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I am a SME in Denmark that farms organic Christmas trees

Denmark has a special rule for organic Christmas tree production: That the seedling used have to be grown from organic seeds and not just have been cultured organic the last two years as is the rules of the rest of Europe.

I am aware that this rule is legal, so that Denmark can make special rules for Danish farmers. But the problem is that I cannot buy seedlings from Germany that are certified organic in Germany, the Danish controlling agency [REDACTED] claim I cannot use the German seedlings because they do not accept the German EU certification for organic produce.

I believe that this is a violation of the internal market as it restricts also German producers in their sale to Danish customers. I believe this is a technical barrier to trade

The main problem is that there is only one producer of organic seedlings in Denmark and the prices are way of what they are in Germany, therefore the Danish rules for organic certification of christmastrees disrupts the free market for organic Christmas tree seedlings within Europe.

My question is: Am I right in my claim that the Danish agency should accept German seedlings that are certified organic in Germany?

And if yes: How should I proceed to get this changed?

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