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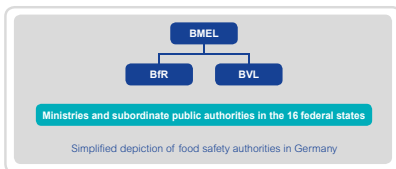
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Country profiles – how to read the EU Almanac

Each country profile provides a three page overview of public authorities in the area of food and feed safety.

Diagram depicting the structure of governmental authorities:

Each country profile starts with a simplified diagram that depicts the structure of governmental authorities and hierarchies. Authorities are referred to by their national acronym. The list of abbreviations (chapter 6) contains full names of all authorities listed in the Almanac (in English as well as in the respective national language). Institutions at central/federal level are illustrated in blue caskets, regional/local institutions in turquoise ones.



Legal foundation: Brief description of national legal foundations in the area of food and feed safety at the beginning of the chapter.

In Germany the central legal foundation for food legislation is the Food and Feed Code (Lebensmittel und Futtermittelgesetzbuch). In Germany risk assessment and risk management ...

Institutions at central level (shown in blue caskets): Tasks and activities of each authority are described in a separate section for each authority. The blue box at the beginning of each section contains the acronym and the full name of the authority. The grey box below contains the main tasks in the area of food and feed safety, followed by the city the authority is based in and the authority website.

BfR
Federal Institute for Risk Assessment

- ▶ Risk assessment
- ▶ Risk communication
- ▶ EFSA Focal Point
- ▶ Research

Seat: Berlin
<http://www.bfr.bund.de>

Responsibility: Ten pictograms illustrate the individual areas of responsibility of the respective authority.

	Plant protection products		Drinking water		Genetic engineering		Contaminants
	Feed		Food supplements		Residues of veterinary medicinal products		
	Mineral water		Novel foods		Zoonoses		

Regional and local level: Authorities at regional and local level are described in a separate section. They are introduced by turquoise caskets.

Regional and local levels

Germany consists of 16 federal states, with large individual differences with regards to the size of each state (between 1 and 20 million inhabitants per state). ...

EFSA network: Regulation (EC) No 178/2002 establishing the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) states that organisations operating in the fields within the authority's mission are to form a network. Organisations that fall under this category are listed under the heading "Institutions involved in the EFSA network".

Institutions involved in the EFSA network pursuant to Article 36 Reg. (EC) No. 178/2002:

1. Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR)
2. Federal Office of Consumer Protection and Food Safety (BVL)

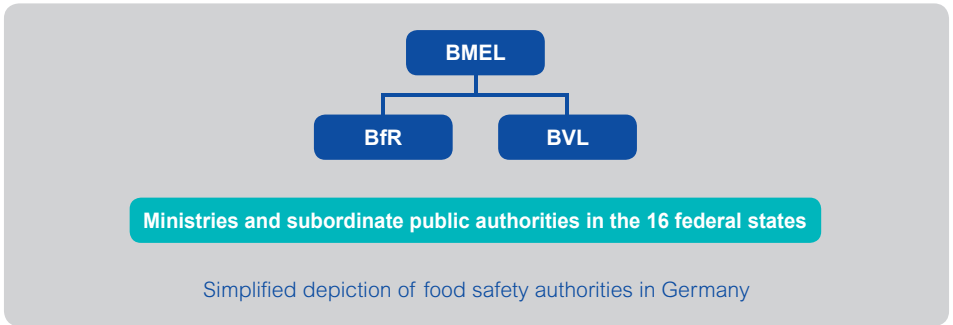
The list of institutions involved in the EFSA Network pursuant to Article 36 Reg. (EC) No. 178/2002 at the end of each country profile is subject to revision. The up-to-date list of each country is available on the internet at: www.efsa.europa.eu/en/scdocs/doc/art36listg.pdf

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In Germany the central legal foundation for food legislation is the Food and Feed Code (Lebensmittel- und Futtermittelgesetzbuch). Infringement of food regulations can lead to measures under criminal law and consumer damage claims under civil law, whereby the final decision rests with the courts. Government measures with regard to food safety are often based on scientific risk assessment. However, the final decision on the legality of governmental measures rests with the courts.

In Germany risk assessment and risk management are institutionally separated at federal level. At regional level, however, (i.e. in the 16 federal states) risk assessment and risk management is not institutionally separated. In Germany, consumer protection laws are enacted at federal level, however, implementation and control is the responsibility of the 16 federal states (i.e. at regional level).

Risk assessments are usually published on the Internet unless there are statutory provisions that prohibit this.

BMEL
Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture

► Agricultural policy and food safety

Seat: Bonn and Berlin
<http://www.bmel.de>

The BMEL is responsible for agricultural policy and food safety. In the field of food safety the BMEL prepares draft legislation and issues ordinances. The Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR) is a specialist authority within the portfolio of the BMEL. It contributes to the enforcement of legislation by undertaking statutory risk assessments and advises political circles. On management issues, the Federal Office of Consumer Protection and Food Safety (BVL) undertakes preparatory work for the BMEL.

The portfolio of the BMEL also encompasses other federal research institutions such as the Max Rubner-Institute in the field of nutrition.

BMUB
Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety

► Environmental policy

Seat: Bonn and Berlin
<http://www.bmub.bund.de>

The BMUB is responsible for food safety risks caused by environmental contaminants, introduced into air, water or soil via human activity. The Federal Environmental Agency (UBA), the Federal Office for Nature Conservation (BfN) and the Federal Office for Radiation Protection (BfS) support the work of the BMUB as the competent specialist authorities in its portfolio. Effective environmental protection contributes to the production of healthy, largely uncontaminated food. The BMEL is responsible for the other areas of food safety. The BfR and BVL, the competent specialist authorities in this area, support the BMEL and BMUB in the field of food safety.

BfR
Federal Institute for Risk Assessment

- Risk assessment
- Risk communication
- EFSA Focal Point
- Research

Seat: Berlin
<http://www.bfr.bund.de>



The BfR's remit encompasses scientifically based risk assessments as part of administrative procedures, for instance marketing authorisations for plant protection products, and policy advice. The BfR risk assessments are used by the BMEL, BMUB and regional/local public authorities as the basis for management measures. Without being influenced by scientific, political or social interests, the BfR has the task

of assessing risks, identifying new health risks and drawing up risk minimisation recommendations. In this context, the BfR draws on the support of 15 independent expert committees with around 200 committee members overall. In its capacity as a scientific body, the BfR enjoys independence in respect of the results of its opinions, and prepares expert reports on risk assessment.

The BfR's remit includes novel foods and food ingredients, feed, residues of plant protection products and veterinary medicinal products, GMOs, food supplements, zoonoses, food contact materials and mineral waters. Other main areas of its work are research and transparent communication with the public at large, scientific circles and other stakeholders.

14 National Reference Laboratories are attached to the BfR pursuant to Regulation (EC) No. 882/2004.

In addition to food safety, the BfR is also responsible for risk assessments in the area of safety of consumer products, cosmetics, biocides and chemicals (REACH). The BfR also collects notifications of intoxication caused by chemicals.

BVL
Federal Office of Consumer Protection and Food Safety

- Risk management
- RASFF Contact Point

Seat: Braunschweig and Berlin
<http://www.bvl.bund.de>



The main focus of the BVL is on risk management. In the field of food safety the BVL supports the cooperation between the BMEL, BMUB and the federal states. Together with the federal states, the BVL coordinates programmes for inspection and

control of food to ensure comparable results and procedures in all 16 federal states of Germany.

The BVL is the regulatory authority for novel foods and food ingredients, plant protection products and veterinary medicinal products. In its decision-making process the BVL normally draws on BfR risk assessments. Based on risk assessments by other authorities, the BVL decides on applications for the experimental scientific cultivation of genetically modified plants. Furthermore, the BVL is involved in the EU marketing authorisation of genetically modified organisms (GMOs) in food and feed.

Four National Reference Laboratories are attached to the BVL pursuant to Regulation (EC) No. 882/2004.

In addition to food safety, the activity of the BVL extends, amongst other things, to cosmetics and commodities which come into contact with food for human consumption.

**UBA
Federal Environmental Agency**

► Risk assessment

Seat: Dessau
<http://www.umweltbundesamt.de>

The UBA is a specialist authority within the portfolio of the BMUB. The Federal Ministry of Health (BMG) is responsible for the safety of drinking water; the UBA provides support for BMG management decisions. Other statutory tasks include informing the public at large about environmental protection.

**RKI
Robert Koch Institute**

► Research

Seat: Berlin
<http://www.rki.de>

The RKI is a federal institute within the portfolio of the BMG. The RKI is responsible for the identification, prevention and control of diseases, especially infectious diseases. The tasks at the RKI include the legal obligation to compile scientific findings as a basis for political decisions concerning health issues. The RKI provides information and advice to the competent federal ministries – especially the BMG – and to the general public.

Regional and local levels




Germany consists of 16 federal states, with large individual differences with regard to the size of each state (between 1 and 20 million inhabitants per state). The 16 federal states of Germany are, in principle, responsible for implementation of the law. Implementation of food and feed safety is therefore the responsibility of the federal states. In this task the federal states are independent, i.e. not bound by instructions of the federal government.

The appropriate ministry in each federal state coordinates and supervises control and inspection activities in this area. To ensure comparable procedures in all 16 federal states, the federal states coordinate their activities mainly in working groups in which the federal level is also involved. Distributed throughout all federal states there are 430 food inspection authorities and approximately 35 food surveillance laboratories.


Institutions involved in the EFSA network pursuant to Article 36 Reg. (EC) No. 178/2002:

1. Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR)
2. Federal Office of Consumer Protection and Food Safety (BVL)
3. Federal Agency for Nature Conservation (BfN)
4. Robert Koch Institute (RKI)
5. Julius Kühn Institute (JKI)
6. Friedrich-Loeffler-Institute (FLI)
7. Max-Rubner-Institute (MRI)
8. German Nutrition Society
9. Research Institute of Child Nutrition
10. Federal Environment Agency (UBA)

5 Glossary

Biocide or biocidal product	Active substance (or preparations containing one or more active substances) intended to destroy, deter or exert a controlling effect on harmful organisms by chemical or biological means. The term biocide (or biocidal product) implies that the active substance(s) are present in a form or product which can be supplied to the user (cp. Directive 98/8/EC).
Codex Alimentarius	(Latin for “food code”) Collection of internationally adopted food standards, guidelines and codes of practice. Although the standards described in the “Codex Alimentarius” are not binding, they serve as a guideline for national food-law regulations. Codex Alimentarius follows the principle that consumers have a right to expect their food to be safe, of good quality and suitable for consumption. The Codex Alimentarius is prepared by the Codex Alimentarius Commission, a working group of the United Nations (FAO) and the World Health Organization (WHO), consisting of 180 member governments.
Codex Contact Point	Codex Contact Points act as the link between the Codex Alimentarius Secretariat and member countries. Codex Contact Points receive all Codex final texts (standards, codes of practice, guidelines and other advisory texts) and working documents of Codex sessions and ensure that they are circulated to those concerned within their own countries.
Competent authority	An organisation that has the legally delegated authority to perform a designated function.
Contaminant 	Any substance not intentionally added to food which is present in such food as a result of the production (including operations carried out in crop husbandry, animal husbandry and veterinary medicine), manufacture, processing, preparation, treatment, packing, packaging, transport or holding of such food, or as a result of environmental contamination. Extraneous matter, such as, for example, insect fragments, animal hair, etc, is not covered by this definition. (Regulation (EEC) No 315/93).
Drinking water 	Water from the tap, intended for human consumption.
EFSA Focal Point	EFSA Focal Points act as link between the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) and EU Member States.
EU Directive	EU Directives are legislative acts of the EU, which have to be implemented into national law by the Member States.
EU regulation	EU regulations apply directly in all Member States of the EU without the Member State having to enact national laws.
Feed or Feedingstuff 	Any substance or product, including additives, whether processed, partially processed or unprocessed, intended to be used for oral feeding to animals (Commission Recommendation 2011/25/EU).
Food or Foodstuff	Processed, partially processed or unprocessed product or substance intended or reasonably expected to be ingested by humans. (Regulation (EC) No 178/2002)

Food hygiene	Five keys of food hygiene defined by WHO: 1) Prevention of contaminating food with pathogens spreading from people, pets and pests; 2) Separation of raw and cooked foods to prevent contaminating the cooked foods; 3) Cooking of foods for the appropriate length of time and at the appropriate temperature to kill pathogens; 4) Storage of food at the proper temperature; 5) Use of safe water and raw materials.
Food safety	Food safety ensures that food consumption (according to its intended use) does not cause harm and/or foodborne illness to the consumer. Appropriate food hygiene contributes towards food safety; however the term food safety also includes the absence of harmful substances such as environmental contaminants or residues of veterinary medicinal products.
Food supplements	Nutrients or other substances with a nutritional or physiological effect aimed to supplement the normal diet. Food supplements are usually on the market as capsules, pastilles, tablets, pills, sachets of powder, ampoules of liquids, drop dispensing bottles, and other similar forms of liquids and powders designed to be taken in measured small unit quantities (Directive 2002/46/EC).
Genetic engineering	All modern molecular biology techniques used to isolate, manipulate and transfer genes from one organism to another.
Institutions involved in the EFSA network pursuant to Article 36 Reg. (EC) No. 178/2002	Organisations which are approved to undertake work on behalf of EFSA (i. e. data collection, preparatory work for the development of scientific opinions or other scientific and technical support). EFSA distributes “calls for proposals” which describe EFSA’s research questions that need to be answered, and “Article 36 organisations” can apply for the “job”.
Mineral water	Bottled water for human consumption either a) natural mineral water, b) natural spring water or c) processed tap water. Natural mineral water is groundwater that has emerged from the ground and contains a certain amount of minerals. Spring water is also groundwater that has emerged from the ground but contains a lower amount of minerals. The icon does not refer to bottled water that is intended for medicinal purposes.
Multi annual control plans	A multi annual control plan describes how certain aspects of governmental control and inspection in the area of food and feed safety are organised, conducted and/or implemented. This includes the frequency of inspections, the distribution of inspections amongst business sectors and operators and number of samples to be analysed.
Novel food	Novel foods are foods and food ingredients that have not been used for human consumption to a significant degree within the EU before 15 May 1997. In order to ensure the highest level of protection of human health, novel foods must undergo a safety assessment before being placed on the EU market. Only those products considered to be safe for human consumption are authorised for marketing.

<p>Plant protection products or Pesticides</p> 	<p>Active substances and preparations containing one or more active substances intended to protect plants (or plant products) against harmful organisms. The term plant protection product (or pesticide) implies that the active substance(s) are present in a form or product which can be supplied to the user.</p> <p>Active substances in plant protection products may also destroy undesired plants or influence life processes of plants in a way other than as a nutrient (for example growth regulators).</p>
<p>Primary food production</p>	<p>Growth, cultivation, harvesting, collection or catching of food, for example harvesting, slaughter, milking or fishing. The term primary food production does not include substantial transformation of food, for example manufacturing or canning, or sale or service of food directly to the public.</p>
<p>RASFF Contact Point</p>	<p>The Rapid Alert System for Food and Feed (RASFF) is an information exchange tool for national control authorities within the EU. RASFF has 33 members. Each member has an RASFF Contact Point. When a RASFF member has any information about a serious health risk from food or feed, it must immediately notify the European Commission using RASFF. In particular, Member States have to notify the Commission if they take measures such as withdrawing or recalling food or feed products from the market in order to protect consumers' health and if rapid action is required. The Commission immediately transmits the notification to all members of the network through the contact points.</p>
<p>Residue</p>	<p>Substance present in or on plants, plant products, edible animal products or drinking water resulting from the use of plant protection products or veterinary drugs, including their metabolites, breakdown or reaction products.</p>
<p>REACH</p>	<p>Regulatory framework for the registration, evaluation and authorisation of chemicals to ensure greater safety in the manufacture and use of chemical substances.</p>
<p>Risk assessment</p>	<p>Scientific activity consisting of hazard identification, hazard characterisation, exposure assessment and risk characterisation.</p>
<p>Risk communication</p>	<p>Interactive exchange of information of risk assessors, risk managers, consumers, feed and food businesses, academic community and other interested parties with regard to risks, hazards and risk perceptions. Risk communication also includes explanation of scientific risk assessment and risk management decisions.</p>
<p>Risk management</p>	<p>Process of weighing policy alternatives, taking decisions and implementing control and inspection procedures to handle risk associated with the food chain.</p>
<p>Zoonosis</p>	<p>Any disease and/or infection which is naturally transmissible directly or indirectly between animals and humans.</p>

6 List of Abbreviations

Austria	AGES	Österreichische Agentur für Gesundheit und Ernährungssicherheit	Austrian Agency for Health and Food Safety
	BAES	Bundesamt für Ernährungssicherheit	Federal Office for Food Safety
	BMG	Bundesministerium für Gesundheit	Ministry of Health
	BMLFUW	Bundesministerium für Land- und Forstwirtschaft, Umwelt und Wasserwirtschaft	Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management
Belgium	FASFC	Agence Fédérale pour la Sécurité de la Chaîne Alimentaire	Federal Agency for the Safety of the Food Chain
	CODA-CERVA	Centre d'Etude et de Recherches Vétérinaires et Agrochimiques	Veterinary and Agrochemical Research Centre
	WIV-ISP	Institut scientifique de Santé Publique	Scientific Institute of Public Health
	FPS	Service public fédéral Santé publique, Sécurité de la Chaîne alimentaire et Environnement	Federal Public Service for Health, Food Chain Safety and Environment
Bulgaria	MH	Министерство на здравеопазването	Ministry of Health
	MOEW	Министерство на околната среда и водите	Ministry of Environment and Water
	MAF	Министерство на земеделието и храните	Ministry of Agriculture and Food
	RAC	Risk Assessment Center	Risk Assessment Centre
	BFSA	Българска агенция по безопасност на храните	Bulgarian Food Safety Agency
	NCPHA	National Centre for Public Health and Analysis	National Centre for Public Health and Analysis
Croatia	MPRRR	Ministarstvo poljoprivrede, ribarstva i ruralnog razvoja	Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Rural Development
	MZSS	Ministarstvo zdravstva i socijalne skrbi	Ministry of Health and Social Welfare
	HAH	Hrvatska agencija za hranu	Croatian Food Agency
Cyprus	MOA	Υπουργείο Γεωργίας, Φυσικών Πόρων και Περιβάλλοντος	Ministry of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environment
	MOH	Υπουργείο Υγείας	Ministry of Health
Czech Republic	MZ	Ministerstvo Zdravotnictví České Republiky	Ministry of Health
	MZE	Ministerstvo Zemědělství	Ministry of Agriculture

Denmark	AgriFish	NaturErhvervstyrelsen	The Danish AgriFish Agency
	DTU	Fødevareinstituttet, Danmarks Tekniske Universitet	National Food Institute, Technical University of Denmark
	DCA	Nationalt Center for Fødevarer og Jordbrug	Danish Centre for Food and Agriculture
	DCE	Nationalt Center for Miljø og Energi	Danish Centre for Environment and Energy
	DVFA	Fødevarestyrelsen	Danish Veterinary and Food Administration
	MFAF	Ministeriet for Fødevarer, Landbrug og Fiskeri	Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Fisheries
Estonia	PM	Põllumajandusministeerium	Ministry of Agriculture
	SM	Sotsiaalministeerium	Ministry of Social Affairs
	TA	Terviseamet	Health Board
	PMA	Põllumajandusamet	Agricultural Board
	VTA	Veterinaar- ja Toiduamet	Veterinary and Food Board
Finland	Evira	Elintarviketurvallisuusvirasto	Finnish Food Safety Authority
	–	Tulli	Finnish Customs
	MMM	Maa- ja Metsätalousministeriö	Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry
	STM	Sosiaali- ja Terveysministeriö	Ministry of Social Affairs and Health
	Tukes	Turvallisuus- ja kemikaalivirasto	Finnish Safety and Chemicals Agency
	Valvira	Sosiaali- ja terveysalan lupa- ja valvontavirasto	National Supervisory Authority for Welfare and Health
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	MoH	Министерство за здравство	Ministry of Health
	MAFWE	Министерство за земјоделство, шумарство и водостопанство	Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Economy
	IPH	Институт за јавно здравје	Institute for Public Health
	FVA	Управа за ветеринарство	Food and Veterinary Agency
	FVMS	Факултетот за ветеринарна медицина	Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Skopje
France	ANSES	Agence nationale de sécurité sanitaire de l'alimentation, de l'environnement et du travail	French Agency for Food, Environmental and Occupational Health and Safety
	MAAPRAT	Ministère de l'agriculture, de l'alimentation, de la pêche, de la ruralité et de l'aménagement du territoire	Ministry of Agriculture, Food, Fisheries, Rural Affairs and Land Use Planning
	MEFI	Ministère de l'économie, des finances et de l'industrie	Ministry of Economy, Finance and Industry
	MASS	Ministère des affaires sociales et de la santé	Ministry of Health and Social Affairs

Germany	BfR	Bundesinstitut für Risikobewertung	Federal Institute for Risk Assessment
	BMEL	Bundesministerium für Ernährung und Landwirtschaft	Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture
	BMUB	Bundesministerium für Umwelt, Naturschutz, Bau und Reaktorsicherheit	Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety
	BVL	Bundesamt für Verbraucherschutz und Lebensmittelsicherheit	Federal Office of Consumer Protection and Food Safety
	RKI	Robert Koch-Institut	Robert Koch Institute
	UBA	Umweltbundesamt	Federal Environmental Agency
Greece	EFET	ΕΝΙΑΙΟΣ ΦΟΡΕΑΣ ΕΛΕΓΧΟΥ ΤΡΟΦΙΜΩΝ	Hellenic Food Authority
	EOF	Εθνικός Οργανισμός φαρμάκων	The National Organisation for Medicines
	YAAT	Υπουργείο Αγροτικής Ανάπτυξης και Τροφίμων	Ministry of Rural Development and Food
	ΥΥΚΑ	Υπουργείο Υγείας και Κοινωνικής Αλληλεγγύης	Ministry of Health and Social Welfare
Hungary	VM	Vidékfejlesztési Minisztérium	Ministry of Rural Development
	EMMI	Emberi Erőforrások Minisztériuma	Ministry of Human Resources, State Secretariat for Healthcare
	NÉBIH	Nemzeti Élelmiszerlánc-biztonsági Hivatal	National Food Chain Safety Office
Iceland	ANR	Atvinnuvega- og nýsköpunar-ráðuneytið	Ministry of Industries and Innovation
	MAST	Matvælastofnun	Icelandic Food and Veterinary Authority
	Matís Ltd.	/	Icelandic Food and Biotech R&D
Ireland	DoH	Department of Health	Department of Health
	DAFM	Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine	Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine
	FSAI	Food Safety Authority of Ireland	Food Safety Authority of Ireland
Italy	MdS	Ministero della Salute	Ministry of Health
	MPAAF	Ministero delle politiche agricole alimentari e forestali	Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Forestry Policies
	ISS	Istituto Superiore di Sanità	National Health Institute
Latvia	BIOR	Pārtikas Drošības Dzīvnieku Veselības un Vides Zinātniskais Institūts	Food Safety, Animal Health and Environment Institute
	PVD	Pārtikas un Veterinārais Dienests	Food and Veterinary Service
	SPKC	Slimību Profilakses un Kontroles Centrs	Centre for Disease Prevention and Control
	VAAD	Valsts Augu Aizsardzības Dienests	State Plant Protection Service

Latvia	VAAD	Valsts Augu Aizsardzības Dienests	State Plant Protection Service
	VM	Veselības Ministrija	Ministry of Health
	ZM	Zemkopības Ministrija	Ministry of Agriculture
Lithuania	NMVRVI	Nacionalinis maisto ir veterinarijos rizikos vertinimo institutas	National Food and Veterinary Risk Assessment Institute
	SAM	Sveikatos Apsaugos Ministerija	Ministry of Health
	SMLPC	Sveikatos mokymo ir ligų prevencijos centras	The Health Education and Disease Prevention Centre
	VAT	Valstybinė augalininkystės tarnyba prie Žemės ūkio ministerijos	State Plant Service
	VMVT	Valstybinė maisto ir veterinarijos tarnyba	State Food and Veterinary Service
	ŽŪM	Žemės Ūkio Ministerija	Ministry of Agriculture
	Luxembourg	ASTA	Administration des Services Technique de l'Agriculture
ASV		Administration des Services Vétérinaires	Veterinary Service Administration
DIR SAN		Direction de la santé	Directorate of Public Health
MAVDR		Ministère de l'Agriculture, de la Viticulture et du Développement rural	Ministry of Agriculture, Viticulture and Rural Development
MS		Ministère de la Santé	Ministry of Health
OSQCA		Organisme pour la Sécurité e la Qualité de la Chaîne Alimentaire	Organisation for the Safety and Quality of the Food Chain
Malta	FSC	Food Safety Commission	Food Safety Commission
	MHEC	Ministry for Health, the Elderly and Community Care	Ministry for Health, the Elderly and Community Care
	MCCAA	Malta Competition and Consumer Affairs Authority	Malta Competition and Consumer Affairs Authority
	MRRA	Ministry of Resources and Rural Affairs	Ministry of Resources and Rural Affairs
Montenegro	MPR	Ministarstvo Poljoprivrede i Ruralnog Razvoja	Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development
	MZD	Ministarstvo Zdravlja	Ministry of Health
	NCFSA	National Council for Food Safety Assessment	National Council for Food Safety Assessment
Netherlands	CVI	Central Veterinary Institute	Central Veterinary Institute
	EZ	Ministerie van Economische Zaken	Ministry of Economic Affairs
	NVWA	Nederlandse Voedsel- en Warenautoriteit	Netherlands Food and Consumer Product Safety Authority
	RIKILT	Instituut voor Voedselveiligheid	Institute of Food Safety
	RIVM	Rijksinstituut vor Volksgezondheit en Milieu	National Institute of Public Health and the Environment
	VWS	Ministerie van Volksgezondheid, Welzijn en Sport	Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sports

Norway	DN	Direktoratet for naturforvaltning	Norwegian Directorate for Nature Management
	FKD	Fiskeri- og kystdepartementet	Ministry of Fisheries and Coastal Affairs
	HOD	Helse- og omsorgsdepartementet	Ministry of Health and Care Services
	LMD	Landbruks- og matdepartementet	Ministry of Agriculture and Food
	Mattilsynet	Statens tilsyn for planter, fisk, dyr og næringsmidler	Norwegian Food Safety Authority
	MD	Miljøverndepartementet	Ministry of Environment
	VKM	Vitenskapskomiteén for mattrygghet	Norwegian Scientific Committee for Food Safety
Poland	CS at MF		The Customs Service at the Ministry of Finance
	GIS at MZ	Główny Inspektorat Sanitarny	The Chief Sanitary Inspectorate (GIS) at the Ministry of Health (MZ)
	IZZ	Instytut Żywności i Żywienia	National Food and Nutrition Institute
	MF	Ministerstwo Finansów	Ministry of Finance
	MRiRW	Ministerstwo Rolnictwa i Rozwoju Wsi	Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development
	NIZP-PZH	Narodowy Instytut Zdrowia Publicznego – Państwowy Zakład Higieny	National Institute of Public Health -National Institute of Hygiene
	PIWET	Państwowy Instytut Weterynaryjny – Państwowy Instytut Badawczy	National Veterinary Research Institute
	UOKiK	Urząd Ochrony Konkurencji i Konsumentów	Office of Competition and Consumer Protection
Portugal	ASAE	Autoridade de Segurança Alimentar e Económica	Authority for Food Safety and Economics
	DGADR	Direcção-Geral de Agricultura e Desenvolvimento Rural	Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development
	DGAV	Direcção-Geral de Alimentação e Veterinária	Directorate-General for Food and Veterinary Issues
	MAMAOT	Ministério da Agricultura, do Mar, do Ambiente e do Ordenamento do Território	Ministry of Agriculture, Sea, Environment and Spatial Planning
	MEE	Ministério da Economia e do Emprego	Ministry of Environment and Employment
Romania	ANSVSA	Autoritatea Națională Sanitară Veterinară și pentru Siguranța Alimentelor	National Sanitary Veterinary and Food Safety Authority
	ANPC	Autoritatea Națională pentru Protecția Consumatorilor	National Authority for Consumer Protection
	MADR	Ministerul Agriculturii și Dezvoltării Rurale	Ministry of Agriculture and Development of Rural Areas

Romania	MMP	Ministerul Mediului și Pădurilor	Ministry of Environment and Forests
	MS	Ministerul Sănătății	Ministry of Health
Serbia	DNRL	Direkcija za Nacionalne Referentne Laboratorije	Directorate for National Reference Laboratories
	MPŠV	Министарство пољопривреде, шумарства и водопривреде	Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management
	MZ	Министарство здравља	Ministry of Health
	UV	Управа за ветерину	Veterinary Directorate
	UZB	Управа за заштиту биља	Plant Protection Directorate
Slovak Republic	MPRV-SR	Ministerstvo pôdohospodárstva a rozvoja vidieka Slovenskej republiky	Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development
	MZ-SR	Ministerstvo zdravotníctva Slovenskej republiky	Ministry of Health of the Slovak Republic
	ŠVPS-SR	Štátna veterinárna a potravinová správa Slovenskej republiky	State Veterinary and Food Administration of the Slovak Republic
	ÚKSÚP	Ústredný kontrolný a skúšobný ústav poľnohospodársky	Central Controlling and Testing Institute in Agriculture
	ÚVZ-SR	Úrad verejného zdravotníctva Slovenskej republiky	Public Health Authority of the Slovak Republic
	VÚP	Výskumný ústav potravinársky	Food Research Institute
Slovenia	CURS	Carinska Uprava Republike Slovenije	Customs Administration
	IRSKO	Inšpektorat Republike Slovenije za Kmetijstvo in Okolje	Inspectorate of the Republic of Slovenia for Agriculture and the Environment
	MF	Ministrstvo za Finance	Ministry of Finance
	MKO	Ministrstvo za Kmetijstvo in Okolje	Ministry of Agriculture and the Environment
	MZ	Ministrstvo za zdravje	Ministry of Health
	UVHVVR	Uprava Republike Slovenije za Varno Harno, Veterinarstvo in Varstvo Rastlin	The Administration of the Republic of Slovenia for Food Safety, Veterinary Sector and Plant Protection
	ZIRS	Zdravstveni inšpektorat Republike Slovenije	Health Inspectorate of the Republic of Slovenia
Spain	AESAN	Agencia Espanola de Seguridad Alimentaria y Nutrición	Spanish Food Safety and Nutrition Agency
	MAGRAMA	Ministerio de Agricultura, Alimentación y Medio Ambiente	Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Environment
	MSSSI	Ministerio de Sanidad, Servicios Sociales e Igualdad	Ministry of Health, Social Services and Equality
Sweden	RK	Regeringskansliet	Ministry of Rural Affairs
	JV	Jordbruksverket	Swedish Board of Agriculture
	LV	Livsmedelsverket	National Food Agency
	SVA	Statens Veterinärmedicinska Anstalt	Swedish National Veterinary Institute

Switzerland	BLK	Bundeseinheit für die Lebensmittelkette	Federal Food Chain Unit
	BLV	Bundesamt für Lebensmittelsicherheit und Veterinärwesen	Federal Food Safety and Veterinary Office
	BLW	Bundesamt für Landwirtschaft	Federal Office for Agriculture
Turkey	GTHB	Gıda Tarım ve Hayvancılık Bakanlığı	Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Livestock
	SB	Sağlık Bakanlığı	Ministry of Health
	GKGM	Gıda ve Kontrol Genel Müdürlüğü	General Directorate of Protection and Control
	BÜGEM	Bitkisel Üretim Genel Müdürlüğü	General Directorate of Plant Production
	TAGEM	Tarımsal Araştırmalar Ve Politikalar Genel Müdürlüğü	The General Directorate of Agricultural Research and Policy
United Kingdom	Defra	Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs	Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
	FSA	Food Standards Agency	Food Standards Agency