

Arla Foods and DMK Group set to merge

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Arla Foods and DMK Group announced that the cooperatives' decision-making bodies have voted in favour of a planned merger. This marks a significant milestone in bringing together two companies with shared values and highly complementary strengths, setting the stage for a new era in European dairy. The intended merger is now subject to regulatory approval.

The boards of representatives in both Arla and DMK Group have given resounding backing to the two companies' intention to merge. With a clear majority 'yes' vote in Arla, DMK and DOC Kaas, the votes reflect the strong support from farmer owners for a merger designed not just to grow, but to combine the best of both organisations for the benefit of members, colleagues, customers and consumers.

The merger unites Arla's international reach and innovation expertise with DMK Group's strong and diversified product portfolio and know-how. By supplementing each other's capabilities, the joint cooperative will be uniquely positioned to deliver even greater value through a broader range of high-quality dairy products, enhanced product innovation, and resilient market presence.

Since the announcement of the intended merger, both Arla and DMK Group have held a series of meetings across the companies' regions, encouraging open debate and allowing members to share their views and questions.

Jan Toft N rgaard, Chair of Arla Foods, says, 'I would like to thank my fellow owners for their active participation. The approval of the decision-making bodies confirms our shared belief that Arla and DMK Group are stronger together. By combining our complementary strengths, we can secure a more sustainable and innovative dairy sector for the future, while continuing to deliver value to owners and partners.'