case of industrial injury" and "Wages during sickness absence", the box in clause 52 and the Special provision for Processing, "Maternity/adoption pay", and clause 50, Special provision for Processing, "Sick children".

Other apprentices having more than 12 months' seniority are covered by the box in clause 52 and the Special provision for Processing, "Maternity/adoption pay". Full wages are paid during maternity and adoption leave.

Apprentices between the ages of 18 and 25 are entitled to take time off to care for their sick child/children under the age of 14 at home. Amounts payable:

As of 27 February 2023, payment equals DKK 123.76/hour. As of 26 February 2024, payment equals DKK 128.04/hour.

This only applies to one of the child's parents and until such time as other care arrangements have been made, and only extends to the child's first day of sickness.

The enterprise may require documentation, e.g. in the form of a solemn declaration.

Working hours

The working hours for apprentices are the same as for adult employees.

Remuneration

Apprentices under 18	27 Feb 2023 DKK	26 Feb 2024 DKK
Basic rate+piecework guarantee	48.80	48.80
Hourly allowance	56.61	56.61
Hourly wage	105.41	105.41
37-hour weekly wage	3,900.17	3,900.17
Apprentices over 18	27 Feb 2023 DKK	26 Feb 2024 DKK
Basic rate+piecework guarantee	60.67	62.79
Hourly allowance	74.55	77.16
Hourly wage	135.22	139.95
37-hour weekly wage	5,003.14	5,178.25

Adult apprentices	27 Feb 2023 DKK	26 Feb 2024 DKK
Basic rate+piecework guarantee	74.85	80.60
Hourly allowance	85.75	85.75
Hourly	160.60	166.35
37-hour weekly wage	5,942.20	6,154.95

Adult apprentices with six months' seniority or more will receive a trade allowance of DKK 3.15 per hour.

Overtime

Apprentices who, in exceptional cases, participate in overtime work will receive the following allowance per hour:

	27 Feb 2023 DKK	26 Feb 2024 DKK
Over 18	82.30	84.77
Adult apprentices	90.74	93.46

It is a precondition for apprentices performing overtime work that this will only take place together with adult employees.

Seniority and rules of termination

For apprentices who continue working at the enterprise after the end of their apprenticeship, the apprenticeship period will be included in the calculation of seniority, and the apprentice cannot be dismissed for resignation due to shortage of work until after 13 weeks of employment.

Apprentices who will not continue working at the enterprise after the expiry of the apprenticeship agreement must be given a notice, cf. clause 21. Currently, such notice is 28 days.

Travel allowance

(1)

The employer pays allowance for expenses for travelling between the school and the apprentice's hometown.

(2)

Apprentices who will be required to work at more than one place of work due to the restructuring of operations, or where the place of work is permanently relocated, must be indemnified for their travel expenses. Travel time is not including in the working time.

Apprentices' entitlement to time off

Apprentices earn a right to time off. During the entire collective agreement period, payment for time off equals:

Apprentices under 18	DKK 105.41 per hour.
Apprentices over 18	DKK 139.95 per hour.
Adult apprentices	DKK 166.35 per hour.

Main holiday

In connection with the taking of the main holiday, half a week's extra apprentice wages are paid.

If the apprentice completes his or her apprenticeship before the holiday can be taken and, provided that the apprentice stays on in the merger/enterprise, one week's extra apprentice wages will be paid when the holiday is taken.

Weekday holiday agreement for apprentices

As apprentices in training are not covered by the weekday holiday account scheme, apprentices will be in a less favourable position as compared with other employees in the year after having completed their apprenticeship in which year they will begin to contribute to the holiday scheme in accordance with the provisions of the collective agreement.

In order to remedy this situation, NNF and DI negotiated an agreement on the following special provisions, always subject to the provisions of the collective agreement.

- a) 4.0% of all wages earned during the calendar year in which the apprenticeship period ends are set aside.
- b) In case of any weekday holidays during the apprenticeship period in the current year, an amount corresponding to the wages paid for such weekday holiday(s) will be deducted. However, the amount deducted must never be more than the amount corresponding to 4.0% of the wages during the apprenticeship period.
- c) After the end of the apprenticeship period, the normal advance payment will always be made in the current year, regardless of the balance on the account. Any negative balance will be covered by future income (subject to (f) below).
- d) Any remaining balance is calculated in week 26 and paid in the following payroll period.
- e) On resignation, any balance due will be paid with the last payment of wages from the enterprise.
- f) Cover of any negative balance at the end of the apprenticeship year or on resignation during such year cannot be claimed.

CH. 9 - TRAINING

67. Education and training

DI and NNF agree that in the coming years, education will be vital for the enterprises' competitiveness. In a broader context, it is important for the individual employees to be given a possibility for and to contribute to raising their competence level. The organisations undertake to assist in strengthening the enterprises' education and training planning, if required.

The organisations agree that the enterprises' employees should have access to the required supplementary and further training with the aim of strengthening the professional qualifications of the workforce and adapting to the technological developments. The organisations agree to endeavour to ensure that the employees at the individual enterprises obtain the required qualifications through relevant training (at plant operator level).

1. The planning of education and training

The organisations agree that, with due regard to the interests of the enterprise, the employees shall be entitled to obtain time off for the purpose of participation in supplementary training and other further skills education. to plan their education and training. With 9 months' seniority, the individual employee shall be entitled to 2 annual weeks' time off for enterprise/trade relevant training and further education (agreed training).

The work with educational matters may be performed by education and training ambassadors appointed at the enterprise.

Tasks involved in training and educational matters may for instance comprise:

- A description of the objectives of the educational activities at the enterprise.
- The performance of analyses of the enterprise's qualification requirements
- A description of jobs or functions and the requirements thereto.
- The preparation of educational and training plans, including the opportunity of training that may lead to status as a skilled worker.
- The planning of concrete educational activities for the employees.
- The preparation of proposals with appertaining budget proposals for educational activities.
- Contributing to the performance of educational-activity approval.
- Follow up on whether goals and educational activities develop concurrently with the technological development.

The enterprise can apply for SFKF funding of agreed training and education. The plan shall be completed in accordance with the template to be found on www.ikuf.dk and signed by both employee and enterprise prior to being submitted to ikuf.dk.

The enterprise may, however, apply as an element of group application prior to the establishment of individual education and training plans with respect to the following:

- Screening for FVU training.
- Real-competence assessment prior to skilled training.
- The AMU packet – the digital licence.

The group application shall be certified by the employee representative having certified the framework. The application shall state the names of the employees to whom the funding applies. The application can be established both before and after the performance of the screening/real-competence assessment, as the enterprise bears the risk, if no SFKF funding can be obtained.

In such cases, the employee will exchange two weeks' self-elected training in support of the Digital Licence.

2. Time off for supplementary training

The organisations agree that employees should be entitled to take time off to participate in supplementary training courses and other relevant further training, with due consideration to the interests of the enterprise. After nine months of employment, the individual employee is entitled to two weeks off a year for enterprise/trade relevant supplementary and further training (agreed training).

If the training plan comprise educational activities targeted at skilled training under Slagterfagets Fællesudvalg, the employee's entitlement to the number of educational weeks will be extended so as to allow the employee to participate in relevant course periods and apprentice test (the employee retains his or her employment agreement rather than transferring to an educational agreement).

It is a precondition that the employee has been submitted to a real-competence assessment with respect to the completion of the contemplated vocational training under Slagterfaget Fællesudvalg. An employee may solely obtain funding for one type of vocation training under Slagterfaget Fællesudvalg.

The employee will again acquire eligibility for self-elected training as of the calendar year following the termination of the educational agreement.

In the event that neither enterprise nor employee use the 2 annual weeks of agreed training, the employee shall be entitled to self-elected training after 6 months' employment (9 months for **Processing**). The self-elected training can be freely selected among the opportunities of the positive list on www.ikuf.dk. The employee's application for self-elected training will be processed and forwarded to the enterprise for its approval. The placement of employee's freedom to participated in the training shall thus be approved by the enterprise.

Collectively, the employee shall be entitled to up to 2 annual weeks of time off for agreed or self-elected training, with agreed training having priority.

3. The aggregation of time off for agreed and self-elected training

Employees are entitled to participate in unused education and training, cf. subclause (2), from the two previous calendar years. The oldest weeks are used first.

This shall not apply, however, if the employee is under notice unless – prior to the dismissal – the enterprise and the employee had agreed on the period of education and training.

4. IKUF support at dismissal

Employees who are dismissed due to restructurings, job-cuts, company closure or other matters pending in the enterprise and who have at least six months' seniority (9 months for **Processing**) at the enterprise are entitled to one further week of time off during the period of notice with contributions. The employee is also entitled to use time off that has not been taken with support from SFKF for up to two weeks.

In total, up to five weeks off can be granted for education and training in connection with dismissal if the employee has not used the previous two years' entitlement to education and training.

In addition, if the Danish Parliament accommodates the parties' desired adjustments to the legislation, the following provisions will enter into force as a replacement for the above clause 67(6):

It has been agreed to increase the possibility of having time off at dismissal for education and training with support from the Meat and Food Industry Cooperation and Competence Development Fund (SFKF) (see page 158).

Employees who are dismissed due to restructurings, job-cuts, company closure or other matters pending in the enterprise and who have at least six months' seniority at the enterprise are entitled to one further week of time off during the period of notice with contributions. The employee is also entitled to use time off that has not been taken with support from SFKF for up to two weeks.

In total, up to five weeks off can be granted for education and training in connection with dismissal, if the employee has not used the previous two years' entitlement to education and training.

Course participation can be completed after resignation if the following conditions are met:

- a. In so far as possible, an effort should be made for course participation to be held during the notice period, towards which both the employee and enterprise must contribute. The IKUF Secretariat may require documentation from both parties.
- b. The employee must have applied for and received a pledge of support from IKUF (SFKF) for a concrete, fixed term course before expiry of the period of notice. This may be with reference to one or more courses.
- c. The person in question is continuing to look for work and is available for work, as the course supported by IKUF (SFKF) gives way to work offered even after the course has begun.
- d. Competence development supported by IKUF (SFKF) must be completed no later than three months after the expiry of the employee's notice period.

Support from IKUF (SFKF) for participation in a course after resignation is calculated on the basis of the applicant's wage at the time of application.

The parties to the collective agreement have a desire for adaptation of the legislation in order that course participation can be completed after the employee's resignation. If the new legislation falls into place, the parties to the collective agreement agree to meet in order to discuss whether adjustments are needed with regards to the agreed phrasing. It is agreed that agreement on any such adjustments, including the entry into force of the provisions, should be reached as soon as possible.

Special provision for: 23, 24, 111, 146, Meat, Processing

23, 24, 111, 146, Meat:

Where, at the request of the enterprise, an employee participates in a training course approved by the organisations, the difference between the course allowance and the employee's full wages must be paid by the employer.

The employer must pay holiday allowance, weekday holiday payment and pension during the training course.

Meat:

Employees having more than nine months' seniority at the enterprise are entitled to at least two weeks off a year for education and training.

Processing:

Planning

The organisations recommend that systematic education and training planning is carried out for the enterprise's employees.

If one of the local parties so requests, negotiations must be held at the individual enterprises on systematic education and training planning and the related education and training budget. The administration of the activities agreed is discussed in accordance with the usual practice in the individual group.

Where necessary, the work on education and training is undertaken by the enterprise's works council, perhaps in a joint education and training committee set up by the works council.

At small enterprises without a works council, an education and training manager may be appointed.

The tasks to be dealt with in the council or committee may include:

- a description of the objectives of the enterprise's education and training
- analyses of the enterprise's qualifications requirements
- descriptions of jobs or functions and the related requirements
- preparation of education and training plans, including programmes that give the employees status as skilled
- planning of specific education and training activities supporting the objectives and requirements
- preparation of proposals, including a draft budget, for the implementation of the education and training activities
- contribution to ensuring that approved education and training activities are carried out in accordance with the plans and budgets
- follow-up on the development of objectives and activities in step with technological advances.

Wages

When an employee participates in education and training as part of the enterprise's education and training planning, or if training has been decided by the enterprise, the employee shall be remunerated by an educational rate that is DKK 10.40 above the standard hourly wage pursuant to clause 11 for enterprises having agreed to the framework agreement. Employees at other enterprises shall receive full pay during training.

During the training course (free choice (cf. clause 39, Processing – illness and injury), the enterprise must pay holiday allowance, weekday holiday payment and pension. Any compensation for loss of wages will accrue to the enterprise.

Time off for other education and training

Employees with 12 months' continuous employment are entitled to participate in education and training without pay, provided that such education and training is planned with due consideration being had to the enterprise's needs.

In addition, after nine months of employment, employees are entitled to two weeks off a year - scheduled in consideration of the enterprise's production needs - for supplementary and further training of relevance to their employment in the areas covered by the collective agreements for the meat industry and the food industry, provided that a grant for the education and training has been approved, or to the enterprise.

Employees are entitled to participate in unused education and training. The oldest weeks are used first. However, this does not apply if the employee is under notice unless the enterprise and the employee had agreed the period of education and training before the dismissal.

68. The Meat and Food Industry Cooperation Competence Development Fund (SFKF)

The Meat and Food Industry Cooperation and Competence Development Fund (SFKF) is administered through the Industry Competence Development Fund (IKUF).

(1)

The enterprise pays DKK 520 per full-time employee covered by the collective agreement per year. For part-time employees, this amount will be reduced pro rata.

(2)

The employee may apply for a grant for education and training covered by clause 67 from the Fund.

A grant will not be provided for education and training during which the employee receives full or partial wages.

Reference is made to: Protocol on The Meat and Food Industry Cooperation Competence Development Fund, page 158.

69. DA/FH Development Fund

The employer must pay a contribution of DKK 0.45 per hour worked to the DA/FH Development Fund. This contribution is collected as stipulated by the main organisations.

As of the first payroll period after 1 January 2022, the employer must pay a contribution of DKK 0.47 per hour worked.

In Processing, the amount is paid to the education and training fund between NNF and DI.

CH. 10 - PAYMENT SYSTEMS

70. Incentive payment systems

Objective

In order to strengthen the enterprises' competitiveness and the employee's development and, thus, their employment opportunities, DI and NNF agree that it is necessary to continuously endeavour to increase productivity through a mutual cooperation and loyal commitment by means of improved working methods, the most rational production conditions and the best possible production efforts by everyone taking part in the work, including by providing the employees of the individual enterprises with the required qualifications through relevant education and training.

To promote the above and to raise the employees' income, incentive payment systems may be introduced by the enterprises.

The parties to the collective agreement agree that the efforts made must always observe all safety and health requirements.

Preparation for local agreements

The parties to the collective agreement agree that the employees expected to be covered by an incentive payment system must be consulted prior to the conclusion of a local agreement on an incentive payment system.

A local remuneration committee will be set up charged with setting up the objectives for a new payment system and drafting a local agreement to be presented to the relevant operators. In this process, the organisations' consultants are available with information and knowledge sharing.

Local agreements

The introduction of an incentive payment system requires that the local parties agree on the implementation and use of the payment system, and it must be laid down in a local agreement.

The local agreement should include descriptions of the following:

- The products, departments and employee groups to be covered by the agreement
- A description of the scope of the agreement, including machinery, methods, products, quality requirements, safety provisions etc.
- Provisions on probation, if relevant
- Provisions on termination of the local agreement, expiry of the local agreement, payment after the discontinuation of the system etc.
- Signatures by representatives for the management and the employees - the shop steward, if elected.

A local agreement on an incentive payment system must be based on the standard wages determined from time to time in the collective agreement and may include one or more of the subjects below:

- productivity
- qualifications
- flexibility
- function-based pay

Termination of local agreements

The local agreement may be terminated by the local parties giving a notice of three months, unless a longer notice period has been agreed.

The party terminating the agreement is obliged to arrange for local negotiations, and, if the parties are not able to reach an agreement, to arrange for new local negotiations involving the organisations. If an agreement still cannot be reached, the case will be settled as an industrial dispute. However, disagreements may not be referred to industrial arbitration.

The parties will continue to be bound by the terminated agreement until such time as the above provisions have been observed, regardless of whether the expiry date has passed.

After the expiry of the agreement, employees will receive normal hourly wages plus any personal allowances and other allowances under the local agreement.

Framework agreement

Framework agreement regarding method development and piecework, page 128.

Special provision for Meat

Meat:

Approval of local agreements

Agreements are concluded between the local parties, i.e. the management and shop stewards of the enterprise or department. The agreements will be subject to the organisations' approval.

Young employees for training

Enterprises may employ 17-year-old employees with a view to training and only in so far as it is reasonable.

Such employees may only do light physical work, such as weighing and packing of cold cuts, sliced bacon and other packing and labelling, filling of small product units, welding of plastic bags and the like. Other jobs may be discussed by the parties.

For time-based work, 75% of the slaughterhouse workers' wages are paid, and for piecework, the rates agreed for adult employees are paid.

If members of the union's local branch are unemployed, the union may object to the employment of young employees for such training.

71. Framework agreement regarding method development and piecework

Applicable to Meat and Processing

Framework agreement regarding method development and piecework: Page 128

CH. 11 - TRIAL SCHEMES ETC.

72. Trial schemes

It is permitted, by local agreement, to supplement and derogate from the provisions of the collective agreement

Chapter 1 (working hours)
Chapter 3 (overtime)
Chapter 7 (shop stewards)
Chapter 9 (education and training)
and Chapter 10, clause 70.

Such local agreements must be in writing and may only be concluded with a shop steward elected in accordance with the provisions in the collective agreement. The local agreements must be submitted to the organisations for information.

Special provision for: Meat and Processing

Meat:

In agreements on adaption of the working hours to the local conditions, the weekly working hours must not exceed 42.

Processing:

The organisations agree to provide support and guidance in connection with the establishment of alternative payment and/or management systems and alternative working time systems.

If the local parties agree, an alternative payment and/or management system and alternative working time systems based on one or more of the below parameters may be introduced:

- changed payment system
- changed management system
- new work organisation system
- alternative working time systems

In connection with the design of alternative payment and/or management systems and alternative working time systems, it is assumed that the enterprise, employees and the shop stewards elected participate actively to ensure that the affected employees will receive the correct information throughout the process.

A local agreement on alternative payment and/or management systems and alternative working time systems must be agreed between the enterprise's management and the local shop steward. Where the local agreement implies derogation from the provisions of the collective agreement, it must be submitted to the organisations for information including a brief description. The organisations must then be kept informed of the progress of the alternative payment and/or management system and alternative working time system.

If a local agreement gives rise to an official order causing the scope of the agreement to be materially changed, the local parties must start negotiations on amendment of the agreement. If this is not possible, the local agreement will be annulled.

CH. 12 - PENSION AND SENIOR EMPLOYEE SCHEME

73. Pension

The individual employers are obliged to report and pay the pension contribution stipulated by collective agreement to Industriens Pension in accordance with the directions issued and the deadlines set by Industriens Pension.

Industriens Pension is a labour market pension company owned by Industri Pension Holding A/S. Employees and employers are equally represented on the boards of the two companies.

The board of Industriens Pension determines the content of the pension scheme within the framework agreed by the two sides of industry.

Industriens Pension invests the funds in the company with the aim of achieving the highest possible yield taking into account the risk and within the framework agreed by the board of Industriens Pension.

The composition of benefits offered by Industriens Pension will be the same for all members of the pension scheme in respect of all future contributions. For current members, this means that their composition of benefits may be changed and that the right to some benefits may lapse.

Member and seniority provisions

Membership of the pension scheme is mandatory for all employees covered by and employed under this collective agreement.

Employees having two months' seniority (five months for Processing) are covered by the pension scheme after having attained the age of 18.

The seniority requirement is regarded as having been met by employees who, at the start of employment, are covered by this pension scheme from previous employment or by a similar labour market pension scheme.

It is not permitted to make admission to the pension scheme conditional on the employees' fulfilment of health requirements.

If the employee remains in employment after reaching retirement age, the employee can choose whether to continue saving for his/her pension (as far as is possible) or whether the pension is to be paid on an ongoing basis as wage.

The insurance coverage ends when the employee reaches retirement age.

The pension contribution

The pension contribution is calculated on the basis of the employee's holiday-qualifying wages plus holiday and weekday holiday allowance.

	Employer's contribution	Employee's contribution	Total contribution
	8.0 %	4.0 %	12.0 %
1 June 2023	10.0 %	2.0 %	12,0 %

Payments are made to Industriens Pension: The employer must pay monthly pension contributions by the 10th day of every month at the latest.

Pension of holiday allowance is comprised by the holiday warranty scheme is calculated concurrently with the holiday allowance being accrued. Thus, it is of no importance that the

holiday allowance will not be subject to taxation until the date on which it is paid to the employee.

Increased pension contribution during maternity leave

During the 14 weeks of maternity leave, an extra pension contribution is paid for employees having two months' seniority, five months for Processing, on the expected date of delivery, see clause 52.

Pension of sick pay

The pension contribution is calculated on the basis of the employee's holiday-qualifying wages plus holiday and weekday holiday allowance.

Pension is also calculated from any sick leave allowance for employees who are entitled to a pension (see membership and seniority provisions). Both the employer's contribution and the employee's own contribution are calculated from the sick leave allowance and paid to the pension company. The employer's share is paid by the employer in addition to the sick leave money. The employee's share is deducted from the holiday allowance before final settlement.

The contribution amounts to 12.0%, of which the employee pays one third, while the employer pays two thirds.

The employer must pay monthly pension contributions to Industriens Pension, by the 10th day of every month at the latest.

The parties to the collective agreement agree that the pension contribution is a part of the employee's wages.

DI guarantees payment of the pension contribution.

Company pension scheme

New members of DI that have already established a company pension scheme for employees within the agreement area may demand that contributions for employees employed at the time of entry be paid into the existing company pension scheme instead of the pension scheme agreed between the parties to the collective agreement according to the relevant provisions of the collective agreement.

As soon as possible after entry, the continuation of such company pension scheme must be recorded by DI and NNF at the request of DI, perhaps in connection with adjustment negotiations.

The contribution to the company pension scheme must always as a minimum correspond to the contributions paid under the collective agreement into the pension scheme agreed between the parties to the collective agreement.

The company pension scheme cannot be extended to cover employees appointed after the enterprise's entry into DI. For such employees, the pension contributions under the collective agreement must be paid into the pension scheme agreed between the parties. It is a condition for continuing a company pension scheme that it has existed for three years prior to DI's notice to NNF on the enterprise's entry into DI.

Increasing contributions

For new members that at the start of their membership have an existing company pension scheme at a higher level than 20% of the contributions to be paid under the collective agreement but a lower level than the full amount of the contribution the following applies:

The increase period will commence at the start of the membership and will run independently of the enterprise's existing pension scheme.

Employees who are already employed will continue with the agreed amounts of contribution in the enterprise's existing pension scheme. However, contributions must always be at the same level as a minimum as the increase contributions.

Employees who are employed after the start of the membership are entitled to the same pension contributions as employees who were employed prior to the membership.

It is a condition for increase contributions for employees covered by the collective agreement that the employee in question is a member of Industriens Pension.

New members of DI that have not already established a company pension scheme for the employees within the agreement area or that have a pension scheme with lower contributions for such employees may demand that the pension contribution be determined as follows:

From the time of DI's notice to NNF on the enterprise's entry into DI, at the latest, the employer contribution and the employee contribution, respectively, must make up at least 20% of the contributions to be paid under the collective agreement.

After one year, at the latest, the contributions must make up at least 40% of the contributions to be paid under the collective agreement.

After two years, at the latest, the contributions must make up at least 60% of the contributions to be paid under the collective agreement.

After three years, at the latest, the contributions must make up at least 80% of the contributions to be paid under the collective agreement.

After four years, at the latest, the contributions must make up the full amount of the contributions to be paid under the collective agreement.

If the contributions to be paid under the collective agreement are increased during the period, the enterprise's contribution must be increased pro rata to ensure that the share of the contributions to be paid under the collective agreement is always paid into the pension scheme.

As soon as possible after entry, the scheme must be recorded by DI and NNF at the request of DI, perhaps in connection with adjustment negotiations.

74. Senior employee scheme

The employee is entitled to enter a senior employees' scheme from a period of five years before the retirement pension age for the employee in force from time to time.

In the senior employees' scheme, the employee can choose to use payments into the free-choice account, special savings, weekday holiday savings or other similar savings scheme to finance senior employees' days off.

If the employee should wish for further senior employees' days off, it is possible to convert continuous pension contributions so that the remaining payment to the pension scheme can still cover the costs for insurance schemes and administration etc.

The converted pension contribution is also deposited in the employee's free-choice account, special savings, weekday holiday savings or other similar savings scheme.

The employee and the enterprise may agree that from a period of five years before the implementation of the senior employees' scheme, the employee can save the value of special

holidays not taken and accumulate this. The value hereof can be paid in connection with taking of further senior employees' days off.

According to this provision, a maximum of special holidays can be taken corresponding to the accumulated amount, cf. the payment below.

When taking senior days off, the free-choice account, the special savings, the weekday holiday savings or other similar scheme is reduced with an amount corresponding to payment of wages during sickness.

Unless otherwise agreed, the employee must on 1 April at the latest inform the enterprise in writing whether the employee wishes to enter into a senior employees' scheme with senior employees' days off in the next holiday year and in this connection how big a part of the pension contribution the employee wishes to convert into wages. In addition, the employee must inform the enterprise how many senior employees' days off he or she wishes to take in the next holiday year. This choice is binding for the employee and will continue in the following calendar year. However, each year before 1 April, the employee can inform the enterprise if the employee wants any changes for the next holiday year.

In the first year of the senior employees' scheme, the conversion is made starting from the payroll period where the employee is five years from the retirement pension age in force from time to time.

Unless otherwise agreed, the timing of senior employees' days off will take place according to the same rules applicable to the timing of special holidays or remaining holiday if there are no special holidays in the collective agreement.

As an alternative to senior employees' days off, the employee and the enterprise can agree a reduction in working hours in the form of e.g. longer off-work periods, a permanent reduction in weekly working hours or other.

At agreement on permanent reduction in weekly working hours, the converted pension contribution can be paid on an ongoing basis as a special allowance to the wages.

The conversion does not alter the existing basis of calculation of the collective agreement and is therefore cost neutral for the enterprise.

CH. 13 - WORKING ENVIRONMENT, ETC.

75. Social responsibility

Improved flexibility in the labour market is important to ensure that as many people as possible, including vulnerable groups in the labour market, are offered employment throughout their professional life, regardless of the level of their working capacity.

For this reason, it is vital that as many people as possible are included and retained in the labour market. Employment of people with reduced capacity for work must not be at the expense of the enterprises' current workforce. Consequently, the enterprises should develop guidelines for a retention policy in their respective works councils and include it in their HR policies.

At small enterprises, issues regarding the inclusive labour market may be discussed between the employees and management.

The parties to the collective agreement undertake to work positively towards promoting the implementation of this agreement. Within the meaning of this agreement, "vulnerable groups" means:

1. The agreement covers people with reduced capacity for work due to age, infirmity or injury.
2. People with a reduced capacity for work due to long-term illness and with a consecutive period of illness of at least eight weeks.
3. The groups covered by subclause (1) above must be employed in accordance with the provisions of the collective agreement supplemented by a local agreement concluded between the enterprise and the shop steward and approved by the parties to the collective agreement.
4. The local agreement mentioned in subclause (3) above may derogate from the general provisions of the collective agreement on wages, working hours etc.
5. Local agreements concluded between an enterprise and a shop steward must be submitted to the parties to the collective agreement and will enter into force when approved by both parties. The local agreement and the collective agreement will then form the contractual basis for the employment of the persons mentioned in this organisation agreement.
6. The local agreement covered by this agreement may, unless otherwise agreed in the local agreement, be terminated subject to a notice of three months.
7. If the local parties are not able to reach an agreement on the conclusion of a local agreement, or if the parties to the collective agreement refuse to approve the local agreement concluded, the dispute may be made subject to an industrial procedure. If agreement cannot be reached by negotiation between the parties, the case cannot be proceeded with.
8. Any disputes on the scope and breach of local agreements must be settled in accordance with the relevant general provisions of the collective agreement.
9. The parties to the collective agreement agree to endeavour as far as possible to ensure that employees at an enterprise who suffer an industrial injury are given the opportunity to remain at the enterprise. The enterprise's safety committee is under a special obligation to ensure as far as possible that these people are offered work which they are able to perform.

The parties to the collective agreement recommend that the employees mentioned in this agreement are included in the enterprise's different education and training programmes and offers to the relevant extent.

76. TEKSAM

The TEKSAM committee was set up with the purpose of keeping abreast of technological advances and supporting the information, guidance and development work to promote cooperation at the enterprises, including with respect to the use of new technology.

In addition, the committee must support the establishment of works councils and assist them with their activities.

The committee must function as a dispute settlement body in accordance with part 6 of the cooperation agreement.

Financing

All costs incidental to the day-to-day operation and agreed activities must be distributed equitably or pursuant to agreement between DI and NNF.

77. Working environment

DA and FH agree that it is important to provide a high degree of labour market flexibility and a high level for the health and well-being of the employees.

With the aim of reducing the number of industrial injuries, the parties to the collective agreement agree to continue to strengthen their joint efforts on the development of a safe and healthy working environment, including an extension of the preventive and health-promoting work at the enterprises.

Grants will be sought from the Prevention Fund for the financing of projects and activities. Projects and activities must be performed by the Working Environment Committee for each sector.

(1) Tobacco, Sugar & Chocolate, Bakeries, Milling Working Environment Committee (TSBM) and The Meat Industry Working Environment Committee (KAU)

The enterprises, DI and NNF have established TSBM and KAU. The committees discuss issues related to the work environment and make decisions on the initiation of both industry-specific and cross-sector working environment projects.

KAU has so far been the steering group for major projects in the reduction of heavy lifting, noise and acoustics, hand hygiene and care, etc.

In 2018, KAU launched a project to reduce musculoskeletal disorders (MSD prevention) See more at www.savportalen.dk

(2) Health and safety organisation

The enterprise's health and safety organisation is tasked with adhering to The Danish Working Environment Act and the present collective agreement provisions with a focus on ensuring that the work at the enterprise is carried out appropriately in respect of health and safety.

In addition to the members of the health and safety organisation, the shop steward also has duties in relation to the enterprise's working environment (see clause 59).

Chapter I sets out the possible framework for working hours.

If the enterprise has acceded to the framework agreement (page 128), attention is also drawn to clauses 7 and 31 of the framework agreement (pages 129 and 142).

Health and safety representatives are protected against dismissal in accordance with the guidelines in clauses 63-64.

(3) Tasks of health and safety representatives

The health and safety representative is to assist in sharpening the focus of colleagues and management on all aspects of health and safety.

The health and safety representative, in collaboration with management and shop steward, is to ensure that the strategic tasks are carried out under the auspices of the health and safety organisation or a special cooperation forum.

The health and safety representative is to be at the core of systematic health and safety work in the development of the workplace assessment (APV). There is shared responsibility for sickness absence being included in APV work. The role of the health and safety representative includes discussing the working environment on the basis of existing, relevant statistical material.

The health and safety representative is to be involved in accident prevention through analysis and learning.

The health and safety representative is also an ambassador for the employees' involvement in the pervasive transition towards achieving new ambitious climate targets.

(4) Time for tasks of health and safety representatives

The health and safety representative must have time available to perform his or her duties, which are reasonable in relation to the nature of the undertaking in question and its standards of health and safety. This must occur however, with the least possible hindrance to their work productivity.

This means that the health and safety representative must be free to fulfill his or her duties in accordance with the health and safety rules, including attendance at meetings and training.

(5) Participation of health and safety representatives in relevant health and safety courses

The parties to the collective agreement agree that, in agreement with the employer, the health and safety representative may be given the necessary freedom to participate in NNF's relevant health and safety courses.

Access to participate in NNF's health and safety courses affects neither rights nor obligations in relation to the legislation on health and safety training.

The parties to the collective agreement agree that participation in the NNF's voluntary health and safety courses does not involve payment under the Danish Working Environment Act, clause 10(1).

NNF undertakes to ensure that employees elected as health and safety representatives, who have not already completed health and safety training, complete such training as soon as possible after their election. Commitments are made on the part of DI to help the newly elected health and safety representative receive the necessary time off to participate in the course.

(6) Workwear

Workwear and footwear is supplied by the enterprise.

All clothing items supplied, including any non-slip footwear, belong to the enterprise and must not leave enterprise premises.

In connection with work in cold stores and refrigerated work rooms, relevant clothing and undergarments are supplied which are adapted to the needs of the individual employee.

It is up to the individual employee to properly take care of the clothing items provided, including any tools, etc.

The enterprise is responsible for all washing and maintenance.

(7) Night work and health assessment

As a result of the implementation of the EU Working Time Directive No. 93/104/EC of 23 November 1993, the following applies:

Night work

A night worker is an employee who regularly works at least three hours of his/her daily working time between the hours of 10.00 pm and 6.00 am or who works at least 300 hours during this time within a 12-month period.

Health Check

The employer must offer a free health assessment before an employee begins his or her employment. The parties to the collective agreement agree that the free health assessment should be covered by public health insurance.

The parties to the collective agreement further agree that employees being classified as night workers must be offered health checks at regular intervals of maximum 2 years.

Night workers suffering from health problems recognised as being connected with the fact that they perform night work are transferred whenever possible to the day work to which they are suited.

Documentation for the offer of a health assessment

The parties to the collective agreement agree to arrange for recurrent statistics of the number of health assessments performed at the enterprises similar to the statistics prepared jointly by the parties to the collective agreement in connection with the committee work on night work and health assessment carried out in 2007-2010, including information on how the enterprises have offered such health assessments in practice.

Timing of health assessments

The parties to the collective agreement agree that if the health assessment is performed outside of the employee's working hours, the employer must compensate the employee for this.

Model for the health assessment

The parties to the collective agreement agree that the health assessment must be performed as follows:

1. The employee completes a questionnaire prepared by the parties to the collective agreement.
2. In addition, the employee is subjected to a medical examination.

3. Based on the above and a conversation with the employee, a doctor will prepare an overall conclusion for the employee. The assessment must be performed by a service provider with a relevant educational background, e.g. a nurse, a doctor or another person with the relevant education and qualifications relating to occupational medicine.
4. The information produced in the health assessment is confidential and only belongs to the employee. Such information will only be disclosed to the employer at the instigation of the employee.
5. At larger enterprises where several employees have been offered a health assessment, the enterprise will receive an anonymised report detailing general tendencies about the lifestyle and health of the employees.

If possible, night workers suffering from health problems which have been proven to be caused by night work must be transferred to day work.

At enterprises with very few night workers, the health assessment can be performed at the employee's own doctor.

The health assessment is a voluntary offer.

The parties to the collective agreement agree to set up a committee immediately after the renewal of the collective agreements. This committee must determine the content of the questionnaire and the medical examination within six months. To aid the committee in its work, industrial medicine experts must be summoned. Grants will be sought for the committee's work through the working environment committees.

Report for the workplace environment committee at large enterprises

The parties to the collective agreement agree that the working environment organisation at the individual enterprises must take steps to check whether the health assessment is performed in accordance with the rules.

Preventive initiatives with respect to night work

The parties have implemented NFA's recommendations in connection with night work:

- A maximum of three periods of night work at a time
- A maximum of 9 hours at a time
- At least 11 hours between two shifts
- Pregnant women will normally work a maximum of 1 night shift a week in order to minimise the risk of miscarriage and other pregnancy complications.

Enterprises with night workers must thus implement the following initiatives:

The local parties shall, perhaps in collaboration with the working environment organisation, discuss whether those areas of the enterprise that involve night work meets NFA's recommendations.

Such a discussion must:

- a. be implemented upon the initiation of night work and subsequently one time annually.
- b. be documented by way of the filling in of a form prepared by the parties which contains a review of the recommendations.

If – perhaps in collaboration with the working environment organisation – the local parties deem NFA's recommendations to be complied with, the collective agreement's general rules shall apply without change, comprising the rules on health checks.

If – perhaps in collaboration with the working environment organisation – the local parties deem NFA's recommendations are not complied with, the following special activities shall be realised for employees with normal working hours in the night that are not planned in compliance with NFA's recommendations:

- a. The enterprise shall provide annual health checks for the night workers
 - i. The night worker must undergo compulsory health checks every second year.
 - ii. An extended health examination shall apply for night workers over the age of 50.
- b. The implementation of a special annual workplace assessment focused on night work
 - i. The identification and mapping of risks related to night work.
 - ii. An assessment of risks related to night work.
 - iii. The prioritisation and the preparation of an action plan.
 - iv. Action-plan follow-up on.

Night work during pregnancy:

As of 1 March 2024, the parties to the collective agreement have decided to follow NFA's recommendation to the effect that pregnant employees will, as a maximum, work one weekly night shift for the purpose of minimising the risk of abortion and other pregnancy complications.

This presupposes that the Danish Working Environment Authority incorporates NFA's recommendations pertaining to the night work of pregnant employees such as it has been set out in for instance s.8, appendix 2 of Statutory order on the performance of the work.

Moreover, the parties assume that, other than 1 weekly night shift, night work be comprised by s.6(2)(ii) of the Danish Maternity act and that, thus, there will be entitlement to reimbursement.

In the event that these preconditions are not met, the discussions between the parties will be resumed.

In the event of the preconditions are met, the following shall apply:

- When an enterprise has been notified of – or otherwise learns about – an employee's pregnancy, the enterprise must at the soonest possible and no later than 2 weeks thereafter, at the end of a week, reschedule the employee's working hours or reassign the employee to other job assignments to the effect that this employee will, at the most, work one nightshift a week.
- If it is not feasible for the employer to reschedule working hours in order that the employee in question will, at the most, work 1 weekly nightshift or reassign the employee to other job assignments, the employee shall be entitled to paid absence from other night shifts in excess of 1 weekly, and payment shall be similar to pregnancy leave in pursuance of clause 22(1) of the collective agreement. This solely applies to a payment rule which applies irrespective of the seniority of the employee and irrespective of the number of weeks that the employee is absent from other nightshifts in excess of 1 weekly.

(8) Medical examinations

See clause 27 - Medical examinations (page 53), which describes how and on what basis the enterprise can request medical information from persons, in cases where the individual in question comes into contact with food in his/her work.

78. The TB Foundation

Provisions do not apply to 23, 24, 111, 146, S/C, OM, Tobacco and Meat

DI and NNF have continued funds in a Tuberculosis Foundation. DI and NNF decide in agreement which diagnoses shall entitle to compensation from the Foundation.

The Foundation pays a compensatory amount in connection with pulmonary tuberculosis as well as some other infectious bacterial or viral diseases, which medically prohibit the employee from working with food.

No compensatory amount can be obtained in connection with illness caused by inflammatory infections, notwithstanding that these may have arisen in connection with the work.

A compensatory amount may be paid as a supplement to sickness benefits up to a total of 90% of the average wages for the past four weeks prior to the period of absence.

It is a condition that the period of absence has been documented by a doctor's certificate and that the employee has resumed work at the enterprise. No holiday or weekday holiday allowance is payable on the allowance from the Foundation.

The supplement is paid by DI and directly into to the employee's *NemKonto* and is reported as B-income to the employee. A letter detailing this is sent by DI to the employee, cc NFF.

The enterprises have not deposited funds into the Foundation for many years, as tuberculosis is an extremely rare disease in Denmark. It is agreed that if problems related to tuberculosis should later arise again, DI and NNF will enter into negotiations regarding possible payments from the enterprises.

CH. 14 - LOCAL AGREEMENTS

79. Conclusion and termination of local agreements etc.

The collective agreement provides for a number of deviations and additions that may contribute to ensuring that amendments in working conditions will be implemented in accordance with the requirements of the local parties.

(1) Conclusion of local agreements

Local agreements can be made between the local parties at the enterprise for employees covered by the collective agreement.

The organisations recommend for local agreements to be concluded in writing.

(2) The local parties

Local parties only mean the shop steward elected at the enterprise - if a shop steward has been elected - and the management of the enterprise.

If the employees have not elected a shop steward, they can instead appoint a "spokesperson" who can represent the employees vis-à-vis the management. The employees can give the spokesperson authority to conclude local agreements either in concrete situations or in general.

In the event that no employee representative or spokesperson has been elected, it is possible to enter local agreements that do not deviate from collective agreements – agreements that are accepted by more than half the employees who, at the time of the agreement being entered, will be comprised by such a local agreement. The agreement must be in writing and be forwarded to the union within a fortnight of the agreement being entered.

If the number of employees who are, or will be, comprised by an agreement entered in pursuance of this provision is increased by 100% or more as compared with the number of employees comprised by the agreement at the initial date of the agreement, a majority of the employees who, at the date of dismissal, are comprised by the agreement can terminate the agreement at 2 months' notice at the end of a month.

(3) Disagreement about the conclusion of local agreement

Disagreement about the conclusion of a local agreement cannot be transferred to industrial arbitration but can be discussed with the assistance of DI and NNF if requested by one of the local parties.

(4) Termination of local agreements

Local agreements can be terminated by either local party with three months' notice at the end of a month unless longer notice has been agreed/is agreed in connection with the termination.

The parties to the collective agreement recommend the terminating party to submit a written statement of the grounds for the termination, including if termination is made with a view to renegotiating/adjusting the local agreement or with a view to its discontinuation.

It may be appropriate for the local parties to include the parties to the collective agreement when a local agreement has been terminated. Either local party can therefore request that a meeting is to be held at the enterprise – with the assistance of the parties to the collective agreement – before the terminated local agreement expires.

This also applies to termination of practices.

(5) The discontinuation of the local agreement

When the local agreement discontinues in accordance with termination, and a new agreement about the matter is not concluded, the general provisions of the collective agreement apply.

(6) Information to the employees

At the conclusion or termination of local agreements, the enterprise must inform the affected employees hereof if the working conditions are changed substantially in connection with the conclusion/termination.

Special provision for: 24, Tobacco, Meat

24:

Adjustments stipulated by collective agreement may not be set off against the existing local agreements which are addenda to the present collective agreement.

Tobacco:

Wages

Local agreements

The local agreements existing at the time of the renewal of the collective agreements will have the same term as the collective agreement; however, in the event of local changes to production methods, new bonus schemes may be agreed during the term of the collective agreement.

If the parties are not able to reach an agreement in negotiations on changes to bonus schemes in connection with new production methods, the issue must be referred to final settlement by the organisations.

Meat:

The local agreements must be submitted to the parties to the collective agreement for information. If the local agreement concerns incentive payment systems, see clause 70.

CH. 15 - PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE ORGANISATIONS

80. Main agreement

The main agreement between the main organisations of 31 October 1973, as amended, applies.

81. Provisions relating to the organisations - negotiation and industrial procedure

For the settlement of industrial disputes, the code of practice most recently adopted by the main organisations applies.

Conflict mitigation measures:

In order to avoid wildcat stoppages and mitigate the consequences of any stoppage, the following must be observed:

- 1)** In case of signs of industrial unrest, the local parties are obliged to summon the organisations, provided that the dispute cannot be solved locally. The organisations must meet on the same day or the following day, at the latest, to attempt to solve the dispute or immediately refer it to an industrial procedure.
- 2)** If the employees refuse to wait for a meeting to be held between the organisations and go on strike, or if they go on strike against the directions of the organisations, the employer may attempt to catch up with the backlog of work by giving the employees notice of work to be performed without overtime payment.

The working hours missed due to such strike must be compensated for within 14 days of resumption of work after the wildcat work stoppage.

Otherwise, the provisions of the collective agreement on overtime will not be affected. Any disagreements on this provision must be settled in an industrial procedure.

82. Equal treatment

The parties to the collective agreement agree that the industrial procedure must as far as possible be used in the resolution of disputes concerning discrimination.

Also, the parties to the collective agreement agree that any matters of principle must be referred to the organisation committee between DI and NNF prior to launching an industrial procedure.

The parties to the collective agreement agree that cases concerning equal pay are to be resolved with the Equal Pay Committee set up by the parties to the collective agreement.

83. Interpretation of the renewed agreement

In order to avoid industrial disputes arising as a result of misinterpretation of agreements concluded in connection with the renewal of the collective agreements, the parties to the collective agreement agree that it must be possible at any time during the term of the collective agreement following the renewal of the collective agreements to refer such disputes to the collective bargaining committee for an opinion before any industrial arbitration.

Opinions from the collective bargaining committee are binding on the organisations.

Also, the parties agree that the organisation committee set up by the parties to the collective agreement must continue its previous function.

84. Term of the collective agreement

This collective agreement runs from 1 March 2023 and until such time as it is terminated by one of the signatory organisations for expiry on any 1 March, albeit at the earliest on 1 March 2025 on, in accordance with the provisions applicable from time to time.

Amendments to the collective agreement, including rate changes, will take effect at the start of the payroll period which includes the agreed commencement date.

Special provision for: S/C, Tobacco

S/C:

Enterprises that have already concluded a collective agreement with the union when joining DI will be covered by this collective agreement from 1 March following their entry into DI without having to terminate the collective agreement already concluded.

The collective agreement applies to all current and future members of the signatory organisations, cf. above.

Tobacco:

The agreement area covers all work in the cigar, cheroot and cigarillos industry as well as the cigarette, smoking tobacco and chewing tobacco industry.

Copenhagen, March 2023

DI – THE CONFEDERATION OF DANISH INDUSTRY

Signed Niels Grøn Niels Grøn
Signed René Normann Christensen

THE DANISH FOOD AND ALLIED WORKERS' UNION - NNF

Signed Ole Wehlast
Signed Jim Jensen

Employment contract for employees covered by the Collective Agreement for the Food Industry with Special Provision

1. The parties

The undersigned employer (name):	CVR number:
Address:	Telephone no.:
Postal code/city:	
hereby employs:	
The employee's full name:	Date of birth:
Address:	Telephone no.:
Postal code/city:	

2. Job category

Job category/job title

3. Date of commencement

Commencement date:
<input type="checkbox"/> The employment is temporary and will terminate at the latest on:
<input type="checkbox"/> The employment will terminate at the latest when the following task(s) have been completed:

4. Place of work

Permanent place of work (only to be filled in if the place of work differs from the address of the employer)
Postal code/city:

5. Working hours

With respect to working hours - normal working hours, weekend work, part-time employment, flexitime, staggered hours and shift work - please see Part 1-3 of the Collective Agreement for the Food Industry and any local agreements.
Overtime is performed according to clauses 14-18 of the collective agreement.

6. Wages

Weekly/hourly wages at the time of the employment or at the time of the signature of this agreement:
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Overtime payment, weekday holiday payment, allowance for staggered hours, allowance for work in shifts and hardship allowance otherwise is paid according to the provisions in the Collective Agreement for the Food Industry. The enterprise may also operate with piecework, bonus schemes or other productivity-enhancing wage systems where wages are determined according to the provisions of the Collective Agreement or local agreements.

Wages are paid in arrears:

Each week Each 14 days Other - state wage period:

7. Holidays

Holidays can be taken in accordance with the Danish Holiday Act and the Collective Agreement for the Food Industry.

8. Pension

In accordance with the collective agreement, the employee will after two months' seniority (Processing: five months) be covered by Industriens Pension from the age of 18. The seniority requirement is considered to have been fulfilled for employees who at the commencement of the employment are covered by this pension scheme through previous employment or by a similar labour market pension scheme, and contributions must therefore be paid immediately at the commencement of the employment.

Is the employee covered by Industriens Pension or other labour market pension at the commencement of the employment

Does the employee wish for previously paid pension contributions accumulated in another pension scheme to be transferred to Industriens Pension

9. Termination

Please see the special provisions for the trade area.

10. Collective agreement

For the employment in general, the Collective Agreement for the Food Industry with special provisions for the trade area will apply

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concluded between Dansk Industri and NNF and any local agreements at the enterprise.

The collective agreement can be found at www.nnf.dk and www.di.dk

Furthermore, reference is made to any staff regulations at the enterprise. These are handed out to the employee together with this employment contract.

11. Other matters

Date: _____

Date: _____

Signature of the enterprise

Signature of the employee

PROVISIONS ON SHIFT WORK (with comments)

1. General working time provisions

(1) *On the first shift, the normal working hours for the individual employee are 37 per week. On the second and third shifts, the normal weekly working hours are 34.*

Overtime of up to three hours per week may be established on all three shifts, subject to local agreement.

The normal working hours for the individual employees are as stated, regardless of whether the work is organised in two or three shifts, and whether the enterprise uses normal shift work or continuous operation.

(2) *If shift work is performed for six weeks or more, the working hours may be scheduled as a rota system, where the individual employee's normal average working hours on three shifts are 3 hours in continuous three-week periods and on two shifts 2 hours in continuous two-week periods. Consequently, the weekly working hours may be longer or shorter than indicated in sub-clause (1), and excess hours are banked as whole days off which must be included in the roster for the rota period. To be considered a shift worker, the individual employee must take part in the rota system at least six times within six weeks.*

All shift work must be organised in accordance with Chapter 9 of the Danish Working Environment Act on rest periods and days off, as well as the related Executive Orders. All shift work may, thus, be continued on all days of the week, regardless of the type of production, as long as the special provisions on rest periods and rest days are observed. As this may result in the shifts having working hours that deviate from the norm in clause 1(1) within a week, it is a condition that shift work extends beyond six weeks in such circumstances. In such case, a rota plan must be agreed for a locally agreed rota period setting out the individual employees' working hours. Reference is made to clause 2(1) and clause 6(2) and (3) for the rules on interruption of shift work on a rota plan. The rota plan must include banked days off for the individual employee to ensure that he or she will work the normal working hours for two shifts of 35½ and for three shifts of 35, stated as average figures for the entire rota period.

Consequently, the working hours may deviate from the norm in sub-clause (1) in the individual weeks.

If working hours in the individual weeks or periods exceeding the norm in clause 1(1) are compensated by time off, no overtime allowance is paid. However, in connection with actual overtime during shift work, overtime allowance must be paid.

Subject to local agreement, it may be agreed under clause 9 that the working hours may be increased during a period of time (e.g. in connection with seasonal work) and decreased in a subsequent period.

Additional staff, substitutes etc. must have at least six shifts within a six-week period to be considered shift workers.

(3) *Employees must be given at least five x 24 hours' notice of transfer to shift work. However, employees employed for shift work or participating in the roster for a rota period (clause 2(2)) are not entitled to notice. If work is required before the expiry of the notice period, the employees entitled to notice are paid in accordance with the provisions in clause 5 with the usual overtime allowance calculated on the basis of the enterprise's normal daily working hours.*

"Transfer to shift work" means both establishment of new shifts and the transfer of individual employees from day work to shift work, unless the employees have been employed for shift work or participate in a rota plan.

The notice to be given is 5 x 24 hours prior to the start of shift work (including Sundays, weekday holidays, days off and holidays).

If the notice expires during a working period, overtime allowance is paid instead of shift allowance for the time until the expiry of the notice, cf. otherwise clause 5. However, this special provision does not change the categorisation of the work as normal shift work.

(4) *Generally, the employees will work for one week at a time on the same shift, after which time the shifts will change, for example, for work in three shifts, which means that the first shift will change to the third shift, the second shift will change to the first shift, and the third shift will change to the second shift. Shifts are normally changed on Sundays.*

The above is the normal procedure for changing between shifts, but other procedures are possible. Work on one shift may, for example, be of longer or shorter duration than one week (cf. also clause 9).

Deviations from the normal procedure do not entitle the employees to extra pay.

(5) *In connection with shift work, the day is counted from 6 am to 6 am or from the start of normal working hours at the individual enterprise to the same time the next morning, unless otherwise agreed in writing. If employees are required to start work before 6 am, overtime allowance will be paid up to this time instead of shift allowance.*

The provision stipulating that the shift day starts at 6 am or at the start of normal working hours normally implies that shifts starting within this time are to be considered as work on the first shift.

If the enterprise requires employees on the first shift to start work earlier than 6 am, the overtime allowance stipulated by collective agreement must be paid until 6 am instead of shift allowance.

(6) *The shifts normally relieve each other, but if necessary in consideration of the enterprise's interests, the shifts may overlap or there may be a break between them. The employees have a right of industrial action for lack of consideration in the planning of shift work not properly justified by the enterprise's interests.*

There are no restrictions on overlap time or breaks between the shifts, and if rendered necessary by the enterprise's operations, a first shift and a third shift may, for example, be established without the need for a second shift.

This does not change the categorisation of the work as shift work. The employees have a right of industrial action for lack of consideration in the planning of shift work, including in connection with the establishment of overtime prior to or immediately after a shift.

(7) *The enterprise's operating time is independent of the individual employee's working time according to the collective agreement, as the operating time is only limited by statutory provisions.*

The provision emphasises that the enterprise is entitled to have a weekly operating time independent of the individual employee's normal weekly working hours. As the employees' total normal working hours according to the collective agreement for the first, second and third shifts are 105 per week, the remaining operating time must be filled by a rota

system pursuant to clause 1(2), i.e. use of substitutes or distribution of the working hours on more shifts.

2. Special provisions on working hours

(1) *If a permanent rota plan is used, it may be suspended if rendered necessary by circumstances outside of the enterprise's control or if agreed between the parties.*

In addition, the rota plan may be interrupted on weekday holidays, subject to three weeks' notice, without any consequences in terms of payment under clause 6(2).

A rota plan may be interrupted temporarily due to unforeseen events such as breakdown of machinery, material shortage or according to agreement, e.g. in connection with holiday, and, subject to three weeks' notice, on weekday holidays. It is a condition that the rota plan is resumed when the circumstances leading to the interruption no longer exist. Temporary interruption will not have any consequences in terms of payment under clauses 5, 6(1) and (2) and 7(2) on the termination of shift work.

If shift work is interrupted due to force majeure, according to agreement or on weekday holidays, the employees must be given the opportunity to make up for the lost time, cf. clause 6(3).

(2) *When shift work is performed on weekday holidays, the employee is entitled to a day off for each weekday holiday worked. If a rostered day off falls on a weekday holiday, the employee is entitled to another day off.*

Compensatory time off for work on weekday holidays (which include the Danish national holidays and Constitution Day (5 June) from 12 noon to the end of the working day, provided that these days do not fall on a Sunday) and compensatory days off for rostered days off falling on such weekday holidays reduce the working hours indicated in clause 1(1) and (2). Consequently, the average working hours in weeks or rota periods which include such weekday holidays must be reduced by the number of hours which have been or could have been worked on a weekday holiday. If compensatory days off for weekday holidays cannot be given, payment must be made in accordance with the provisions in clause 8(1). If work is performed on some weekday holidays, such work is performed as overtime and does not entitle the employee to compensatory days off.

Weekly-paid employees must receive their wages without any deductions in the weeks where compensatory days off are taken, as work on a weekday holiday will only be remunerated by the allowance for work on Sundays and public holidays in addition to the normal weekly wages.

Hourly-paid employees will not be paid wages on a compensatory day off, as they will receive an allowance for work on weekday holidays in addition to their normal wages and, independently thereof, the applicable general weekday holiday payment.

(3) *When preparing the duty roster, it must as far as possible be ensured that employees have weekends off.*

Employees must have weekends off to the widest possible extent considering the local conditions, and the employees have a right of action for lack of consideration.

(4) *A weekday holiday (24 hours) must start no earlier than at 10 pm on the day before such weekday holiday and must end no later than at 8 am on the day after such weekday holiday.*

If work for the week is finished on Saturday or on Sunday morning, at the latest, the 24-hour Sunday period covers the past 24 hours prior to the resumption of work on Sunday evening (no earlier than at 10 pm) or Monday morning (no later than at 8 am). Any change of the 24-hour Sunday period is subject to written agreement between the parties.

If the 24-hour Sunday period ends on Sunday evening at 10 pm, normal shift allowance must be paid in accordance with clause 3(1) from this time. However, reference is also made to the provision in clause 3(3).

3. Payment for shift work

(1) *For shift work on weekdays, not including Saturdays, the following allowances are paid:*

*As of 27 February 2023 the amount will be:
From 5.00 pm to 6.00 am DKK 41.37 per hour*

*As of 26 February 2024 the amount will be:
From 5.00 pm to 6.00 am DKK 42.82 per hour*

If the weekly working hours start with a third shift on Sunday evening, i.e. after the end of the 24-hour Sunday period, the above allowances must be paid for work on this shift.

(2) *For shift work during the hours from Saturday at 2.00 pm to the end of the 24-hour Sunday period and on weekday holidays (Constitution Day (5 June) between 12 noon and the end of the 24-hour working period, cf. clause 1(5)), an allowance is paid:*

*As of 27 February 2023, the allowance will be DKK 106.34 per hour.
As of 26 February 2024, the allowance will be DKK 110.06 per hour.*

In addition to this, the allowances, percentages or "øre" amounts ("øre" = one hundredth of a Danish krone) stipulated by collective agreement are not payable for work on these days.

As is the case for the normal shift allowances in sub-clause (1), the allowance for shift work during the hours from Saturday at 2.00 pm to the end of the 24-hour Sunday period must be paid regardless of shift within this period.

Employees on the first shift must, if their normal working hours on Saturdays end after 2.00 pm, receive the special weekend allowance from 2.00 pm.

The total payment for shift work from Saturday 2.00 pm to the end of the 24-hour Sunday period and on weekday holidays is, for those paid on an hourly and piecework basis, the normal payment plus an allowance:

*As of 24 February 2020, the allowance will be DKK 98.58 per hour.
As of 1 March 2021, the allowance will be DKK 100.16 per hour.
As of 28 February 2022, the allowance will be DKK 101.76 per hour.*

- and on weekday holiday days moreover weekday holiday payment (advance). Employees covered by collective agreements for weekly-paid employees will receive the above shift allowance in addition to their normal weekly wages, as the weekday holiday allowance in these areas is paid as full wages during the week which includes the compensatory day off.

On compensatory days off, employees covered by collective agreements for hourly-paid employees are not paid, cf. the comments on clause 2(2).

If Constitution Day (5 June) is a full day off according to the collective agreement, this also applies to shift work.

(3) If the 24-hour Sunday period has been moved and ends between Sunday at 10 pm and Monday morning at 6 am, and where work is performed six days on the third shift per week, the allowance stipulated in sub-clause (2) is paid until Monday morning at 6 am.

This provision only applies to enterprises where work is performed on the third shift six days a week, and where the weekly working hours start on Sunday evening and end on Saturday. In these cases, the allowance for work on Sunday night is the same as that stipulated in sub-clause (2) instead of the normal shift allowance in sub-clause (1).

4. Overtime

For overtime during the time for which shift allowance is paid, cf. clause 3(1) and (2), the shift allowance applicable to that time is paid in addition to overtime payment.

The new provisions on payment for overtime imply that shift workers who do overtime during hours where shift allowance is paid must receive both overtime payment and shift allowance.

Overtime in connection with shift work may be required in accordance with the general provisions in the individual collective agreements, which means that the issue of the extent to which overtime may be required cannot be settled with reference to the provisions of the general agreement; instead, the provisions of the individual collective agreements must be applied.

5. Failure to give notice

If the notice of 5 x 24 hours stipulated in clause 1(3) has not been given, an allowance corresponding to the overtime allowance is paid for the time falling outside of the normal daily working hours until the expiry of the notice period instead of shift allowance.

This provision only concerns payment and stipulates that if the stipulated notice is not given, overtime allowance must be paid instead of shift allowance for the time falling outside of the normal daily working hours until the notice period ends after 5 x 24 hours. This special payment provision does not change the categorisation of the work as shift work. "Normal daily working hours" means the actual hours worked and not the working hours stipulated by collective agreement. If not all employees have normal daily working hours, the individual employee's (or group's) daily working hours are used. This provision does not apply to employees employed for shift work or participating in a roster for a rota period.

6. Insufficient duration and interruption of shift work

(1) *When an employee at the instance of the employer and through no fault of his or her own is prevented from continuing shift work for more than three days, an allowance corresponding to overtime allowance calculated on the basis of the enterprise's normal daily working hours is paid instead of shift allowance for the hours worked. This provision does not apply to employees participating in the roster for a rota period.*

If the shift work for the individual employee only lasts for three days, overtime allowance is paid for the hours falling outside the normal daily working hours.

Overtime allowance according to clause 5 and clause 6(1) cannot be paid simultaneously.

This special payment provision does not change the categorisation of the work as shift work, for which reason the working hours must be included in the calculation of working hours as shift work.

The provision does not apply to employees participating in the roster for a rota period and fulfilling the conditions in clause 1(2) on participation in the rota with at least six shifts within six weeks.

(2) *If shift work scheduled over a rota period in accordance with clause 1(2) is interrupted, the overtime payment stipulated by collective agreement must be paid during the payroll period in which the work is interrupted, starting with the lowest rates for hours outside of normal working hours according to the collective agreement in the payroll period. Employees will receive the usual payment for hourly-paid work, excluding all other allowances, for the hours not worked up to the normal working hours stipulated by collective agreement in the payroll period. Actual overtime during the elapsed part of the payroll period will not be included in the calculation of the individual employees' hours.*

Interruption of shift work during the rota period means that the shift work for one or all shifts is terminated and not resumed or is terminated under the previous rota plan and continues under a new rota plan.

Shift work organised in accordance with clause 1(2) with varying weekly working hours must normally extend over at least six weeks. If shift work is interrupted during the rota period either before or after six weeks, each individual employee's working hours during the payroll period in which the work is interrupted must be made up.

If this shows that some employees have worked more than the normal working hours according to the collective agreement during the payroll period, overtime allowance must be paid, starting with the lowest rate for the hours of overtime, and if others have worked less than the normal working hours stipulated by collective agreement, the usual wages for hourly-paid work, excluding all other allowances, must be paid for these hours.

The actual hours of overtime to be excluded from the calculation of working hours are hours that increase the agreed working hours during the payroll period and, thus, are subject to overtime allowance, but not hours for which another allowance corresponding to overtime payment is paid for any other reason.

If employees covered by collective agreements for weekly-paid employees are paid the normal weekly wages, regardless of the number of working hours in the individual week, wages and overtime allowance must be paid in accordance with the above provisions for any excess hours during the payroll period in which the work was interrupted. If the employee has worked fewer hours than the normal working hours, the normal weekly wages cannot be reduced.

This provision does not apply if an individual employee is transferred to another shift or to day work during a rota period. In such case, the provision in clause 7(2) applies.

(3) *The above-mentioned allowances are not payable if the work has been interrupted due to force majeure or according to agreement. In such case, the employees must be given the opportunity to make up for lost time.*

The provisions in sub-clause (2) do not apply if the shift work is interrupted due to force majeure or the like. As opposed to clause 2(1), it is not a condition that the shift work is resumed, for which reason the employees must be given the opportunity to make up for

lost time or be paid compensation. If the employees make up for lost time during the normal daily working hours or the normal working hours of the individual shifts, respectively, the employees receive overtime payment for such hours.

Employees covered by collective agreements for weekly-paid employees with normal weekly wages must be paid for any excess hours and are obliged to make up for lost time to avoid deductions from their weekly wages. If the employees make up for lost time during the normal daily working hours or the normal working hours of the individual shifts, respectively, the employees receive overtime payment for such hours.

7. Transfer

(1) *If an employee is transferred from one shift to another, and this is not stipulated in a rota plan, a lump sum of DKK 247.46 is paid for such a transfer as of 27 February 2023. As of 26 February 2024, this amount will be increased to DKK 256.12. No extra payment is made if the employee is transferred back to the original shift or transferred to day work.*

The following guidelines apply to payment for an abnormal transfer:

Transfer from permanent day work to shift work is subject to notice in accordance with clause 1(3), or payment must be made in accordance with clause 5. Consequently, in such case, clause 7(1) does not apply.

Transfer of permanent substitutes from day work to shift work

Outside the times provided in the rota plan, the lump sum of DKK 247.46 is paid for the transfer as of 27 February 2023. As of 26 February 2024 the amount will be DKK 256.12 - and will be paid when the employee is transferred to the second or the third shift, but not to the first shift, if the working hours coincide with day work, or if the difference between the start of the working hours for day work and for the first shift is one hour or less.

On transfer of employees between shifts where the employees as part of a rota plan also do day work, from such work to the second or third shift, the lump sum of DKK 247.46 is paid for the transfer as of 27 February 2023. As of 26 February 2024, the allowance will be DKK 256.12.

Transfer from one shift to another

When rescheduling the rota plan or moving entire shifts in connection with changes to the shift work format or changing how shifts are scheduled within the 24-hour working day, the lump sum of DKK 247.46 is paid for the transfer as of 27 February 2023. As of 26 February 2024, the allowance will be DKK 256.12 - whereas all other transfers, including changes in the agreed shift working hours, are regarded as transfers that are entitled to the lump sum.

For transfers back to the original shift within three weeks, the lump sum will not be paid.

If the employee is transferred back after three weeks, this is considered a new transfer entitling the employee to receive the lump sum.

On transfers between day work and the first shift

Transfers will only be regarded as equal if the working hours coincide, or if the difference between the start of the working hours is limited to one hour or less. The lump sum is not payable in these cases.

On transfer to day work

The lump sum is not payable on transfer to day work i.e. transfer from a rota plan or from shift work..

(2) If an employee is transferred from one shift to another or to and from day work, without this being part of a fixed rota plan prepared in accordance with clause 1(2), and the employee is not able to work the normal working hours stipulated by collective agreement during the payroll period, the employee is paid the usual wages for hourly-paid work, but excluding all other allowances, for the remaining hours.

The employee is paid the overtime allowance stipulated by collective agreement, starting with the lowest rates, for any excess hours worked during the payroll period in addition to the normal working hours for the payroll period stipulated by collective agreement.

Actual overtime during the elapsed part of the payroll period will not be included in the calculation of the individual employees' hours.

The provision applies to situations where the individual employee's working hours are shorter or longer than the normal working hours for the payroll period stipulated by collective agreement, without this being provided in a rota plan, because he or she is transferred from one shift to another or to and from day work. In such cases, the working hours of the payroll period are calculated, and the employee is paid the usual payment for hourly-paid work, but excluding all other allowances, for the hours not worked up to the normal working hours for the payroll period stipulated by collective agreement, while any excess hours worked during the payroll period in addition to the normal working hours for the payroll period stipulated by collective agreement entitle the employee to receive overtime payment as stipulated by collective agreement, starting with the lowest rates. Actual overtime is time which, by definition, amounts to overtime, cf. the comments on clause 6(2). Transfers should, where possible, be organised in a way that results in the least possible overtime or insufficient time during the payroll period.

8. Work on or moving of days off

(1) Where a compensatory day off for work on weekday holidays (clause 2(2)) cannot be given, an additional allowance of DKK 102.83 per hour must be paid for work on the weekday holiday as of 27 February 2023. As of 26 February 2024, the hourly amount will be increased to DKK 106.43. The same allowance is paid where a rostered day off falls on a weekday holiday, and a compensatory day off cannot be given (clause 2(2)).

This provision applies to unforeseen situations and does not entitle the employer to generally cancel days off against payment in connection with the preparation of the rota plan or later.

If a weekly-paid employee's compensatory or rostered days off falling on a weekday holiday are cancelled, the employee *must be paid for the work on such day* in addition to the normal weekly wages plus DKK 102.83 per hour as of 27 February 2023. As of 26 February 2024, this amount will be increased to DKK 106.43

(2) If a rostered day off is moved without this being part of a rescheduling of the rota plan, an allowance of DKK 27.96 per hour is paid as of 27 February 2023. As of 26 February 2024, the allowance will be DKK 28.94 per hour. A rostered day off must not be moved for more than four weeks, unless otherwise agreed locally.

Notice of moving of rostered days off must be given as early as possible, and it must take place within a four-week period. The additional payment must be made regardless of the notice given of the moving of the rostered day off.

(3) *If a rostered day off falling on a weekday is cancelled, for work on this day, the employee will receive the allowance stipulated by collective agreement either for work on a guaranteed weekday off, if any such provision has been agreed, or, if not, by overtime payment, starting with the lowest rates.*

If it is necessary to cancel a rostered day off falling on a weekday, and the employee is not given a compensatory day off later, cf. sub-clause (2), the employee must receive the allowance for work on guaranteed weekdays off stipulated by collective agreement in addition to wages for work on this day.

If the collective agreement does not contain a provision on separate payment in such cases, the overtime allowance stipulated by collective agreement will be paid, starting with the lowest rates.

9. Local agreements

It is permitted to conclude local agreements, taking account of the special conditions at the enterprises, on scheduling of working hours, change of shifts and meal breaks as well as distributing of payments over a period. Such agreements must be made in writing.

It is possible to conclude local agreements on the scheduling of working hours, meal breaks and change of shifts (cf. clause 1(1), (2), (4) and (5) and clause 2(1)). Where, in exceptional cases, it is deemed appropriate, it may be agreed to convert all allowances so as to equal, for example, the same "øre" amounts for all hours on all three shifts, to all hours on the second and the third shift or to fixed weekly amounts. However, this presupposes that the rota is quite regular. The basis of calculation in a local agreement on payment of equal amounts per hour or per week must be the rates stipulated in the shift work agreement, and the calculations must be specified in the local agreement to ensure that they may be updated in the event of changes to the general agreement. Such agreement must also contain a provision on how to treat employees who start or leave shift work, either that their allowances must be calculated for the time spent on shift work or that they are obliged to work under the same payment provisions as apply to the other employees.

If shift work is organised such that only a few hours are required to be worked on Saturdays on the second shift with two-shift working and on the second and third shifts with three-shift working, it may be agreed that the shifts take turns to do the entire Saturday work.

Appendix 1

Guidance document regarding part 9 of the Danish Working Environment Act and Executive Order No. 324 of 23 May 2002 with this amendment on rest periods and rest days

Daily rest period

The employee must have a rest period of at least 11 consecutive hours within every period of 24 hours (section 50(1) of the Working Environment Act).

This means that an employee who had the weekend off and started work on Monday at 6.00 am will only be allowed to work until Monday at 7.00 pm, as this allows a rest period of exactly 11 hours within the 24-hour period from Sunday at 7.00 pm to Monday at 7.00 pm.

The employee's daily rest period may be reduced to eight hours at enterprises with several shifts (section 50(2)(1) of the Working Environment Act).

Change of shifts comprises both ordinary and extraordinary changes of shifts in accordance with the provisions on shift work.

Weekly rest day

Within each period of seven days, the employees must have a weekly 24-hour period off in immediate connection to a daily rest period (section 51(1) of the Working Environment Act).

This provision must be understood to mean that there can be no more than six days between two rest days.

As the rest day must be in immediate connection to a daily rest period, the employees will normally have a rest period of at least 35 consecutive hours (for shift work, it may be reduced to 32 hours) every seven days.

Other exceptions

Otherwise, the general provisions of the Working Environment Act on variations to the daily rest period and the weekly rest day apply, cf. sections 50-55 of the Working Environment Act. In such case, corresponding compensatory rest periods or rest days must be provided.

Agreements on rearrangement of the rest day

- **Agreements on seven days between two rest days**

According to section 22 of the Executive Order, it may be agreed locally that the weekly rest day is to be rearranged. However, there must not be more than seven days between two rest days. The local agreement is made between the enterprise and the shop steward(s) or, if no shop stewards have been appointed, with a majority of the employees within the agreement area. The agreement must be made in writing and must subsequently be recorded in the inspection log. Reference is made to the comments in the previous section on calculation of the daily rest period in immediate connection to the rest day and on the scheduling of the rest day.

- **Agreements on seven to 12 days between two rest days**

DI and NNF may approve working schedules with up to 12 days between two rest days. The following procedure applies to the preparation of such working schedules: The local parties agree on a working schedule which clearly shows how the working hours of the individual employees are scheduled. The working schedule must be made in writing between the enterprise and the shop steward(s) or, if no shop stewards have been appointed, with a majority of the employees within the agreement area.

Reference is made to the comments in the previous section on the term and termination of the working schedule and on the calculation of the daily rest period in connection to the rest day and the scheduling of the weekly rest day. The working schedule must then be submitted to the local parties for approval by the respective organisations, DI and NNF. The working schedule must be submitted to the organisations no later than eight weeks before it is intended to take effect.

The organisations must reply in writing to the working schedule submitted no later than five weeks before it is intended to take effect. If written objections to the schedule are made, such objections must be submitted to the organisation forthwith. No later than two weeks before the working schedule is intended to take effect, the conclusions from the organisations' discussions must be presented. Finally, the approved organisation agreement must be recorded in the inspection log.

- **Agreement on more than 12 days between two rest days**

DI and NNF may approve working schedules with more than 12 days between two rest days. This is very far-reaching, for which reason the agreements must be approved by the Director-General of the Danish Working Environment Authority in addition to the parties to the collective agreement - DI and NNF.

Reference is made to the comments in section (b) above on the procedure for the preparation of working schedules.

Addendum to appendix 1

Agreement on the practical procedure for the processing of an application for rearrangement of the rest day

The procedure for processing of applications for rearrangement of the rest day is subject to the provisions in this appendix 1 of this shift work agreement. NNF and DI agree on the following elaboration of the procedure for processing of applications from enterprises and their employees for approval of working schedules with more than seven days between two rest days.

Consideration of the case

In order to promote the consideration of the case, the organisations must notify each other of applications received. If an application has only been received by one of the organisations, such organisation must submit a copy of the case files to the other organisation within three days of receipt of the application.

Within two weeks of receipt of the application by the organisations, a meeting is held between representatives from the organisations to consider the application. Such meetings must be organised at least three days in advance. If both or one of the organisations consider that the information available on the case is not sufficient, further information must be obtained from the applicants before the meeting.

If the representatives from the organisations agree to approve an application for rearrangement of the rest day under clause 19 of the Executive Order, the enterprise and the employees must be notified.

If the application is rejected, the enterprise and its employees must be notified of this within three weeks of receipt of the application by the main organisations.

Applications relating to section 20 of the Executive Order are processed as described above. If the organisations agree, the application is forwarded to the Director-General of the Danish Working Environment Authority with the organisations' signed recommendation.

NNF and DI must notify the enterprise and its employees of the Authority's reply.

GROUP LIFE POLICY FOR MEAT AND PROCESSING

Meat, Processing

Group life policy for Processing and Meat.

Reference is made to AP Pension (Processing) and Forenede Gruppeliv (Meat) for applicable conditions.

Meat

Agreement on group life insurance

According to an agreement between DI for the members in the meat industry (Meat) and the administration company FORENEDE GRUPPELIV (FG), Meat has undertaken on behalf of its members to provide group life insurance for all employees employed by its member enterprises, including apprentices who have attained the age of 18 but have not attained the age of 67 and who:

- a) are members of NNF, the Danish Metal Workers' Union or the Danish Union of Electricians.
- b) are members of another union but paid according to the wage rates applicable to one of the unions mentioned above in (a) at their enterprises, or where DI has made another special agreement with the union in question on participation in the group life insurance scheme.

To cover the liability assumed in connection with the above-mentioned agreement, KIF and FG have signed a group life agreement according to which the insurance amount is DKK 414,868.00 if the insured dies during the time from when he or she attains the age of 18 and until he or she attains the age of 67.

If a group member leaves children under the age of 21, an additional insurance amount will be paid per child according to the following scale:

Under 18 years old	DKK 62,230.00
18-20 years old incl.	DKK 45,013.00
Aged 21 years old	DKK 0.00

If a group member, who has one year's seniority, as a minimum, at one and the same Meat member and who has not attained the age of 60, is granted disability pension based on at least two thirds disability, an insurance amount of DKK 57,202.00 is paid.

If such disability was caused by an accident at the enterprise, the above seniority requirement will not apply.

The insurance amounts stated are indexed every year. The above insurance amounts take effect from 1 January 2020.

Critical illness

If a group member develops a "critical illness" before having attained the age of 60, an insurance amount of DKK 117,800.00 is paid. Critical illness covers: malignant types of cancer, coronary thrombosis, brain haemorrhage, open-heart surgery (bypass surgery and heart valves), disseminated sclerosis, kidney failure, major organ transplants (heart-lung, lung and liver) and AIDS as stated in the special insurance terms.

After payment of the insurance amount for critical illness, the critical illness cover will lapse. It is a condition for payment that the diagnosis is made during the insurance period and no earlier than three months after entry into the group life insurance scheme. The insurance amount paid is deducted from any cover on death at a later time if the insured dies less than three months after payment of the insurance amount on critical illness.

The premium is paid by the enterprise and declared to the tax authorities as wages. The right to cover will lapse 30 days after resignation from a position or the employer's withdrawal from Meat; however, not later than at the end of the month in which the group member attains the age of 67. If an employee on early retirement benefits dies before having attained the age of 67, the insurance amount will be paid, provided that the employee had been employed by one and the same Meat member for a continuous period of seven years before early retirement. The early retirement scheme is a paid-up policy.

Processing

Group life agreement

Agreement on group life insurance with disability cover and critical illness

According to the collective agreement between DI as the one party and NNF and the Danish Metal Workers' Union as the other party. on behalf of its members, the above employers' association is obliged to provide group life insurance for all employees at the member enterprises who have attained the age of 18 but have not attained the age of 65 and who:

- c) are members of NNF or the Danish Metal Workers' Union, or
- d) are members of another union but paid according to the wage rates applicable to one of the unions mentioned above in (a) at their enterprises, or where DI has made another special agreement with the union in question on participation in the group life insurance scheme.

Apprentices under the age of 18 will be covered by the insurance scheme from the start of their apprenticeship period.

Insurance amount on death

To cover the liability assumed in connection with the above-mentioned agreement, DI and the group life insurance company for the meat industry SLAGERIERNES GRUPPELIV (SG) have signed a group agreement according to which the insurance amount is DKK 310,000 if the insured dies before having attained the age of 70.

Children's benefits

In addition, the following amounts are paid for children under the age of 21:

DKK 43,500 per child aged 0-16

DKK 37,500 per child aged 17

DKK 31,500 per child aged 18

DKK 25,500 per child aged 19

DKK 12,000 per child aged 20

Disability cover

Where an application for public early retirement pension is processed in accordance with the rules applicable before 1 January 2003, an insurance amount of DKK 90,000 is paid to employees with at least one year's seniority at one and the same enterprise under this agreement who are awarded early retirement pension from the state on the basis of a disability of at least two thirds before attaining the age of 65.

If an employee attains the age of 65 before being awarded early retirement pension but after applying for early retirement pension, it must be assessed in each specific case whether the loss of capacity for work must be assumed to have occurred within the period of cover and before the employee attained the age of 65.

An insurance amount of DKK 90,000 is paid to employees whose capacity for work is reduced by at least two thirds due to illness or accident before having attained the age of 65 and after at least one year's seniority at one and the same enterprise under this agreement.

Such loss of capacity for work occurs when the group member in SG's opinion is no longer capable of earning more than one third of the usual amount paid to employees with full capacity for work and with similar training and of a similar age. The member's current state of health, training and previous employment must be taken into consideration.

If the loss of capacity for work is due to an accident at the enterprise, the seniority requirement will not apply.

After payment of an insurance amount on disability, disability cover will lapse, and cover on death will be reduced by the amount paid. The reduced cover on death will be maintained as a paid-up policy for up to three years after the incapacity for work set in; however, no longer than at the expiry of the agreement, after which time cover will lapse.

Critical illness

If an employee develops a critical illness before having reached the age of 65, an insurance amount of DKK 100,000 is paid.

Critical illness covers: cancer, coronary thrombosis, bypass surgery or balloon angioplasty, heart valve surgery, brain haemorrhage, cerebral aneurysm, certain benign tumours in the brain and spinal cord, disseminated sclerosis, ALS (amyotrophic lateral sclerosis), muscular atrophy, HIV infection due to a blood transfusion or work-related transmission, AIDS, Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, kidney failure, major organ transplants, Parkinson's disease, blindness and deafness, as stated in the special insurance terms.

After payment of the insurance amount for critical illness, the critical illness cover will lapse. It is a condition for payment that the diagnosis is made during the insurance period. The insurance amount paid is deducted from any cover on death due at a later time, if the death is caused by the same illness, and if the insured dies less than three months after payment of the insurance amount on critical illness.

If an employee has previously been diagnosed with a critical illness, the employee will be covered by the scheme if he or she develops a new (another) critical illness after more than 10 years.

Transitional provisions applicable to 1 March 2009:

However, if a critical illness was diagnosed before 1 March 1999, the employee is covered by the scheme in the event that a new (another) critical illness is diagnosed later in the insurance period.

However, for cancer diagnoses the following applies:

If the group member has been diagnosed with cancer once before, he or she will be entitled to payment in the event of a new cancer diagnosis subject to the following conditions:

The last active medical treatment for the previous cancer diagnosis took place at least 10 years ago without any form of subsequent cancer treatment or any form of relapse. The 10-year period runs from the last day of active medical treatment (such as surgery, chemotherapy or radiation therapy) and until the date of a new (another) cancer diagnosis. Follow-up appointments are not regarded as treatment.

In addition, the insurance agreement is governed by SG's terms on critical illness cover in connection with group life agreements and SG's insurance terms, according to which the following provisions apply to the insured:

Commencement

Cover under the group life insurance commences on the day when SG accepts the insurance, unless another commencement date has been agreed. Changes to the group life insurance are subject to the same rules as admission in the group life insurance scheme.

Payment on death

The insurance amount payable if the group member dies will be paid to the group member's next of kin, unless otherwise agreed in writing between the member and SG.

The group member's "next of kin" includes the group member's spouse or, if there is no surviving spouse, the group member's children or, if there are no surviving children, the group member's heirs according to his or her will or by law.

Children's benefits payable to minors living in the deceased's home with the deceased's spouse are paid to the spouse. Otherwise, the payment will be made to the child in question. Payment is conditional upon presentation of the documentation required by the company.

Excluded risk

In a state of war or other similar increase of risk on Danish territory, cover under the group insurance is suspended.

On recommendation from the Danish Financial Supervisory Authority, the Minister for Industry decides whether the above situation has arisen and if so, when such increase of risk must be deemed to have occurred and ceased.

Outside of Danish territory, insurance events that are caused as a result of active participation in war, riot or the like are not covered.

Disposal

The group life policy may not be disposed of, pledged or otherwise be bought and sold, and if the insured leaves the insurance scheme, the policy will have no value.

Paid-up policy

If a group member leaves the insurance scheme before attaining the age of 65 due to illness or accident causing his or her capacity for work to be reduced to one third or less, cover may be maintained without payment of premium during the period of incapacity for work up to a maximum of three years.

In order to provide and maintain such cover, the insured must present such documentation for his or her incapacity for work as SG deems necessary.

Withdrawal from the group

If a group member withdraws from the group, either by resigning from the policyholder enterprise, or because the insured no longer fulfils the conditions for being a member of the group, cover will lapse at the end of the quarter in which he or she withdraws.

If a group member resigns from the policyholder enterprise due to seasonal unemployment, strike, lockout or other form of work stoppage, cover will continue during such work stoppage for up to two months, provided that premium is paid for the entire group for this period.

EU DIRECTIVES

Implementation

The parties to the collective agreement agree to enter into negotiations on the implementation of EU Directives of relevance to the area.

The EU Working Time Directive

The basis of this organisation agreement between DI and NNF's trade areas is Council Directive 93/104/EC of 23 November 1993 concerning certain aspects of the organisation of working time.

With the provisions below, the current Danish legislation, including in particular on working environment and holiday, as well as the collective agreements, the Directive has been implemented.

Normal weekly working hours

The normal weekly working hours and the rules on duly notified overtime are stipulated in the respective collective agreements. However, the average working time for each seven-day period, including overtime, must not exceed 48 hours, calculated as an average for a 4-month reference period.

Breaks

An employee with daily working hours of more than six is entitled to a rest break, the duration of which must be such that it fulfils its purpose.

The break must be scheduled in accordance with the general rules for scheduling of the working time.

Daily/weekly rest period

Daily/weekly rest periods are covered by the provisions in Chapter 9 of the Danish Working Environment Act with the related Executive Order No. 372 of 15 August 1980.

The Parental Leave Directive (introduced in 2010)

During the collective agreement period, DI Collective Agreement I through DI and NFF have discussed Directive 2010/18/EC about parental leave.

The parties to the collective agreement will make the implementation of the above-mentioned a subject of discussion.

Implementation of Directive 2008/104/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 November 2008 on temporary agency work (introduced in 2010)

DI and NNF have agreed to implement the Temporary Agency Work Directive by agreement between the parties in the collective agreement for the food industry. In the implementation of the Directive, it will be endeavoured to ensure that it is as close to the Directive text as possible.

Some terms in the Directive still need to be clarified, and the parties to the collective agreement will ensure that this is done soon in order to start on the implementation negotiations.

The parties to the collective agreement will make the implementation of the above-mentioned a subject of discussion.

The EU Part-Time Work Directive (introduced in 1999)

The parties to the collective agreement agree that the EU Directive of 15 December 1997 on part-time work has been implemented in the collective agreement between the parties.

The Directive is also considered as having been fulfilled as the collective agreement does not discriminate between full-time and part-time employees.

FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT REGARDING METHOD DEVELOPMENT AND PIECEWORK

1. Object

In order to strengthen the enterprises' competitiveness and continued development and, thus, the employment opportunities, the parties to the collective agreement agree that it is necessary to endeavour to increase productivity through a mutual cooperation and loyal commitment by means of improved working methods, the most rational production conditions and the best possible production efforts by everyone taking part in the work.

To promote this and to provide the employees with the opportunity of obtaining a reasonable extra income, the parties to the collective agreement agree that the efforts made must always observe all safety and health requirements. Then, when agreed locally, enterprises may introduce work studies and piecework in accordance with the guidelines below.

2. Local agreements

Piecework may only be introduced at the individual enterprises when the organisations have approved the relevant local agreement.

The parties to the collective agreement agree that the framework agreement essentially covers issues relating to piece-rate fixing, and that the local agreements must contain items 1, 2 and 3 in clause 2 of the framework agreement:

1. Provision on fixing of piece rates, cf. clause 3
2. Determination of additional work, cf. clause 10
3. Any use of the special additional time for combined rest breaks, cf. clause 11.

When the local agreement has been finally approved, the required preparatory work will be initiated, including any appointment and training of work study staff and implementation of the work study method.

3. Method development and work studies

Work studies are used for method development, and such studies are carried out after having been discussed in the work study committee using the study method best suited for the relevant production or operation, as assessed by the enterprise.

Time studies (the continuity method), unit time systems, synthetic material and frequency studies are used for fixing of piece rates. The local parties must agree on the fixing of the piece rate, and it must be stated in the local agreement.

More advanced time study methods or systems and use of synthetic times from other enterprises in the area may be used subject to prior agreement between the organisations.

Time studies must be used for checks, regardless of the system applied, cf. clause 18.

4. Local agreement about other payment

If it is not possible to fix piece rates due to technical, operational or similar reasons based on the other provisions of the framework agreement, or where the local parties otherwise agree that it would be expedient, other types of piecework schemes may be agreed with the organisations based on work studies and/or quality and benefit measurements.

5. Work study technicians

The enterprise will appoint its own consultants and work study staff. They will be in charge of method development and fixing of piece rates, and their instructions must be observed by the employees as agreed with the foremen. The organisations agree to recommend that the work study shop steward participate in the work study department's tasks and that a local agreement on this subject is concluded.

If a work study shop steward is replaced, cf. clause 27, the local agreement will be reviewed. The work study shop steward participates in the department's tasks under the management and responsibility of the work study manager.

6. Work plan / Work study committee (ASU)

On the recommendation of the work study committee, the enterprise decides which work is to be carried out as piecework, how to fix piece rates and in which order. The enterprise prepares a plan, stating work areas, types of goods etc. to be included in work studies and fixing of piece rates.

When the enterprise launches the piecework scheme, it is a condition that it must continue without interruption until all the areas stated in the work plan have been included under the new payment system. The local parties are obliged to contribute to the success of the scheme in a professional and positive manner.

If the fixing of piece rates has been initiated, it must as far as possible be finalised without interruption. In the event of interruption, the shop steward must be notified of the reason for this.

The work study committee will be kept informed of the planned programme for the fixing of piece rates and any changes made to that programme, and it is always entitled to make proposals for new assignments in that connection. Minutes are taken from ASU meetings.

If one of the local parties does not contribute positively to the execution of the work plan, the other party is entitled to refer the issue to discussion between the organisations.

If there are any other work areas which NNF deems to be suitable for inclusion in the work plan, the union is entitled to raise the issue in negotiations with DI in accordance with the general industrial provisions.

When work studies are initiated within a work area, the shop steward, the work study shop steward and the affected employees must be notified.

7. Method development

The parties to the collective agreement agree that the part of the work studies aiming to determine the most practical production method and comprising examinations of the workplace, working conditions, tools, ancillary equipment, machines, material, means of transport etc. as well as the actual working process must normally take place before the

actual fixing of piece rates.

In addition, it is assumed that both the shop steward and the work study shop steward have access to the material used by the enterprise for method development.

The health and safety group must take part in this planning and organisation of the work in order to ensure that the work may be performed observing all health and safety requirements, cf. the Danish Working Environment Act, which the safety group must certify. The health and safety group may propose changes and object with certification, but amendments and objections do not, in principle, have a suspensory effect on the completion, release and testing of the agreement.

8. Instruction

(1) Training and instruction

If new working methods and piecework contracts are to be introduced successfully, it is necessary to ensure that the employees receive thorough training and instruction. It is therefore the responsibility of the enterprise management to ensure that the aforementioned training and instruction are provided before piecework contracts and new working methods commence.

Employees who are transferred to a new or a different piecework area must be trained and instructed according to the same guidelines. In the event of doubt, the shop steward must be summoned.

(2) Protocol regarding substitutes and untrained employees on production line/group piecework

In order to avoid loss of wages for a versatile and skilled piece worker who is moved from piecework to hourly-paid work, the relevant operator will receive an allowance up to the usual average wages of such operator for a period of three weeks.

If untrained employees are moved to production line piecework (group piecework) with more experienced employees, it will be ensured that the untrained operator gets the required help in order not to slow down work.

9. Preparation of piecework contracts

(1) Preparation of piecework contracts

The piecework contracts are prepared as time piecework contracts for groups or individual employees.

Piecework contracts may only be prepared once method determination, training and instruction have been completed.

Regardless of the system used by the enterprise, all piecework contracts must be based on complete work analyses with related work studies, just as any piece rate must be based on a detailed work description, specified work phases and the related phase times, specified additional time, any work pace assessment applied immediately and specification of the quality requirements and other guidelines governing the piece rates.

In addition, the work description must be reviewed by the affected operators and must consider the safety regulations and any orders issued from time to time for the piecework area by the health and safety organisation, the Danish Working Environment Authority and the enterprise.

(2) Temporary piecework

In order to mitigate the effects of any changes and new studies, the parties to the collective agreement agree that temporary fixed-term piecework contracts may be concluded between the local parties. Such contracts must be as realistic as possible and justified by any synthetic times or study/studies, if necessary, in accordance with the work description prepared. If it is not possible to agree on a realistic contract, hourly wages must be paid for such work, cf. the provisions of the collective agreement.

The parties to the collective agreement recommend that temporary fixed-term piecework agreements be of a 1-2 months' duration

The agreement will be replaced by the piecework contract prepared according to a time study, cf. clauses 14 and 15 of the framework agreement.

Any adjustments will have retroactive application from the implementation of the contract, cf. clause 18 of the framework agreement.

10. Additional work

In addition to the production time, more time will be required for different work required to perform the work processes.

This additional work thus concerns conditions related to the general working conditions at the enterprise as a whole, in individual departments, or at the individual work sites, and DI and NNF agree that the additional work is divided into the following groups to be treated as follows:

- a. Operational time (DT)
= the part of the additional work relating to the technological and organisational performance of the work. This may include preparation, clearing, collection and delivery of goods etc. The time is measured and assessed, cf. clause 3, and added to the production time.
- b. Machine time (MT)
= the part of the processing, treatment or transport time which the employees are not able to influence. For this time, compensation for the lack of opportunity to earn the piece rate is payable.

The machine time addition is fixed at 54% for the term of the collective agreement.

The machine time is added to the production time.

However, the machine time is not added for line work with mechanical feed, such as a slaughtering line and a cutting belt, conveyor belt and the like.

- c. General time (GT)
= the time spent during piecework on changing between different piecework, clocking in/out, having required talks with the foreman, instructor etc., putting on, removing and cleaning protective equipment, receiving wages and similar periodic small interruptions in the piecework.

The addition amounts to 2½% of the production time, including operational time and machine time.

For operations where the use of personal protective equipment, comprising chainmail gloves, arm guards and chainmail aprons, is mandatory or has been agreed, the addition will be increased to 3%.

The half percentage point is added for putting on, removing and cleaning personal protective equipment.

d. Special time (ST)

= the part of the additional work that compensates for the psychosocial and physical conditions of the work as well as the external conditions at the individual work sites such as light, heat, cold, humidity and noise.

The special time addition as from 1 March 2004 is 7½% of the production time plus any operational time and machine time. For areas requiring high hygiene standards, where the employees must change into overalls/work wear, footwear, headgear etc., the addition will be increased to 8½%. It is 12½% for the pig slaughtering line and the gut dressing line, and 10½% for pig cutting and the cattle slaughtering line and the related gut dressing line.

Special additional time is used, when the parties agree, for combined rest breaks.

Special time is described in more detail in clause 11.

e. Personal time (PT)

= the time available to the individual employees for personal needs such as visits to the lavatory and personal hygiene.

This addition is agreed locally in consideration of the conditions at the individual enterprise, normally at 5% of the production time, including operational time and machine time.

The additions described in c, d and e above are calculated as a total percentage of the production time, including operational time and machine time.

11. Special breaks (ST)

(1) Scope of the agreement

Clause 11 only covers employees who are pieceworkers and only if such employees do piecework during the periods of time in which such rest breaks are held.

No employees are obliged to take rest breaks, unless otherwise agreed in the local agreement.

(2) Timing of breaks

At the individual enterprise, it may be agreed locally that the individual employee or group of employees is allowed to use the special additional time in accordance with clause 10(d) for combined rest breaks.

The timing of breaks is determined by the enterprise in such a way that they do not interfere with the working procedures.

The enterprise may, subject to agreement with the shop steward, change the timing of breaks in the event of breakdown of machinery and similar interruptions in operation.

It is a condition that the breaks must be held within the actual working time and are included in the rate fixing as working time, just as they will automatically be suspended if the individual employee's output falls below normal production.

(3) Special breaks

The special breaks amount to 30 minutes per working day; however, 34 minutes for areas requiring high hygiene standards where the employees must change into overalls/work wear, footwear, headgear etc. and 45 minutes for pig slaughtering and the gut dressing line.

The special breaks for pig cutting and the cattle slaughtering line are agreed locally at either 30 or 45 minutes.

The breaks must not be scheduled together with ordinary meal breaks or be used to shorten the working day. The breaks may under no circumstances be banked or combined.

The break times include time spent walking to and from breaks.

The enterprise is entitled to demand that employees clock in and out at the start and end of breaks.

The employees must not leave the enterprise during breaks.

(4) Break facilities

The enterprise designates the facilities that can and must be used for breaks.

12. Standard time and standard output

(1) Standard output

The standard output is the work output required to perform a job within the standard time under normal working conditions.

The standard output equals 100% piecework output and corresponds to a normal walking pace of 5 km per hour on a plane road without obstacles or load.

(2) Standard time

The standard time is calculated by adding the time described in clause 10 to the production time, if relevant and as described.

13. Piecework base rate

Forward-looking, the following base-rate model will be used by the enterprises.

As of the end of August and February, there will be a statement of the individual administrative area's average piecework contribution and efficiency.

If, within the individual administrative area, it is not possible to calculate an increase in the piecework payment which is equivalent to the increase in standard wages, an adjustment will be paid in respect of all used piecework hours. Such payments will be made to all employees employed in the first succeeding week of payment after the completion of the February/August statement.

The shop steward will receive information on the definition of administrative areas together with the piecework data that constitutes the background of the adjustment at the enterprise.

On an ongoing basis, the piecework committee shall keep the piecework model under observation.

If, pursuant to clause 30 of the Framework Agreement, the employees should issue a notice of a slow-down of the pace, the relevant period pertaining to the affected piecework will be withdrawn from the statement.

The piecework base rate for the current term of the wage settlement period shall be as follows:

As of 27 February 2023 DKK 70,34 /hour
As of 26 February 2024 DKK 75.18 /hour.

The base rate paid for pig slaughtering and work on the gut dressing line must always be 7% higher than the piecework base rate applicable from time to time.

The hourly earnings for apprentices working piecework are 75% of the wages for adult employees at the same output. For adult apprentices, the hourly earnings are the same as for adult employees.

If, after the 2023-2025 wage settlement period, the parties to the collective agreement should disagree on the continuation of the above piecework base rate model, it will lapse. In the event of such lapse, the following rates shall apply as of 24 February 2025:

- Piecework base rate DKK 65.29
- Hourly allowance DKK 97.50 such as it is set out in clause 11, special provisions for Processing, heading "Remuneration".

14. Implementation of the piecework contract

A piecework contract prepared by the enterprise must be reviewed with the shop steward and the work study shop steward no later than three working days before implementation, cf. this agreement and the provisions of the local agreement. However, subject to the local parties' agreement, the contract may be implemented immediately after the review.

The material provided must clearly state the following information:

- a. what the piecework contract concerns
- b. when it starts and ends
- c. work and method description, in which the employees have been instructed and trained, stating the safety regulations and any orders issued by the health and safety organisation, the Danish Working Environment Authority and the enterprise.
- d. quality requirements corresponding to the quality approved during the studies with the highest possible level of specification and documentation
- e. machine, equipment, materials etc. used, requirements for them and their properties
- f. layout of the work site shown in a rough outline, photo or the like
- g. production time (in phase times)
- h. operational time

- i. machine time
- j. general time
- k. special time
- l. personal time
- m. standard time (in minutes) per piece – quantity, weight or the like
- n. standard output per hour
- o. piece rate (on delivery)

In addition, it is assumed that both the work study shop steward and the shop steward, as the parties' representatives, have access to the study material used to fix the piece rates and stored by the enterprise, and that such information is confidential. It is ensured that the work study shop steward and the shop steward can file and record the piecework contract in an appropriate manner.

15. Acceptance of piecework contracts

As soon as the piecework contract has been reviewed, it may be implemented, cf. clause 14, and the employees are remunerated according to output.

It is a condition that all new piecework contracts are tested loyally, and any objections to a new piecework contract may only be raised after 35 hours worked or a maximum of one week. However, if a piecework contract replaces a temporary piecework contract, cf. clause 9(2), checks may be requested and started immediately.

If no written objections to the piecework contract have been raised after 160 hours of work on the contract, at the latest, it is considered as accepted by the employees.

If objections to the piecework contract are raised, the procedure in clause 18 must be followed. The shop steward must be informed of the expiry of the deadline in due time. According to agreement between the enterprise and the shop steward, the work study shop steward will be given access to checking that the work description is observed. Following this procedure, the piecework contract is the only valid piecework payment agreement for this work, and changes may only be made in the event of one of the following:

- a. Changes to existing work methods (due to changes in production, production plan, tools, work site, manual method, raw material used, quality requirements, packaging types used and the like, cf. the work description). Such changes must be discussed in the work study committee before implementation.
- b. Miscalculations, which both parties are obliged to call attention to immediately.
- c. Unrealistically high or low productivity figures and/or efficiency figures.

Consequently, the organisations are obliged to address such situations and check whether there are errors in the piecework material such as work descriptions, quality requirements or work pace assessments.

If and when required, the time for the work phase(s) to which the change relates must immediately be corrected.

A piecework contract may not be changed due to increased piecework earnings as a result of the employees' work pace, skill and experience.

16. Cleaning of machines

In the event of failure to clean machines and work sites or neglect of machines, cf. the work descriptions, the enterprise is entitled to remove the person responsible from the work. In the event of doubt, the shop steward must be summoned.

17. Quality requirements

It is a condition for any piecework contract, both during the trial period and after acceptance, that the work performed and the materials, machines etc. observe the conditions stipulated in the specifications issued in all respects.

If the work performed does not fulfil the quality requirements, the enterprise may demand that the work be redone or that work not performed be performed and perhaps withdraw any piecework profit for distribution for the work in question.

The enterprise is obliged to ensure that raw material processed by piecework is always in accordance with the piecework material, cf. clause 9.

If the enterprise fails to fulfil these requirements, the employees may demand that the work be performed as time-based work according to the collective agreement.

18. Procedure

If the parties fail to reach an agreement on a proposed piecework contract or piecework contract change, simultaneous, but independent checks must be made by the enterprise and work study representatives (cf. clause 27).

Local checks must be initiated within two weeks of a written request to that effect from the shop steward.

A piecework contract which has been made subject to checks and on which agreement has been reached following local discussions on the result of the check are considered to be approved, and the parties must confirm this in writing, for example in the minutes from the work study committee.

If the parties still do not agree after the checks, the issue must be heard in the work study committee (cf. clause 28).

If, after local negotiations on the issue in all instances, no agreement has been reached on the piecework contract, the case is referred to DI and NNF which are obliged to settle the case as quickly as possible.

The piecework material must be checked by the piecework committee composed of representatives for the organisations. If required, the committee will undertake its own measurements and assessments of the work and present a final piecework proposal containing concrete piecework data. If this proposal is accepted by the local parties, the piecework contract will be considered to be approved.

During the checks and any negotiations/processing between the organisations, payment will be made according to output based on the piecework contract in dispute.

If agreement cannot be reached on the piecework contract, an adjustment may be made for the time passed since the piecework contract was implemented.

If agreement has not been reached within two months of the objection, the work must be performed on hourly wages.

If production ceases before checks can be initiated, payment will be made based on the productivity achieved plus 10%. If no piecework profit has been made, the time-based wages according to the collective agreement are paid.

19. Suspension or shutdown of piecework

The enterprise may suspend or shut down piecework in the event of breakdown of machinery, material shortage, lack of orders, changed export and market conditions, interruptions in operation or similar causes. After this time, the work will be performed as time-based work according to the collective agreement.

In addition, the enterprises are entitled to reorganise work procedures and production methods, subject to notice to the shop steward.

20. Time-based work

To the extent that piecework cannot fulfil the collectively agreed number of working hours per week, employees are required to work at normal time-based wages for the remaining period. It follows that the normal weekly wage applicable at all times under the collective agreement is always guaranteed to employees paid weekly.

Where documentation is provided for a collective reduction of productivity not reaching the level corresponding to the basic rate plus the piecework guarantee payment and in connection with work on approved piecework contracts, payment is made based on the productivity reached.

If subsequent checks show that changes have been made relative to the work description forming the basis of the piecework contract, adjustment must be made for the period in which productivity was reduced by the percentage change demonstrated by the check.

Employees transferred from piecework to time-based work are paid the time rate stipulated by collective agreement. Payment for time-based work is based on hours and hundredths of an hour.

All work which has not been made subject to a piecework contract must be considered time-based work according to the provisions of the collective agreement.

21. Personal allowances

When doing piecework, any previous personal allowances in addition to the weekly wages will cease to be paid to the extent that they are covered by the employee's piecework profit during the week in question.

22. Overtime

Ordinary piecework payment is payable for piecework during overtime. In addition, the overtime payment stipulated by collective agreement is paid per hour of overtime worked.

23. Ancillary workers

Ancillary workers on whom a piecework area is constantly directly dependent, but who do not participate in the piecework, receive the average piecework profit in the piecework area. If technically viable, the piecework profit must be paid in the subsequent week, cf. clause 24 of the framework agreement.

Ancillary workers who only work in a piecework area periodically receive the average piecework profit for the area for the time during which their assistance was required. If technically viable, the piecework profit must be paid in the subsequent week, cf. clause 24 of the framework agreement.

Determination of the required periodic ancillary work must as far as possible be based on a measurement and work pace assessment of the ancillary work.

It is a condition that the ancillary worker observes the work descriptions and any schedules issued, cf. the framework agreement, and, thus, that the piecework for which the person is ancillary worker is not slowed down.

24. Payment of piecework profit

(1) Statement

The piecework profit is settled per calendar week as the total result of the piecework hours worked. Payment is made in the following week. In addition, the parties to the collective agreement agree that the shop steward is given access to monitoring the individual piecework contracts in terms of productivity and profit for information purposes, not least after the implementation of new piecework contracts and the continuous preparation of piecework contracts.

Approved piecework sub-contracts may be recorded under one general piecework contract. During the time until the piecework contract has been approved, the shop steward is given access to monitoring the individual piecework sub-contracts. In the event of problems with a piecework sub-contract, the shop steward must be given access to monitoring it for an agreed period of time.

(2) Protocol regarding statistics to be provided for the shop steward

The parties agree that the following statistics must be provided to the shop steward.

1. Weekly statistics showing average productivity for the individual piecework contracts. (Avg.prod/week/piecework).
2. Weekly statistics showing total productivity for the individual pieceworker. (Totalprod/week/man).
3. Weekly statistics showing the individual pieceworker's productivity for the individual piecework contract until the end of the trial period, cf. clause 15, (Prod/week/man/piecework).
4. The possibility of reviewing the time earned and spent by the pieceworkers.

The above statistics can be made available to the shop steward by providing him or her with access to read and/or print the wage administration system of the enterprise or by his or her reception of the statistics in paper form.

(3) Protocol regarding monthly piecework statistics to be provided to NNF

DI must provide monthly statistics to the union including piecework statistics and absence statistics. Statistics are sent electronically or in paper form

25. Apprentices

Piecework must never interfere with the apprentices' vocational training, and a six-month training plan must be drafted for apprentices, describing which work areas the apprentice must be acquainted with and ensuring that the apprentice regularly changes work areas. The shop steward has the right to take proceedings.

For the purposes of reinforcing apprentices' routine and professional skills, apprentices can participate in piecework on an equal footing to all other employees. Before the apprentice begins performing all kinds of independent work, the enterprise must ensure that the apprentice has received the necessary training and instruction.

If apprentices participate in piecework in the first year of apprenticeship, this requires local agreement.

Piecework payment of apprentices is described in the framework agreement, clause 13.

26. Special payment

(1) Instructor

If an employee works in a piecework area as an instructor or test developer, the operator must receive the piecework profit achieved within the preceding four weeks for the time in which the operator is not able to obtain a piecework profit.

(2) Shop stewards

For the hours during which the shop steward and the work study shop steward do not do piecework or work under local agreements, the shop steward and the work study shop steward are paid average wages calculated on the basis of all activities at the individual enterprise.

The local parties must conclude a local agreement on payment of piecework wages to shop stewards and work study shop stewards based on the piecework base rate for pig slaughtering and the gut dressing line. The rights of shop stewards and work study shop stewards under existing local agreements on their remuneration in effect on 1 March 2007 must not be prejudiced.

27. Work study shop stewards

The employees nominate candidates for the position of work study shop steward to the enterprise. For each work study shop steward to be appointed, three must be nominated. The three nominees must complete a test, after which time the enterprise will select one in consultation with the shop steward. If, after the test, none of the nominees are found to be suitable, new nominations must be submitted.

The work study shop steward must be trained in all the methods used for preparing piecework contracts at the enterprise.

Both during method development and the preparation of piecework contracts, in which work the work study shop steward may participate actively, the work study shop steward must contribute to the settlement of any disagreements. Consequently, the work study shop steward must be capable of performing the required checks/controls.

The work study shop steward is covered by the provisions on shop stewards in clause 63 of the collective agreement.

If no agreement is reached as to which of the suitable work study shop steward candidates to be elected, the counterparty is obliged to submit to arbitration decision of the matter.

For the time during which the work study shop steward is not doing piecework, he or she is paid the piecework wages calculated on the basis of the enterprise's average productivity and piecework base rate applicable to pig slaughtering and cleaning line. This payment will take effect from the start of training.

If a work study shop steward resigns, the enterprise must replace him or her as soon as possible, unless otherwise justified by structural changes in production.

Where relevant, structural changes may also justify increasing the number of work study shop stewards.

In the event of local disagreement, this must be settled by the organisations .

28. Work study committee (ASU) and education

(1) Work study committee (ASU)

A work study committee is set up comprising representatives for the employees and for management who are entitled to be equally represented. The employee representatives on the committee are the shop steward and the acting work study shop stewards, and it is assumed that all members of the committee are reasonably acquainted with method and work study techniques (see subclause 2).

The work study committee must aim at quick and smooth method development and piecework contract preparation by keeping both parties informed, and assess and, if possible, identify the facts behind any disagreements.

The work study committee has an advisory role, as the final decision will still be left with the shop steward and the management and perhaps, as a final resort, the usual industrial dispute bodies.

Management will, in consultation with the shop steward, set the time and date of meetings in the work study committee. Minutes from these meetings must be approved and signed by both parties.

Remuneration for participation in such meetings outside of working hours is subject to the same rules as works council meetings. If meetings are held during working hours, remuneration for the meeting will be calculated as provided in clause 27.

(2) Work study education

The basic work study course is normally completed annually. The course is made up of a theoretical component followed by a practical component, as well as an exam.

Work study technicians (clause 5) and work study shop stewards (clause 27) must pass the exam.

At a minimum, shop stewards must complete the theoretical part of the course, thereby becoming reasonably acquainted with work study techniques. If shop stewards so request, they will be allowed to participate in the practical component of the course, as well as the exam.

After the basic work study course, the acquired knowledge is maintained through continuous training and updates (see subclause 3 and 4).

For use in the basic work study course, training and updates in work pace evaluation, prepared and approved work pace assessment films and training materials are available from DI and NNF.

(3) Update

Every six months, the work study knowledge of the industry's work study staff and shop stewards is updated in order to ensure that they continue to be able to perform a correct and uniform work pace assessment and treatment of the work study material.

Updates are normally arranged regionally with an appropriate number of participants. They include assessment exercises, partly assessing approved work pace films and partly studying the relevant work directly.

The ability to treat the work study material correctly will be tested by reviewing sample studies, frequency assignments, etc., and calculating standard times. The work study material used for updates is approved by DI and NNF.

The work study staff and shop stewards must participate in updates. For shop stewards it is not required that a satisfactory result be achieved.

DI and NNF participate in every update.

If DI and NNF agree that a participant's knowledge is not satisfactory, the enterprise and the participant in question will be notified. Such notice will contain information on the follow-up or measures to be taken to ensure satisfactory performance of the work study activities.

(4) Training

DI and NNF are responsible for holding two training days every six months (four training days annually) for work study staff with the following content:

- Feedback on the latest update, including review and discussion of the update assignments.
- Resolution and subsequent review and discussion of study examples, frequency assignments, etc., as well as work study issues.
- Assessment of approved work pace films.

In addition to two training days every six months, enterprises should also ensure that the work study staff receive the necessary ongoing local training.

Exercise material used is reviewed and approved by the DI and NNF.

29. Weight adjustment

Standard time for piecework for pig slaughtering lines, gut dressing lines and cutting are adjusted by 0.6% for each kilo of change in weight compared to the weight basis on which the piecework contract is calculated.

However, no piecework is adjusted below the average weight of 63 kg.

The weight basis is pigs for which additional payment is entitled and the weight adjustment is performed each quarter (13 weeks) unless otherwise agreed locally.

Standard time for piece rates is adjusted by 0.6% each time the average weight is changed by 1.59% compared to the average weight of the time study.

1.59% corresponds to an increase in weight in percentage of 1 kilo compared to 63 kg.

If individual weighing of the raw material has been performed during the time studying of the piece rates, the lowest and highest registered individual weight can be multiplied by the number that during day-to-day operations is delivered on tray, Christmas tree or similar and the resulting minimum and maximum weight per tray, Christmas tree or similar then constitutes the lower and upper limit for the piecework basis.

Weight adjustment of piece rates is performed each quarter (13 weeks) unless otherwise agreed locally.

Kilo-based piece rates and the slaughtering and processing of sows, boars and porkers are not covered by the provisions above.

30. Change of work pace for production line piecework

Change of the work pace (productivity) for production line piecework is subject to two months' notice, unless otherwise agreed by the local parties.

If, for technical reasons, it is not possible to implement this change in two months, e.g. because it is necessary for production to prepare a new piecework contract or to make machine or structural changes, the issue must be considered in the works council (with the presentation of the relevant material) and perhaps referred to the organisations.

31. Distribution of production on individual piecework contracts etc.

The organisations recognise that some of the working environment problems cannot be solved in the short term and believe that the work on improving the working environment must be strengthened.

This might be achieved by more varied work (job rotation), training in the new work operations and through technical solutions relieving any heavy strains on the employees.

According to clause 1 of the framework agreement and the Danish Working Environment Act, the work must be carried out observing all safety and health requirements, and any inconvenient strains on the body in connection with a high work pace must be avoided.

A much higher work pace during the first part of the working day may cause harmful strain on the body. At the same time, uneven work pace could make the production conditions more difficult in subsequent departments/areas.

For this reason, the organisations agree that the enterprise's health and safety organisation must expand the field of activity to include limitation of a high work pace in connection with the continued reduction of repetitive work. For this reason, the health and safety organisation is charged with analysing the different job functions and recommending to the enterprises what action should be taken to minimise any resulting damage.

The organisations recommend that the operators and the management with the cooperation of the shop steward conclude local agreements on limitation of performance and equal distribution of work over the entire working day, both for the individual employee and for groups of employees.

It must be emphasised that it is important that the agreed working times and special breaks are observed, cf. the local agreements concluded.

During the term of the collective agreement, the Danish Meat Industry's Working Environment Committee will follow the work and the results of the work.

32. Technology agreement

In connection with the introduction of new technology in the processing industry, the cooperation agreement between DA and LO provides that an assessment of the technical, financial, staff, training and environmental consequences of the introduction of new or changes to existing technology, including computer-based technology and systems, must be made when such introduction or changes are of a certain scale.

Based on the above, it is agreed that a technology allowance of DKK 27.14 per actual working hour is paid in addition to the hourly wages until such time as a temporary piecework contract is prepared, cf. clause 9, Preparation of piecework contracts, sub-clause (2), or a permanent piecework contract based on one of the payment systems below.

- Piecework contract based on the provisions of the collective agreement.
- Piecework contract based on the provisions of the collective agreement plus a bonus.

The bonus system may be based on higher productivity and fewer stops due to, for example, material shortage, flexibility, staffing, less waste, material consumption on film and labels, consumption of consumables, cooperation in the department, optimisation of down time and energy savings. Other parameters may be included if agreed locally.

If, following an assessment of the effects on work studies of the new or changed technology, the local parties agree that it is not expedient to pay wages as stipulated by collective agreement, wage agreements establishing the payment basis for the areas affected by new or changed technology may be concluded.

Such local agreement will then be the only valid payment system, and any change of such wage system by either party is subject to three months' notice.

Any subsequent adjustment must take place from the conclusion of any temporary piecework contract, cf. clause 9 of the framework agreement.

33. Other provisions

Unless otherwise expressly stipulated, the provisions of the collective agreement apply.

If there are any other matters not covered by the framework agreement, they must be stated in the local agreements, cf. clause 2.

34. Term of the framework agreement

This framework agreement, which is valid from 1 April 1975, and the local agreements approved under this framework agreement may be terminated with the collective agreement by giving the notice stipulated therein.

35. Guidelines for all technology agreements

The parties agree that new technology and automation are vital for enterprises to be able to maintain and strengthen their competitiveness. At the same time, the enterprises convey that they want to focus on employee development and retention.

In connection with the introduction of new technology and automation and the resulting structural rationalisations, the parties are aware that jobs may be lost. In this situation, the following terms apply:

- The cooperation agreement of 9 June 1986 between DA and FH.
- Clause 25 of the collective agreement on job security.

The parties agree to work towards ensuring that the current employees will be used for the operation of new technology. In support of this, the provision on systematic training planning of the training protocol may be applied.

PROTOCOLS

Protocol on EU directive on working conditions 2019/1152 of 20 June 2019 (implemented in 2023)

Clause 1 Scope and subject matter (article 1 of the working conditions directive)

1. The purpose of the agreement is to improve working conditions by promoting more transparent and predictable employment while ensuring labour market adaptability.
2. The agreement comprise all employees covered by the Collective Agreement for the Food Industry, albeit cf. paragraph 3.
3. Employees who are covered by the Collective Agreement for the Food Industry and who have an employment relationship in which their predetermined and actual working hours are equal to or less than an average of three hours per week in a reference period of four consecutive weeks are not included in the agreement. Working hours with all employers forming or belonging to the same enterprise, group or entity shall count towards the said three-hour average.
4. Clause 3 shall not apply to an employment relationship where no guaranteed amount of paid work is predetermined before the employment starts.

Clause 2 Definitions of concepts under this agreement (article 2 of the working conditions directive)

- a) **“Work schedule”**
Schedule determining the hours and days on which performance of work begins and ends.
- b) **“Reference hours and days”**
Time intervals on specified days during which work can take place at the request of the employer.
- c) **“Work pattern”**
Means the organisation of the working hours and their distribution according to a certain pattern determined by the employer.

Clause 3 Provision of information (article 3 of the working conditions directive)

The employer shall provide each employee with the information required pursuant to this agreement in writing. The information shall be provided and transmitted to the employer in one or more documents – in electronic form if convenient.

If provided in electronic form, the employee shall have access to save and print the information, and the employer must save documentation for the forwarding and reception thereof.

Clause 4 Obligation to provide information (article 4 of the working conditions directive)

The employer shall be required to inform employees of the most essential aspects of the employment relationship. Such information shall as a minimum comprise the following information – to be provided within the following time limits:

Letter	Information	The means of providing the information	Time limits
A	Employer's and employee's names and addresses	Individual	7 calendar days
B	The place of work or, where there is no fixed or main place at which the worker is mainly employed, information about the employee being free to determine his or her place of work, and the registered place of business or, where appropriate, the domicile of the employer.	Individual	7 calendar days
C	Title or job description	Individual	7 calendar days
D	The date of commencement of the employment relationship.	Individual	7 calendar days
E	In the case of a fixed-term employment relationship, the end date or the expected duration thereof.	Individual	7 calendar days
F	In the case of temporary agency workers: the identity of the user undertakings, when and as soon as known.	Individual	1 month
G	The duration and conditions of the probationary period, if any.	Can be provided with reference to legislation, collective agreement etc.	7 calendar days month
H	The training entitlement provided by the employer, if any.	Can be provided with reference to legislation, collective agreement etc.	1 month
I	The amount of paid holiday to which the worker is entitled or other paid absence.	Can be provided with reference to legislation, collective agreement etc.	1 month
J	The length of employer's and employee's notice period or the rules thereon.	Can be provided with reference to	1 month

Letter	Information	The means of providing the information	Time limits
		legislation, collective agreement etc.	
K	The applicable or agreed remuneration to which the employee is entitled at the commencement of the employment relation plus any allowance and other component elements not contained therein, e.g. pension contributions and board and lodging where applicable. Also, there shall be information about the settlement periods.	Can be provided with reference to legislation, collective agreement etc.	7 calendar days
L	The length of the worker's standard working day or week and any arrangements for overtime and its remuneration and where applicable, any arrangements for shift changes.	Can be provided with reference to legislation, collective agreement etc.	7 calendar days
M	If the work pattern is entirely or mostly unpredictable, the employer shall inform the worker of: 1) the principle that the work schedule is variable, the number of guaranteed paid hours and the remuneration for work performed in addition to those guaranteed hours, 2) The reference hours and days within which the worker may be required to work; and 3) the minimum notice period to which the worker is entitled before the commencement of a work assignment, and, where applicable, the deadline for its cancellation.	Individual	7 calendar days
N	Any collective agreements governing the conditions of work or agreements governing the employment relationship. In case of collective agreements or other agreements concluded by parties outside the enterprise, the name of such parties with whom such agreements were concluded.	Individual	1 month

Letter	Information	The means of providing the information	Time limits
O	Where it is the responsibility of the employer, the identity of the social security schemes receiving the social contributions attached to the employment relationship and any protection relating to social security provided by the employer.	Can be provided with reference to legislation, collective agreement etc.	1 month

Clause 5 Timing and means of information (article 5 of the working conditions directive)

The employer shall provide the employee with the information set out in clause 4 in the form of one or more documents, cf. Clause 3, and in compliance with the time limits stipulated in article 4.

Clause 6 Modification of the employment relationship (article 6 of the working conditions directive)

The employer shall – in writing – provide the employee with any changes in the information set out in articles 4 and 7 at the soonest possible and, at the latest, on the day on which they take effect. This does not apply to changes that merely reflect a change in the laws, administrative provisions or provisions in accordance with the regulation, or the collective agreement cited in the employment agreement.

Clause 7 Additional information for employees sent to another member state or to a third country (article 7 of the working conditions directive)

1. Where a worker is required to work in one or more countries other than the country in which he or she habitually works, and where the duration of the work period goes beyond a period of four consecutive weeks, the employee shall be provided with the following information in addition to such information as shall be provided pursuant to clause 4:

Letter	Information	The means of providing the information	Time limits
A	the country or countries in which the work abroad is to be performed and its anticipated duration.	Individual	Prior to departure
B	The currency in which the wages payment will be made	To be provided by reference to laws, collective agreement, etc.	Prior to departure
C	Where applicable, the benefits in cash or kind relating to the work assignments	Individual	Prior to departure
D	information as to whether the repatriation is provided for free of costs, and if so, the	Individual	Prior to departure

	conditions governing the employee's repatriation.		
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2. In addition, employees covered by Directive 96/71/EC, shall in addition be notified of:

Letter	Information	The means of providing the information	Time limits
A	The remuneration to which the worker is entitled in accordance with the applicable law of the host member state.	To be provided by reference to laws, collective agreement, the official national website of the host country, etc.	Prior to departure
B	Where applicable, any allowances specific to the posting and any arrangements for reimbursing expenditure for travel, board and lodging.	Individual	Prior to departure
C	The link to the central official national website developed by the host member state(s) pursuant to Article 5(2) of Directive 2014/67/EU of the European Parliament and Council.	Individual	Prior to departure

Clause 8 Protection and burden of proof (articles 15-17 of the working conditions directive)

1. The Nachfrist provisions set out in s.19(4) of the Collective Agreement for the Food Industry shall continue to apply.

2. The parties agree that the employee shall have the possibility to submit a complaint to a competent authority or body and to receive adequate compensation in a timely and effective manner and that protection against adverse treatment, cf. articles 15, 16 and 17 of the working conditions directive, shall be ensured by access to dispute resolution before the industrial arbitration system in the event of disputes, including those pertaining to contracts of employment, in compliance with provision set out thereon in the Multi-Union Agreement.

The parties agree that disputes pertaining to the dismissal of employees comprised by sub-clause (2) shall be dealt with by the Dismissal Tribunal in accordance with clause 4(3) of the General Agreement.

Clause 9 Protection from dismissal and burden of proof (article 18 of the working conditions directive)

1. Employees who believe that they have been dismissed, or have been subject to measures with equivalent effect, on the grounds that they have exercised the rights provided for in this agreement, may request the employer to provide duly substantiated grounds for the dismissal or the equivalent measures. The employer shall provide those grounds in writing.

2. If an employee establishes facts from which it may be presumed that there has been such a dismissal or equivalent measures because the employee exercised his or her rights in pursuance of this agreement cf. (1), it shall be for the employer to prove that the dismissal was based on grounds other than those.

Clause 10 Sanctions (article 19 of the working conditions directive)

Relative to sanctions concerning infringement of this agreement, the parties agree that there shall be no changes in the scope of provisions already in force in respect of employment contracts. Likewise, there shall be no changes in the scope of provisions so far applied in respect of compensating unprofessional dismissals.

Clause 11 Commencement

This protocol shall come into force on the same date as the Danish legislation implementing the working conditions directive. In respect of employees already employed in advance of the commencement of the protocol, the employer shall solely hand out or supplement such documents as are dealt with in clauses 4 and 7 by request of the employee. The employer shall hand out the necessary documents no later than 8 weeks after his or her receipt of the request.

Should a future implementation act decisively change the conditions of or set out demands or criteria that differ from similar provisions in this present agreement, the parties to the collective agreement shall discuss the consequences thereof with a view to restore the original agreement to such an extent as is technically or legally feasible.

In the event of the agreement being terminated, the parties shall be obligated to comply with the provisions of implementing the working condition agreement (EU directive 2019/1152 of 20 June 2019) until another agreement shall replace it, or until the amendment of the directive.

The parties agree that there shall be no conflict access in connection with this protocol. In the connection it is immaterial whether the bargaining text is placed in the collective bargaining agreement as such or in a separate collective agreement. Amendments may, however, be bargained in the usual manner but can never detract from the value of the minimum provisions of the directive.

Protocol on the green transition (introduced in 2020)

Enterprises are facing drastic changes with regards to climate change mitigation. The decision regarding new and ambitious climate targets will preserve the need for Danish enterprises to use new technologies and develop and streamline production.

We are already recognised in Denmark for our experience and global leadership role in green technology and climate change mitigation. DI and NNF agree that climate change mitigation holds potential for the continued strengthening of opportunities for enterprises in a global market.

In order for enterprises in Denmark to be fully equipped to take advantage of opportunities presented by climate change mitigation, it is critical to further develop the adaptability and innovation capacity of enterprises, including, inter alia, competence and the ongoing upgrading of skills.

DI and NNF agree that such goals can be supported through systematic cooperation between employees and management at all levels of the enterprise, which includes key elements in a forward-looking enterprise policy. This applies to cooperation with a view to

reducing our own environmental and climate impact, and what enterprises can do to influence such impact throughout the value chain and beyond, via their products and services.

DI and NNF by extension, agree climate change mitigation to be a central theme for TekSam in the coming term of collective agreement. This will continue and expand upon TekSam's focus in recent years on technological changes such as Industry 4.0 with automation, and the implications this has for new competencies, inter alia.

It is critical for enterprises to have the best and broadest possible basis for cooperation with regards to climate change mitigation within enterprises, and the issue should henceforth be a natural recurring theme for the works councils. The TekSam committee will therefore pay special attention to climate change mitigation, including how employees and managers should prepare for cooperation on sustainability within enterprises.

The TekSam committee and the cooperation consultancy service will therefore, during the period in connection with the enterprise-oriented activities, work to strengthen the systematic cooperation between employees and management on climate change mitigation within enterprises. This will include TekSam annual events, consultancy help for works councils, and newsletters.

Protocol on the clarification of use of temporary agency work (introduced in 2017)

With a view to a quick clarification of whether a specific case is temporary agency work, the shop steward at a client company may request to receive information from the client company about external enterprises performing work on behalf of the client company – work that would otherwise be natural to carry out for the employees of the client company.

The request must be made in connection with one or several external enterprises' work for the client company.

If, after local information exchange and discussion, there is still disagreement about whether it is temporary agency work, the union can request a clarifying meeting with the employers' association. Minutes of meetings of the local discussions are submitted together with the request for the meeting.

The union can also request a clarifying meeting with the employers' association in those cases where it has not been possible to conduct a local discussion of an external enterprise's work for the client company because a shop steward has not been elected at the client company.

Unless otherwise agreed between the parties, a clarifying meeting must be held as soon as possible and no later than seven working days after receipt of the request at the client company.

At the meeting, the following must be informed as a minimum:

- The name and central business (CVR) number (P number) or registration of foreign service provider (RUT) number of the external enterprise.
- The name of the client company's contact person at the external enterprise.
- A description of the external enterprise's tasks for the client company and the expected time schedule for their completion.

- A description of the powers of control and the powers of direction towards the employees of the external enterprise.

The information may be presented verbally at the clarifying meeting. Minutes of the meetings will be taken.

Protocol on transfer of seniority from a temporary employment service enterprise to a user company (introduced in 2017)

As long as a temporary employee is employed at an employment services company, the temporary employee will only earn seniority in the employment services company and not in the user company.

If the temporary employee has worked temporarily at the user company for at least three months without interruption, the seniority from the employment services company will be transferred to the user company when requested by the temporary employee in the following cases:

- The temporary agency work for the user company ceases due to shortage of work at the user company and within 10 working days after expiry, the temporary employee is permanently employed at the user company, or
- The temporary employee is employed at the user company in direct continuation of the temporary agency work. Only seniority from the last employment at the user company will be transferred.

Protocol on use of subcontractors (introduced in 2017)

At the request of its shop steward or the union, the enterprise must inform which subcontractors are performing tasks for the enterprise within the industrial scope of the collective agreement. This information must include the name and address of the enterprise as informed by the subcontractor to the enterprise as well as its central business (CVR) number (P number) or registration of foreign service provider (RUT) number and the name of the enterprise's contract person at the external enterprise. No information supplied about the subcontractor must be disclosed or be subject to any kind of publication.

Protocol on Posting (introduced in 2007)

Danish collective agreements do not apply abroad. However, it may be agreed that the provisions - or some of the provisions - in the collective agreement are observed.

The employment contract

The Danish rules on drafting of written employment contracts also apply to posting agreements.

This means that all information of importance to the employment relationship must be included. The employee must receive the employment contract before departure if the posting period is planned to be for more than one month.

The following information must, as a minimum, be stated in the agreement:

1. Names and addresses of employer and employee
2. Location of the place of work
3. Occupation
4. Start of employment
5. If fixed-term, the expected duration of the employment

6. Holidays
7. Notice periods
8. Wages
9. Working hours
10. Information on any collective agreements
11. The duration of the work to be performed abroad
12. The currency in which wages are paid
13. Any benefits in cash or in kind connected with the stay abroad
14. The terms for the employee's return to Denmark
15. Information on any efforts to apply for the required certificates in connection with the posting.

Items 11-15 are only required if the posting is to be for more than one month.

It is noted that the following should be obtained:

- Passport, visa/work permit, if required
- Social security (and E101 certificate for posting within the EU or to convention states – see www.dss.dk)
- Insurance (insurance on posting or travel, accident, health and third-party liability insurance).

Protocol on increase of the free-choice scheme and fund contribution at application for membership of a DA employers' association (introduced in 2017, text revised in 2020 and 2023)

1. Newly admitted members to The Collective Agreement for the Food Industry (Danish abbreviation: DIO I) who, prior to the commencement of their membership, have not established a free-choice or similar scheme, or who have a special savings scheme or a similar scheme with lower contribution, may enter into the agreement's free-choice scheme in accordance with the rules below. Enterprises who have a free-choice or similar scheme with the same contribution as set out in clause 39, "Saving" or "Saving for Processing", shall not be comprised by clauses 2-3 below.
2. Any free-choice scheme or similar scheme in force on the day of enrolment shall lapse and be replaced by the free-choice of the collective agreement.
3. No later than as of the date of the Danish Food and Allied Workers' Union (NNF) being notified of the enterprise's enrolment in DIO, the employer's and employee's contribution, respectively, shall constitute at least 25% of the contributions prescribed by the collective agreement.

No later than 1 year after, the contributions shall equal at least 50% of the contributions prescribed by the collective agreement.

No later than 2 years after, the contributions shall equal at least 75% of the contributions prescribed by the collective agreement

No later than 3 years after, the contributions shall equal at least the full contributions prescribed by the collective agreement.

Increase schemes in respect of pension and/or free-choice schemes must, no later than 2 months after enrolment, be entered in the records of DIO I and the Danish Food and Allied Workers' Union (NNF) at the request of DIO I – perhaps in connection with adaptation bargaining.

4. Newly enrolled members of DIO I may demand that the contribution to the Slaughtering and Meat Industry's Competence Development Fund shall lapse the first year of DIO I membership. Hereafter, normal contribution will be paid.

OM notice periods in accordance with clause 21

Employees paid by the month

After two years of continuous employment at the enterprise, employees may be offered monthly wages. Such offer is made on a recommendation by the employee's immediate superior. If it is periodically not possible to offer monthly-paid employees work for the entire week, the monthly wages will be reduced pro rata. All other employees are paid by the hour.

Employees paid by the month

The termination provisions in this collective agreement for monthly-paid employees will be suspended in the event of periodical introduction of work-sharing. In such case, the enterprise must declare in writing on request that the employee in question may be released from employment without notice.

In case of reemployment at the enterprise of monthly-paid employees who have resigned at a time when the normal notice requirements were suspended due to periodical introduction of work-sharing, the reemployed employee will recover his or her full seniority, provided that reemployment takes place within six months of resignation.

Severance benefit for employees paid by the month

After continuous employment for 12, 15 or 18 years, the employer must pay one, two or three months' wages, respectively, on dismissal.

However, this does not apply if the monthly-paid employee receives a pension from the enterprise or a state pension after resignation. However, the provision also applies in the event of unfair summary dismissal.

Seniority provisions

In order to have uniform and clear guidelines for the calculation of the times of employee anniversaries and seniority periods in connection with the resignation of employees, the following seniority provisions apply:

Enterprise seniority

- 1 Enterprise seniority is the seniority that applies to the calculation of the times of employee anniversaries and any other enterprise-related special days relating to the individual employee.
- 2 Enterprise seniority is calculated from the start of employment at one of the group's enterprises. In the event of transfer to another enterprise within the group, seniority is calculated from the previous employment in the group.
- 3 In case of reemployment within six months, the reemployed employee will keep his or her original seniority less the period when the employment relationship was interrupted. Work-sharing or temporary company closure for less than six months is not regarded as interruption of the employment relationship.

Employment seniority in general:

- 1 Employment seniority is the seniority that applies in accordance with the individual employee's employment terms, including in connection with termination of the employment.
- 2 Employment seniority is calculated from the start of the employee's employment at the enterprise in accordance with the guidelines laid down for enterprise seniority above.

Exemption clauses regarding employment seniority for temporary employees

- 1 As a general rule, employees appointed temporarily for a limited period of time or for a particular assignment (such as seasonal workers, substitutes, substitutes during holiday or illness etc.) will only earn employment seniority within the temporary employment period and will, thus, not recover the seniority earned during a previous employment period.
- 2 However, employment seniority will be calculated from the start of the temporary employment if the employment relationship continues without interruption and is not limited in time or by an assignment.
- 3 Temporary employment will be changed to permanent employment if it continues after the agreed date or assignment. However, temporary employment may in special cases be extended after the date/assignment first agreed if the original assumptions have changed (if the season has unexpectedly been prolonged or the assignment has been extended). In such event, employment seniority will be calculated in accordance with the provisions set out in (1) above.
- 4 Enterprise seniority is calculated for temporary employees in accordance with the provisions on enterprise seniority set out in (2) above.

Monthly-paid employees will receive wages during holiday and holiday allowance in accordance with the provisions of the Danish Holiday Act on paid holiday.

If an employee is transferred from hourly-paid to monthly-paid employment, the above will take effect immediately in order to compensate for any differences in the holiday allowance payments.

Organisation agreement on the Framework Agreement on harassment and violence at work (introduced in 2007)

DI and NNF have noted that a joint proposal for a European framework agreement between BusinessEurope (formerly UNICE), UEAPME, CEEP and ETUC on "harassment and violence at work" was entered on 15 December 2006.

DI and NNF agree to comply with the legislation in force.

Protocol on a Labour market in balance (introduced in 2017)

FH and DA will contribute to ensuring that the Danish model interacts with globalisation and technological developments. The aim is to ensure a flexible labour market in balance where the system of collective agreements, the labour market policy and the development of employee competences contribute to guaranteeing growth, high employment and job satisfaction.

The Danish Flexicurity model is a good basis for future development.

The system of collective agreements provides the flexibility and stability that provide the basis for enterprises as well as employees to reap the benefits of globalisation and new technology.

The continued development of employee competences and qualifications - so that they reflect the requirements of the labour market - is an important condition for a continuously high employment and for increase of productivity.

As part of the preparations for the Government's initiative about the future labour market, DA and FH will work dedicated and constructively towards delivering a joint input to this.

In addition, DA and FH agree to carry on the work implemented by the organisations about foreign employees, cf. the draft settlement of 26 March 2010.

Protocol on the Meat and Food Industry's Education and Cooperation Fund (25 øre fonden) (introduced in 2007)

Globalisation is consistently imposing new demands on the elected representatives as well as tightening requirements for good and constructive cooperation with management at the enterprises. At the same time, the requirement for a competent and well-trained workforce has increased.

The demographic development will increase competitive pressures from other industries to attract young people, in particular to the meat and food industry. An incentive for young people to choose the meat and food industry could be that they are able to see career opportunities through systematic education and training programmes developed by DI and NNF together with other relevant partners.

In order for the local parties to be best placed to solve this task, DI and NNF agree to perform and support e.g. the education and training of shop stewards and information activities focusing on cooperation, education and trade.

The objectives of the fund are directly or through support:

- to strengthen the shop steward function and local cooperation;
- to strengthen the shop steward's knowledge of the enterprise's development, production, operation and competitive conditions and the importance of a good mental working environment;
- to offer newly elected shop stewards and spokespersons participation in a training and cooperation programme of 2 x 2 days offered by TekSam.
- to develop education relevant to the Danish meat and food industry and to promote the educational level for employees in the slaughtering and food industry;
- to establish joint courses and other forms of joint training of NNF's members and representatives of enterprises within areas that are relevant for the slaughtering and food industry;
- to support analysis of industry development trends and competence needs;
- to support campaigns that increase the focus on educational planning, motivation and implementation of education and training programmes;
- to support more widely based development tasks – including the performance of special test courses – in internal and external supplementary and further education of adult employees;
- to develop and support projects that may promote increased productivity, including maintenance of productivity-inducing wage systems;
- to arrange conferences, etc., for NNF's members, as well as representatives of the management of the enterprises about education and cooperation
- in relation to the development possibilities of the meat and food industry;
- to perform specially planned projects and tests with a view to obtaining experiences and knowledge about new education and training possibilities and modes of cooperation;
- to implement and support study trips in Denmark and abroad of relevance to the development in the meat and food industry;
- to perform or support activities that benefit the technological development, employment and the meat and food industry in general, including information activities focusing on cooperation, education and trade;
- to support further education of shop stewards;

- to provide support for projects, campaigns and other joint activities to promote internships in the industry, thereby training skilled professionals in order to secure a qualified workforce for future enterprises;
- to perform and support other activities at the discretion of the board of the fund in each individual case

The paid-in funds are used only for the above purposes; those related to the working environment, etc., are therefore not covered.

For the above purposes and moreover for strengthening the shop steward function and the local cooperation, DKK 0.55 per working hour will be charged as of 1 March 2020. As of 1 March 2023, DKK 0.65 will be charged per working hour.

DI and NNF will continuously assess guidelines and articles of association for The Meat and Food Industry's Educational and Cooperation Fund.

Protocol on Guidance and consulting services etc. for education and training of employees at the enterprise (introduced in 2012)

The parties to the collective agreement wish to strengthen the conditions for a joint skills upgrade and improvement of the enterprise's competitiveness and the individual employee's job opportunities.

The parties to the collective agreement agree to seek to strengthen the education and training of the employees at the enterprise. This can take place by using the possibilities of the collective agreement and improving the access to education and training for the management and the employees, for example through increased focus on educational planning.

In order to support the above, the parties to the collective agreement will provide consulting through TEKSAM with a view to making it easier for the enterprises and the employees to use the established educational opportunities, for example the educational opportunities developed jointly by the parties to the collective agreement.

In the provisions of the collective agreement, the parties will establish the possibility for the education and training committee (alternatively the works council, secondarily shop steward/management) to request a visit from TEKSAM's process consultant when requested by one of the parties.

A catalogue has been prepared that is used by the TEKSAM consultants in their conversations with the local parties.

The catalogue contains examples of easy-to-use tools and instructions on how to forward the educational effort in using the educational possibilities of the collective agreement and the many educational opportunities, including for example the competence packages established between the parties to the collective agreement. In addition, the catalogue will contain instructions on how to establish contact to the relevant training providers and how to perform competence clarifications.

Reference is made to TEKSAM's website for further inspiration.

The parties to the collective agreement will incorporate these provisions in the collective agreement. A more specific description of the TEKSAM consultants' offers in this connection should also be prepared, in which it is recommended to involve the TEKSAM consultants.

Organisation agreement on the Meat and Food Industry Cooperation and Competence Development Fund (introduced in 2007)

1. Objects

The object of the Meat and Food Industry Cooperation and Competence Development Fund is to promote the development of the employees' competences with a view to maintaining and strengthening the enterprises' competitiveness in a globalised economy. In addition, the object of the Fund is to support the development of the employees' competences in order to maintain and strengthen their employment opportunities.

With a view to further strengthening the efforts in this field, the Meat and Food Industry Cooperation and Competence Development Fund is set up with the purpose of supporting the employees' participation in competence development of their own choice. With this agreement, the parties to the collective agreement wish to create a dynamic basis for the use and administration of funds allocated by said parties. The objective is for the funds to be used for the benefit of the employees' employment opportunities in the short and in the long term. At the same time, the industry's competitiveness must be taken into account as far as possible.

2. Time off for education and training

The employees are entitled to take time off for education and training of relevance to employment within the areas covered by the collective agreements for the meat and food industries. It is possible to participate in education and training in both areas, regardless of which collective agreement the employee is covered by. It is a condition for being entitled to take time off for education and training which the enterprise does not assess to be of relevance to the enterprise that the employee is entitled to a grant for such education and training under the rules on competence development grants provided below.

Employees with at least nine months' seniority are entitled to two weeks off a year for education and training of their own choice relevant to employment within the area covered by the collective agreements.

Such time off may, for example, be spent on basic or advanced training, general or vocational supplementary and further education and training or on participation in assessments of prior learning offered by public or private bodies.

3. Contributions

- (a) The enterprise pays DKK 520 per full-time employee covered by the collective agreement per year. For part-time employees, this amount will be reduced pro rata.
- (b) Basis of calculation. The contribution is calculated based on the number of employees covered by the collective agreements.
- (c) Employees covered by the collective agreements may apply for grants in accordance with the rules provided below.

4. The Meat and Food Industry Cooperation and Competence Development Fund (SFKF)

- (a) The parties to the collective agreement will establish a joint ownership to manage the contributions paid in accordance with clause 3. The rules governing such joint ownership will be laid down in regulations to be prepared by the parties to the collective agreement jointly before 1 October 2007. The parties to the collective agreement are equally represented on the board of the Fund.

- (b) The board of the Fund will adopt the rules for:
- the administration and collection of contributions to be allocated to the administration company Industriens Pension or another administrator,
 - the guidelines for awarding of grants, cf. (d) below,
 - financial statements etc., as the Fund's financial statements must be audited,
 - the determination and collection of contributions to the State Grant System for Adult Training to the extent that this task is transferred to the two sides of industry.

The Fund's board may also lay down guidelines for reporting relating to competence development grants administered by the enterprise as a supplement to the provisions in section 5.

- (c) Applications. Grants from the Fund may be applied for by employees employed at an enterprise covered by the collective agreements, provided that such enterprise has not set up its own competence development account etc., cf. section 5.

Applications must be submitted through the enterprise which must certify that the employment is covered by the collective agreement and disclose the employee's wages.

- (d) Use. The Fund may spend its available funds on grants to employees for education and training activities, cf. section 2, para. 2. It is a condition for being eligible for a grant that the enterprise does not pay full or partial wages during the training period. The funds may be used

- to cover the external costs of training (course fee, course material, any transport costs etc.),
- to partially cover the employee's income loss during the training period, up to an amount corresponding to 85% of the wages. For educational courses awarded and implemented after 1 September 2023, shall be granted full coverage of the employees' loss of wages during their training. With the supplement of any public compensation for loss of wages, this equals 100% of the wages.
- Wages and employees' loss of wages shall be construed as the last 4 weeks' average wages

When awarding grants, the Fund must aim at achieving a fair balance between the different trade groups under the collective agreements in proportion to the contributions made for such groups.

Employees undertaking shift work in accordance with clause 3, also receive 85% of the shift work allowance per hour of absence subject to detailed guidelines

- according to special provision for the miller industry 146;
- according to special provision for Processing clause 12 as well as differential shift allowance;
- according to provisions for shift work, clause 3(1) and (2);

5. Other collective agreement areas

Enterprises which are covered by the provisions in the collective agreements without being members of DI, e.g. under adoption agreements, must contribute to the Meat and Food Industry Cooperation and Competence Development Fund. The Fund's board may instruct such enterprises to pay a cost-related administration fee for processing applications from these enterprises' employees. The Fund's board must ensure that receipt and

granting of funds from these enterprises and to their employees are kept separate from the DI enterprises' funds in the financial statements.

The parties to the collective agreements agree that, once annually, the daily management (IKUF) will invite SEKE's daily management to a meeting for the purpose of discussing a possible revision of the positive list on agreed training, in order that the daily management may prepare a possible new recommendation for SEKE about the full or partial approval of IKUF's positive list. In respect of the trades covered by SEKE, the daily management of the parties shall further have access to trade programmes within the scope of AMU courses that are maintained by the Danish Food and Allied Workers' Union NNF

6. Collective agreements

In the event of disagreements between the provisions in the collective agreements and the organisation agreement, the latter applies .

7. Basic conditions for the scheme

The statutes must be approved by the founders following the planned tripartite negotiations on adult training. The final decision on the wording of the provisions on the Meat and Food Industry Cooperation and Competence Development Fund and other rights to time off for education and training awaits the end of and follow-up on the above negotiations.

If, during the term of the collective agreement, the Danish Parliament adopts rules on supplementary training, introducing new payment obligations or other obligations for the parties to the collective agreement, the member enterprises and/or the employees, this agreement will lapse.

Protocol on Arranged education and training (introduced in 2017, text revised in 2020)

In areas where a Competence Development Fund or other similar competence scheme has been established, the enterprise can, subject to local agreement, seek support from the Competence Development Fund or other similar competence scheme for arranged education and training. Based on this, the employee and the enterprise can set up a training plan.

The employee will be paid according to applicable provisions for the Competence Development Fund or other similar competence scheme. Any subsidies and contributions from the Competence Development Fund will accrue to the enterprise.

Support for arranged education and training will replace support for education and training of the employee's own choice in the calendar years where the training plan is in force.

On an annual basis, the board of the Competence Development Fund, or any other similar competence scheme, stipulates a frame for support that can be granted to arranged education and training. Support can be granted to selected education and training programmes within preparatory activities, vocational education and training and academy profession and diploma programmes.

The parties to the collective agreement further agree to recommend that the board for the Meat and Food Industry Cooperation and Competence Fund, at the next regular meeting after the renewal of the collective agreement, discuss the level of funding allocated to arranged education and training across the Meat Factory and Slaughterhouse Collective Agreement and The Food Industry Agreement in view of search pattern development during past collective agreement terms and the funds available.

Protocol on industry and process operator, etc. (introduced in 2020)

The parties to the collective agreement have a common desire to work to develop career paths within the industry. In connection to this, the parties to the collective agreement wish to support the education and training preferences of the employees and the needs of the enterprise, including with respect to industry and process operator. This creates better opportunities for the individual employee to optimise production alongside carrying out production work as well as perform any minor technical and maintenance tasks.

The parties to the collective agreement agree that enterprise and employee can arrange a personal allowance which supports this development. The personal allowance can be terminated upon the employee's notice.

At the enterprises where a shop steward has been elected, the parties to the collective agreement agree it is natural that a personal allowance be discussed and agreed upon with the shop steward.

Protocol on support for Danish language lessons for adult foreigners (introduced in 2014)

It has been agreed that the Industry Competence Development Fund (IKUF) may grant support for Danish language lessons for adult foreigners on similar terms as support for other activities. Danish language lessons for adult foreigners in accordance with the Act on Danish for Adult Foreigners (Consolidated Act 1010/2010) will be placed on the positive list.

As long as the employee is covered by free access to Danish language lessons from the municipality, IKUF will only grant support for a potential loss of wages.

Protocol on joint activity to promote apprenticeships (introduced in 2014)

The parties to the collective agreement agree jointly to implement an activity to promote apprenticeships. The activity will help create attention on the education of both young people as well as adults as competent skilled workers and thereby ensure access to qualified skilled employees for the enterprises of the industry in future. For example, the activity could be in the form of an apprenticeship campaign. The parties to the collective agreement assess that a campaign should be seen in the context of the other initiatives in apprenticeship-promoting activities. The parties to the collective agreement therefore agree that initially a project is to be prepared between the parties to perform a detailed analysis of a joint activity for the promotion of apprenticeships.

The parties to the collective agreement agree that the costs for the project and the joint activity for promoting apprenticeships are to be financed through the Meat and Food Industry Education and Cooperation Fund.

Protocol on implementation of the Danish Act on Equal Pay for Men and Women etc. (introduced in 2010)

1.

No discrimination on the ground of sex as regards pay may take place in contravention of this agreement. This applies to both direct and indirect discrimination.

(2)

Any employer must give women and men equal pay, including all pay elements and pay conditions, for the same work or work given the same value. If a qualification system is used in pay determination, this must be based on the same criteria for male and female employees and be designed to prevent any discrimination on the ground of sex.

(3)

The evaluation of the value of the work must take place on the basis of a general evaluation of relevant qualifications and other relevant factors.

1a.

Direct discrimination exists where a person due to his or her gender is treated worse than another person is, has been or will be treated in a similar situation. Any form of unequal treatment of a woman in connection with pregnancy and during the 14 weeks of absence after delivery is considered direct discrimination.

(2)

Indirect discrimination exists where a provision, a criterion or a practise which is seemingly neutral places persons of one gender in a less favourable position than persons of the other gender, unless this provision, criterion or practise has a reasoned objective and the means of fulfilling it are expedient and necessary.

(3)

Pay means the ordinary basic or minimum wage or salary and any other consideration, whether in cash or in kind, which the employee receives directly or indirectly, in respect of his or her employment, from his or her employer.

2.

An employee whose pay is lower than that of others in contravention of section 1 has a claim to the difference.

(2)

An employee whose rights have been violated due to discrimination as regards pay on the ground of sex may be awarded compensation. The compensation must be fixed with due regard to the employment period of the employee and other circumstances in the particular case.

2a.

An employee has a right to pass on information relating to own wage conditions. This information can be passed to anyone.

3.

An employer is not allowed to dismiss or otherwise treat an employee, including an employee representative, unfavourably as a reaction to a complaint or for having put forward a claim for equal pay, including equal pay conditions, or for passing on information on pay. An employer is not allowed to dismiss an employee or an employee representative for having put forward a claim under section 4(1).

(2)

It is incumbent on the employer to prove that a dismissal has not been effected in contravention of the rules laid down in subsection (1). However, if the dismissal takes place more than one year after the employee has put forward the claim for equal pay, subsection (1) only applies where the employee is able to establish factual circumstances which give grounds to presume that the dismissal has taken place in contravention of subsection (1).

(3)

A dismissed employee may claim compensation or reemployment. Any reemployment must observe the principles stipulated in the main agreement. The compensation must be fixed with due regard to the employment period of the employee and other circumstances in the particular case.

4.

Every year, employers with more than 35 employees must prepare statistics broken down by gender for groups of at least ten people of each gender categorised by the six-digit DISCO code for consulting and informing employees on pay differences between men and women at the enterprise. However, this does not apply to enterprises in the agriculture, horticulture, forestry and fishing industries. If the wage statistics broken down by gender have been received as confidential information in consideration of the enterprise's legitimate interests, the information must not be disclosed.

(2)

The wage statistics broken down by gender as stipulated in subsection (1) must be prepared for employee groups with a level of detail corresponding to the six-digit DISCO code. Furthermore, the employer is obliged to account for the design of the statistics and the wage concept applied.

(3)

Enterprises reporting their annual wage statistics to Statistics Denmark may obtain wage statistics broken down by gender as stipulated in subsection (1) from Statistics Denmark.

(4)

The employer's obligation to prepare wage statistics broken down by gender in accordance with subsection (1) is lifted if the employer and the employees at the enterprise agree to prepare a report. Such report must contain a description of the factors contributing to the determination of pay for men and women at the enterprise as well as specific action-oriented initiatives, which may extend over up to three years, and the follow-up on these during the reporting period. The report must cover all employees at the enterprise and be treated in accordance with the rules stipulated in the cooperation agreement. The report must be finalised by the end of the calendar year in which the obligation to prepare wage statistics broken down by gender applied, at the latest.

5.

An employee who finds that the employer does not comply with the duty to offer equal pay, including equal pay conditions, as stipulated in this agreement, may bring industrial action to establish the claim.

(2)

Where a person who finds that he or she has been discriminated against under section 1 can demonstrate factual circumstances which give grounds to presume that direct or indirect discrimination has taken place, it is incumbent on the other party to prove that the principle of equal treatment has not been violated.

6.

If the organisations find that there is basis for an industrial procedure pursuant to the provisions above, an inspection may be carried out at the enterprise with the organisations before the case is referred to an industrial procedure.

(2)

In industrial cases concerning equal pay, it must be agreed before or at a conciliation meeting which information is to be passed to the union with a view to an assessment of the case.

The parties to the collective agreement agree that the Act on Equal Pay will hereafter not apply to employment relationships covered by the collective agreements between them and that disputes regarding equal pay must be settled in an industrial procedure.

In addition, the parties to the collective agreement agree to implement any amendments of the Act on Equal Pay following from any new EU obligations in this agreement.

Protocol on agreement implementation of age and disability provisions in the Council's Directive 2000/78/EC of 27 November 2000 (introduced in 2014)

DI and NNF have concluded the below agreement with a view to implementing the provisions on age and disability of the Council Directive 2000/78/EC of 27 November 2000.

The parties to the collective agreement agree on the following:

- that the collective agreement for the food industry applicable between the parties does not conflict with the provisions on age and disability of the mentioned Directive. To the extent that the collective agreement between the parties contains provisions that differentiate on the basis of age and disability, it has been agreed that such provisions are covered by the below considerations
- that the organisation agreement implements the provisions on age and disability mentioned in the Directive.

1. Objects

The purpose of this agreement is to prevent unfair discrimination in respect of employment due to age or disability.

2. Scope of use

This agreement applies to all employees who are covered by the collective agreement for the food industry concluded between DI and NNF.

3. Equal treatment

The parties to the collective agreement agree that discrimination of employees or applicants due to age or disability for vacancies at employment, dismissal, transfer, promotion or in respect of wages and conditions of employment, access to vocational education and training and upgrading of skills; however, cf. clauses 4 and 5, must not take place.

(2)

The parties to the collective agreement agree that discrimination means the following:

- a. Direct discrimination: It is a question of direct discrimination when due to his or her age or disability, a person is treated less favourably than another person has been treated or will be treated in a similar situation.

- b. Indirect discrimination: It is a question of indirect discrimination when an apparently neutral provision, condition or practice will cause persons of a certain age or with a certain disability to be in a less favourable position than other persons. However, this does not apply if such provision, condition or practice has been based on objective reasons for factual purposes and the means to achieve this are appropriate and necessary or are necessary, appropriate measures in accordance with the principles of clause 6 of the agreement with a view to rectifying the unfavourable effects hereof.
- c. Harassment: Harassment is regarded as discrimination when a harmful behaviour in relation to a person's age or disability takes place with the purpose or the effect to offend the dignity of such person and create a threatening, hostile, demeaning, humiliating or unpleasant environment for this person.
- d. Instructions about discrimination: Instructions to discriminate a person due to age or disability are regarded as discrimination.

4. In particular concerning disability

The parties to the collective agreement agree that to a reasonable extent, adjustments must be made for persons with disabilities with the aim of ensuring compliance with the principle of equality of treatment of persons with disabilities.

The employer must take such measures that are appropriate in view of the actual need for providing persons with disabilities access to employment, to perform their jobs or to enjoy success in their jobs or for providing such persons with access to education and training unless the employer is imposed with a disproportionately large burden in doing so. If to a sufficient extent, this burden is facilitated through measures that constitute normal elements in the Danish policy on disability, it is not regarded as disproportionately large.

However, employment, promotion, continued employment or education and training cannot be demanded by a person who is not competent, qualified or available for performing essential functions in connection with the relevant position or for following relevant education or training.

5. In particular concerning age

The parties to the collective agreement agree that unequal treatment due to age does not constitute inequality of treatment according to the agreement if such treatment is objectively and reasonably justifiable, among other things based on purposes relating to employment, labour market and business policy, provided that the means to fulfil the purpose in question are appropriate and necessary.

Forms of unequal treatment can include the following:

- a. establishment of special conditions for access to employment and vocational education and training, employment and profession, including conditions for dismissal and payment, for young people, senior employees and persons with support obligations with a view to promoting their occupational integration or to protect them
- b. determination of minimum conditions concerning age, occupational experience or seniority for access to employment or for certain advantages in connection with employment
- c. determination of a maximum age limit for employment that is based on educational requirements for the relevant position or the necessity to fulfil a reasonable period as employed before retirement.

Discrimination is legitimate if it is consequent on specified age limits for access to social security schemes related to occupation, including specification of different age limits for employees or groups or categories of employees. In addition, the use of the age criterion for actuarial calculations within the framework of these schemes is not regarded as discrimination due to sex, e.g. labour-market pension schemes and work-based insurances if the employer pays or undertakes all payments or part of the payments into the scheme.

6. Burden of proof

If a person, who considers himself or herself to be offended, cf. clauses 2-5, is able to demonstrate actual circumstances that give cause for assuming that direct or indirect discrimination takes place, it rests with the opposite party to prove that the principle of equality of treatment has not been violated.

7. Industrial procedure

Disagreement about unequal treatment due to age and/or disability must be dealt with in accordance with the usual dispute procedures. This also applies to cases instituted in accordance with this agreement as well as cases in accordance with the Act on prohibition of discrimination in the labour market.

This agreement applies subject to more specific community rules.

In case of termination of the collective agreement, the parties are required to comply with the provisions on implementation of Directive 2000/78/EC of 27 November 2000 until it is replaced by another collective agreement or until amendments to the Directive take effect about age and disability.

Protocol on Access to wage information (introduced in 2010)

(1)

The purpose of this provision is to prevent wage dumping. The provision may not be used for demanding access to wage information with a view to an overall or general review of the standard of wages at the enterprise, including for a general investigation of the scope for instituting industrial proceedings against the enterprise.

(2)

In situations where a shop steward solemnly declares to have information that gives reason to suspect wage dumping in relation to one employee or a specific group of employees at the enterprise, the shop steward is entitled to access to the information required to assess whether wage dumping is taking place, cf. however sub-clause (4). The shop steward must have attempted in vain to retrieve such wage information before making such application for access.

Subject to the same conditions, the union may also be granted access to wage information.

(3)

If the issue involves one employee, access to wage information is subject to the consent of such employee.

If the application for access to pay slips involves a group of employees, they may be disclosed without consent, on condition of anonymity.

(4)

If there is disagreement at a member enterprise regarding access to the information, or if the union has raised a claim for access to information against DI, a meeting between

the organisations must immediately be held at the request of the union, at which meeting the case may be discussed, including which information to be procured.

When such information has been procured from the enterprise, the organisations will meet again, and if such meeting confirms that the provisions of the collective agreement have been observed, the case will be closed.

However, if it is found that the provisions of the collective agreement have not been observed, DI must at the request of the union give notice to the enterprise demanding rectification. DI must send a copy of this notice to the union. If the enterprise fails to rectify the situation forthwith, the union may proceed with the case.

If it is not possible to reach agreement on whether the collective agreement has been observed in the negotiations, the union may refer the case directly to industrial arbitration or a joint meeting.

(5)

The wage information disclosed must be treated as confidential and may only be used for the industrial proceedings on the issue of wage dumping and may not be published in any form, unless the case has been settled by industrial arbitration or by the Labour Court.

(6)

The parties to the collective agreement agree to discuss the impact of this agreement during the term of the collective agreement.

Protocol on the Funds under the collective agreement (SFKF, 25 øre and DA/FH - introduced in 2010, text revised in 2020)

The collective agreement covers the following training, competence and cooperation funds:

- The Meat and Food Industry Cooperation and Competence Development Fund (SFKF)
- The Food Industry's Cooperation Fund (25 øres fonden)
- DA/FH Development Fund

DI and NNF have appointed a joint board that by agreement may determine the articles of association, procedures and workflow of The Meat and Food Industry Cooperation and Competence Fund (SFKF) and The Food Industry's Cooperation Fund.

DI and NNF prepare bi-annual protocols for the collection of contributions from the enterprises for all three of the above funds. Two protocols are prepared each time; one in relation to payroll and one in relation to hours worked.

See protocol on Electronic documents (introduced in 2012, text revised in 2014 and 2020)

The parties to the collective agreement agree that the collective agreements should contain the possibility of the enterprises being able, as full satisfaction, to submit holiday cards and pay slips and any other documents that are to be exchanged during or after the continuous employment via the available electronic mail solutions, e.g. e-Boks, or via email.

If the enterprises wish to make use of this option, the employees must be given notice thereof three months before unless otherwise agreed.

The enterprise may not use electronic mail solutions for employees who are exempt from receiving digital mail from public authorities.

Protocol on Data Protection Regulation (introduced in 2017 and revised in 2020)

DI and NNF agree that provisions in collective agreements and the associated case handling must be interpreted and processed in accordance with the Data Protection Regulation (EU 2016/679) which came into effect in Denmark on 25 May 2018.

DI and NNF agree that at the implementation of the Data Protection Regulation it must be ensured that the present practice for gathering, storage, handling and supply of personal data in accordance with employment and labour obligations can continue.

Protocol on Competence development support in relation to work distribution (introduced in 2020)

The parties to the collective agreement ascertain that enterprises perceive the rules on arranged education and training support in relation to work distribution to be complicated. The current rules also require some administrative resources in the IKUF Sekretariat.

Upon terms of the Industrial Agreement, DI and the Central Organisation of Industrial Employees in Denmark (CO-Industri), will initiate a works committee after approval of the collective agreement result 2020. The aim of the works committee is to find a simpler way to support arranged education and training when the enterprise is facing a labour shortage. The works committee has an end of June 2020 deadline in order for new rules for support for arranged education and training to take effect in the event of a labour shortage, as of 01/10/2020.

If the committee work between DI and the Central Organisation of Industrial Employees in Denmark (CO-Industri) produces a result, DI and NNF will make use of this result, so that the IKUF Sekretariat can also carry out the daily administrative tasks in relation to The Collective Agreement for the Food Industry in the future.

Protocol on committee work on hire of labour (introduced 2020)

The parties agree that during the term of the collective agreement, the results of the discussions between DI and the Central Organisation of Industrial Employees in Denmark (CO-Industri) on labour hire will be monitored and discussed regarding their relevance for implementation in The Collective Agreement for the Food Industry.

Protocol on pension provision for employees with minimal working hours (introduced in 2020)

The parties to the collective agreement have discussed situations in which employees with minimal working hours may find that a relatively large proportion of the pension contribution goes towards finance costs and insurance premiums, while an unreasonably small proportion goes towards pension savings.

The parties to the collective agreement prioritise finding suitable solutions to this problem and will continue to carry out work on the Industriens Pension board with a view to making a swift decision on the implementation of any changes.

Protocol on assessing the development of alternative work forms (introduced in 2020)

The parties to the collective agreement have discussed in several contexts the prevalence of work forms differing from that of normal full-time work.

It is therefore agreed that for the term of the collective agreement a joint works committee will be initiated aimed at assessing the development of such work forms. If deemed necessary, parties may involve external partners in the assessment.

Protocol on company pension scheme costs (introduced in 2020)

The parties to the collective agreement, who have a common interest in keeping the costs of company pension schemes at an appropriately low level, continuously monitor the cost level of company pension schemes in the areas covered by the collective agreement.

Once a year (customarily in May), a meeting is held between NNF and DI to discuss such costs, at which the parties to the collective agreement exchange information.

The parties to the collective agreement have developed a model for a shared database that provides said parties with a basis on which to assess whether the costs of specific schemes deviate significantly from the general cost level of the company pension scheme provider.

If it is found at the meeting that one or more schemes give rise to the presumption that the costs in the scheme will deviate significantly from the ordinary cost level of the company pension scheme provider, DI will contact the enterprise and/or pension provider in order to submit comments within a month of the meeting, which the parties to the collective agreement will subsequently consider.

If the parties subsequently agree that the cost level is significantly above the acceptable cost level of that of company pension scheme providers, the enterprise will be given a deadline of one month to notify whether:

- The costs before the end of six full months will be reduced to a lower, appropriate level as agreed by the enterprise, and documentation thereof will be forwarded to the parties prior to said notice, or
- The scheme has been terminated with the relevant release notification (documentation attached), so that the payment will then be made to the collective agreement pension scheme or another company pension scheme, cf. the rules for changing pension provider.

If an enterprise notwithstanding the above does not contribute to elucidation of the case or does not undertake one of the aforementioned measures, the parties divest the enterprise, at three full months' notice, of the option to use a company pension scheme for employees covered by the collective agreement for a period of three years.

If no agreement is reached at the meeting on whether the cost level in a specific company pension scheme is or has been reduced to an acceptable level, the issue will be dealt with according to the collective agreement rules on industrial procedure.

The organisation agreement is a special test scheme that runs during the term of the current collective agreement. If so agreed by the end, the scheme may continue with any possible amendments agreed upon. Otherwise the organisation agreement will lapse.

Protocol on on-call duty (introduced in 2020)

The local parties may enter into a written local agreement that when employees are called to work during on-call duty, the daily 11-hour rest period (for work not covered by the annex to Executive Order No. 324 of 23 May 2002 on rest periods and rest days), may be deferred so that it is offered immediately after the end of the last working period, and that the rest period can be within on-call duty hours. If the 11-hour rest period thereby extends to the following day, the employee must also have the usual 11-hour rest period within that day. This rest period may be similarly deferred.

If the deferred rest period prevents the employee from performing normal scheduled daily working hours, the hours not worked are paid as per cases of sickness.

Where the Executive Order, clause 8(1) applies, the daily rest period may be eight hours.

Deferral of the rest period can be for a maximum of 10 days in each calendar month and a maximum of 45 days per calendar year.

At enterprises where no shop steward has been elected, notification of the agreement's outcome is made to the organisations.

Agreements under this provision may be dismissed as in the case of other local agreements.

Protocol on Committee work regarding revision of industrial rules of procedure, etc. (introduced in 2020)

To ensure a swift and effective resolution of disputes in relation to the collective agreement, as well as discrimination, disability, age, harassment and equal pay, the parties to the collective agreement agree that such matters are best resolved through industrial procedure.

A working group is therefore set up to prepare guidelines for establishing negotiation rules/rules for handling industrial disputes, as well as matters on discrimination, disability, age, harassment and equal pay.

The working group must have completed its work by 31/12/2022 at the latest and the committee's recommendations should be implemented in the collective agreement as soon as possible thereafter, however by 1 March 2023 at the latest.

Protocol on Committee work on sickness (introduced in 2020)

With regards to the discussion surrounding amended sick pay provisions, the parties to the collective agreement have agreed that the expediency of the existing pay provisions will be discussed during the agreement period.

With regards to this, the parties to the collective agreement will work proactively with models to reduce sick leave for the benefit of both the enterprise and employees, e.g. with a focus on a healthy lifestyle in and outside the workplace, with possible funding from SFKF.

The parties will jointly consider the options for bringing the health and safety organisation and/or works council into play, as well as discussing cooperation with state regulations in the area.

Protocol on Committee work on the structure of the collective agreement (introduced in 2020 amended in 2023)

The parties agree that the collective agreement is unnecessarily complicated due to historical developments and requires simplification and technical rewriting.

During the collective agreement period, the parties will implement a works committee which will identify options for establishing a relevant set of rules across the areas covered by the current collective agreement for the food industry.

The works committee, in parallel with the corresponding discussions with the industry agreement, must discuss technical editing of The Collective Agreement for the Food Industry on weekend work.

The committee work must be completed on 30 June 2024 at the latest.

Protocol on the shared understanding of the provision on severance pay cf. clause 25 (introduced in 2023)

The parties to the collective agreement agree that, owing to its historical development, the collective agreement is unnecessarily complicated and in need of an actual simplification and technical revision.

In connection with the 2023 collective agreement, the parties thereto have discussed how the provision on severance pay is to be understood and construed. In this connection the parties have agreed on the following shared understanding.

Employees who, on the date of resignation, are not in receipt of benefits, such as it has been set out in the provision on severance pay, shall be entitled to severance payment in the following situations:

- 1) The employee meets the conditions set out in the provision, though he or she is not in fact receiving benefits on the exit date.

The reason why the employee does not receive benefits is that, on the exit date, he or she is:

- a. on sick leave
- b. taking holidays
- c. on paid leave of absence for the terminal care of a family member pursuant to s.118 of the Danish Social Services Act
- d. participating in a course such as mentioned in the collective agreement's provisions on dismissal owing to reconstruction, or he or she is participating in a supplementary training course and, in this connection, he or she is receiving VEU compensation.

Upon the employee's termination of his or her sick leave, holiday or course participation, the employee meets all conditions set out in the provision on severance pay.

- 2) The employee's permanent address is outside Denmark and, hence, he or she would otherwise not be entitled to benefits, but:
 - a. Owing to the provisions in force, the employee is prevented from being a member of a Danish unemployment fund and, hence, the employee is not comprised by the Danish rules on benefits.

- b. The employee is or has been a member of a Danish unemployment fund and would have been entitled to benefits if, on the exit date, he or she was still a Danish resident who was available on the Danish labour market. However the employee is not entitled to benefits solely on the grounds that he or she has returned to his place of residence outside Denmark.

- c. Under his or her employment, the employee has not been a member of a Danish unemployment fund, albeit under his or her employment in Denmark, he or she has been a member of an unemployment fund or a similar insurance scheme in another EU country and is, thus, entitled to insurance equal to Danish benefits (unemployment fund) in the country of residence after terminated employment in Denmark.

In addition, it is a condition that, in respect of his or her reception of severance pay, the employee meets all other conditions set out in the provision on severance pay.



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