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A COMPARATIVE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ANALYSIS: the case of Denmark and Cameroon





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## Synopsis

This thesis report is a result of a comparison in environmental policy and management between Denmark and Cameroon. Its focus is on a cattle slaughterhouse and printing plant companies each from Denmark and Cameroon and the researcher aim is to find out why is the environmental management in companies in Denmark different from that of Cameroon.

Materials used in this research were obtained from interviews with the case companies' plant/general managers and Environmental coordinators from both Denmark and Cameroon. Additional information was also obtained from literature study of environmental management and the Danish Crown website.

For the analysis of the case countries as well as case companies, two theories were used, Janicke and Weidner country Capacity for Environmental Policy and Management concept and Scott Institutional Theory.

Finally, the usefulness of Janicke and Weidner capacity model was used to proffer different in environmental management as well as recommendations for both case countries and companies. These recommendations are aimed at highlighting the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats, the case countries might face if an environmental policy is to be develop and implemented as well as the different factors influencing the institutional framework conditions at the case companies for the implementation of the case countries environmental permits.

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All organizations mentioned in this report are described in a list of organization following the table of contents, and appendices are available at the end of the report. The quotes and statements obtained through interviews have all been approved by the interviewees.

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#### **ABBREVIATIONS**

| BSE   | Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy                       |  |  |  |
|-------|--|--|--|--|
| BOC   | Biochemical Oxygen Content                             |  |  |  |
| EMS   | Environmental Management System                        |  |  |  |
| EMAS  | Eco- Management and Audit Scheme                       |  |  |  |
| ISO   | International Standardisation Organisation             |  |  |  |
| OECD  | Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development |  |  |  |
| MINEP | Ministry of Nature and Protection                      |  |  |  |
| UNIDO | United Nation Industrial Development Organisation      |  |  |  |