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**[SAFE FOOD FOR NATIONS – GLOBAL FOOD  
REGULATORY AUTHORITIES HANDBOOK]**

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# Preface

The global food trade is diverse and complex, requiring compliance to requirements of different importing countries regulatory authority. Governments recognize that a strong national food industry is an important supplier of food to the population and a significant contributor to food security. With diminishing tariffs and signing of bilateral & multilateral free trade agreements, there has been a significant increase in global food trade over the last few years and this generates the need for having a robust database of information pertaining to regulatory authorities of different countries. The need for having compiled information about food regulatory authorities of various countries was felt for long and “SaNGRAH” – *Safe food for Nations: Global Food Regulatory Authorities Handbook* was conceptualized to facilitate exporters and importers. This handbook provides information about the Food Regulatory authorities of various countries across the world, their mandate, food safety ecosystem, food testing facilities, contact details of food authorities, SPS, TBT, WOA and weblinks to access Food Act/ Regulations/ Standards at one platform. The handbook is available in Hindi, English, Gujarati, Marathi, Tamil, Telugu, Kannada, Malayalam for the benefit of Indian exporters. Working on the principle of “Vasudhaiva Kutumbkam”, the online version of this handbook is also available in several foreign languages for easy access by overseas exporters and manufacturers.

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# ALBANIA

The adoption of Law No. 9863 On Food, enacted in 2008, is to a large extent harmonised with the EU Acquis in the field of food safety. It provides the basis and principles for ensuring the protection of food safety standards and consumer interests as well as the requirements for the production and trading of food and feed. With this law, the National Food Authority (NFA) was established and became operational on 1 September 2010, based on the Decision of Council of Ministers No. 1081 On the Organisation and Functioning of the National Food Authority.

Based on the Food Law, secondary legislation was adopted in line with EU requirements. Current legislation dealing with food safety in Albania is partially aligned with EU provisions, namely the Food Hygiene Package. Regulation (EC) No. 178/2002, part of the EC Regulation No. 882/2004 on official controls, has been harmonised, as have Regulations No. 852/2004, No. 853/2004

and No. 854/2004, which were adopted by means of ordinances from the Minister of Agriculture, Rural Development and Water Administration.

The adoption of Law No. 10465 on Veterinary Service in the Republic of Albania in 2011 transferred the responsibilities for animal health and welfare to the veterinary service. Based on the Law on the Veterinary Service in the Republic of Albania and the Law on the System of Animal Identification and Registration, several secondary legal acts were adopted introducing EU requirements in the veterinary field, such as regulation for the control of diseases in animals, regulation for controlling zoonotic diseases, regulations for the creation and functioning of the animal identification system, regulations for animal welfare, and a regulation on national and international trading conditions for all animals.

Phytosanitary activities are based on Law

## FOOD REGULATORY ECOSYSTEM

MARDWA

MH

NFA

FSVI

PHI

Regional Directorates of Agriculture (RDA)

No. 9362 On the Plant Protection Service, dated 2005, which was amended in 2008 by Law No. 9908. Within the framework of the amended Law on the Plant Protection Service, secondary legislation was adopted in compliance with the EU Directives on plant protection (mainly the two basic directives 2000/29 and 91/414).

There is no separation between risk assessment and risk management, although they are separate departments within NFA. Risk assessment publications are not published online.

## **FOOD AUTHORITIES:**

### **Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Development and Water Administration (MARDWA)**

The Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Development and Water Administration (MARDWA) deals with agricultural and food safety policy in Albania. It prepares draft legislation in the field of food and feed safety. The area of work of the MARDWA extends beyond food safety to include plant health, animal health and animal welfare.

Regarding food safety, the MARDWA is responsible for policies, strategies and legislation for food safety and quality of food products. It is involved in risk management and food safety crises management. It formulates policies to control the quality and safety of food products in order to integrate food control as a key function in the protection of consumer health and interests, providing fair competition in the national market, and the introduction of food products in the international market.

In addition, the MARDWA is responsible for the fishery sector, including approval of fishery establishments, classification of live bivalve mollusk production areas and monitoring their sampling plans. Regarding plant protection, the MARDWA is responsible for policies and legislation, implementation of procedures related to the registration of plant protection products, monitoring the plant protection service and representing the international authority in the field of plant protection. The responsible veterinary authority is the Veterinary Directorate within the General Directorate of Agriculture Service.

In addition to representing Albania in the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE), this directorate is responsible for the policies, strategies, legislation and monitoring of the implementation of laws in the area of veterinary service. The regional veterinary services are part of the Regional Agriculture Directorates (RADs), which are technically accountable for all their activities to the Veterinary Directorate within the MARDWA. Private veterinarians are contracted by the Regional Agriculture Directorates to carry out veterinary-related activities such as vaccination campaigns for national programmes and ear tagging of animals in accordance with the legislation.

Based on the current veterinary and food legislation in Albania, duties and competencies of the MARDWA State Veterinary Services are carried out at the farm level, focusing on the primary production only. Once they leave the farm, the primary products are under the competence of the

National Food Authority inspection services.

## **NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY (NFA)**

Pursuant to Law No. 9863 On Food, dated 28 January 2008, as amended, which regulates the food safety system in Albania, the National Food Authority (NFA) is responsible for risk assessments, risk management and risk communication. 13 Border Inspection Posts (BIPs) under the NFA are in charge of the control of plants and plant products, livestock, animal by-products and food of animal and non-animal origin at the borders. The National Food Authority is an integrated part of the programme to create and guarantee a food safety system and consumer protection in the Republic of Albania.

It was established by the Decision of the Council of Ministers No. 1081 dated 21 October 2009. NFA is an institution within the Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Development and Water Administration. As part of its organisational structure, NFA has nine regional laboratories which perform lab analyses for food and feed official controls as well as plant protection to verify compliance with the laws in the country, according to the legislation in effect. These labs are categorized into:

1. Food safety lab: physical – chemical
2. Microbiology lab
3. Animal health and welfare lab
4. plant protection lab

The state of play of the NFA labs is defined in Law No. 9863 On Food, dated 28 January 2008, as a mended, wherein their

authorisation is granted by the Minister of Agriculture after an evaluation performed by the FSVI reference laboratory.

## **THE REMIT OF THE NFA:**

1. Leads the risk assessment process in the fields of food, feed and plant protection; plans, coordinates and realises official controls of food and feed and plant protection
2. Ensures the unification of official control practices for food, feed and plant protection at the national level
3. Coordinates authorised laboratory activities with regard to official controls for food, feed and plant protection
4. Conducts preliminary controls to verify if the technical, technological, hygiene, sanitation, phytosanitary and veterinary requirements are met and also to verify the necessary documentation for registering and licensing food business operators and plant protection
5. Blocks, temporarily or permanently, the activities of food and feed business operators in stages of production, processing, delivery and marketing of food or feed when is proven that the food or feed and the respective business operators do not meet food safety standards as specified in the legislation in effect
6. Conducts necessary scientific research on risk assessment in the field of food and feed safety and plant protection

Provides technical, administrative and scientific support to enable the work of scientific committees and scientific panels

7. Informs the public on food and feed safety and plant protection

## **FOOD SAFETY AND VETERINARY INSTITUTE (FSVI)**

The Food Safety and Veterinary Institute (FSVI) is under the Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Development and Water Administration. FSVI is a national reference centre and laboratory that carries out scientific research and application activities in areas of animal health and food quality, foodstuff residues, veterinary products registration and plant protection.

FSVI serves as a reference centre with the following tasks:

1. Confirms diagnoses performed in other laboratories
2. Standardises methods of analysis
3. Uses and disseminates official methods of analysis
4. Organises training courses for specialists in other laboratories
5. Supplies other laboratories with new regulations and everything related to the field of research
6. Collaborates with reference centres of the European Community
7. Provides MARDWA with assistance and scientific laboratory information and suggests further measures to be taken in the field for issues that arise regarding the scope of FSVI.

FSVI implements the quality management system based on the ISO 17025:2005 standard and has been approved for six tests by the General Accreditation Directory and by a foreign accreditation body (Accredia – national accreditation in Italy). The Department of Animal Health in the FSVI comprises six sectors: Bacteriology, Virology, Parasitology, Mycology, Veterinary Epidemiology and the Sector for Veterinary Medical Products.

The Sector for the Production of Vaccines and Bio-products is also a part of this institute.

## **MINISTRY OF HEALTH (MH)**

The mission of the Ministry of Health (MH) is the implementation of health policies of government programmes. The Ministry of Health compiles health policies at the national level and determines the development and planning of health services nationally and regionally. MH is responsible for public health, nutrition and the control of water and specific food products (nutritional purposes).

## **PUBLIC HEALTH INSTITUTE (PHI)**

### **Food safety sector:**

Development and application of plans for the verification of food supply.

### **Nutritional sector (food):**

1. Development and application of research plans in food sectors: macronutrients and micronutrients.
2. Monitoring of nutrition of population.

The enforcement of the legislation for public health and nutrition is carried out by sanitary inspectors who are responsible for issuing health certificates for workers in the industry, inspections in the working environments and the control of water up to the final consumer. The Public Health Institute (PHI) collects surveillance and laboratory diagnostic data from regional public health structures. The PHI reports the number of cases of infectious disease to the Food Safety and Epidemiology Section at the PHI on a monthly basis. The disease categories relevant to foodborne disease are: non-typhoid salmonellosis, botulism, shigellosis, E. coli enteritis, cholera, brucellosis, infection with hepatitis A virus, giardiasis, amebiasis, food poisoning (unknown aetiology, including food toxic infections), unspecified gastroenteric illness, and outbreaks associated with contaminated food and water.

## REGIONAL DIRECTORATES OF AGRICULTURE (RDA)

Each region has one Regional Directorate of Agriculture (RDA). RDAs are involved in the enforcement of legislation under the competence of MARDWA at the field level. In addition, plant protection specialists within RDAs are responsible for advising, informing and educating farmers on plant protection issues.

## FOOD TESTING FACILITIES:

### Official Laboratory

- Respective Laboratories of Food Safety and Veterinary Institute (FSVI)
- Regional Laboratory Network of National Food Authority
- Official Competence
- FSVI
- National Reference Centre
- Regional laboratories of NFA, basic analytic level

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<https://www.woah.org/en/who-we-are/members/>

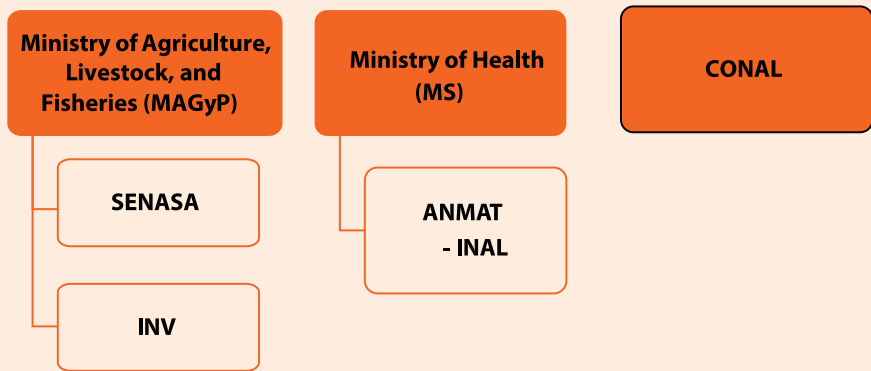
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# ARGENTINA

In Argentina, regulatory framework for the production, processing and marketing of both domestic and imported food and beverage products are established under the 'Argentine Food Code [Código Alimentario Argentino (CAA)]'. Its primary goal is the protection of public health and maintaining

consumers' confidence in the safety and quality of food products distributed within Argentina. Ministry of Health (MS) and Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, and Fisheries (MAGyP) handles major food safety portfolio in Argentina.

## FOOD REGULATORY ECOSYSTEM



## FOOD SAFETY AUTHORITIES

### Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries (MAGyP):

The MAGyP is the institution responsible for designing and executing production, marketing and sanitary plans in the agricultural, fishing, forestry and agro-industrial fields. Under its dependence is SENASA, an entity with direct competencies in food safety.

### National Agrifood Health and Quality Service (SENASA):

SENASA is a decentralized body, with

economic-financial and technical-administrative autonomy and endowed with its own legal status, dependent on the MAGyP. Among its responsibilities related to food safety and quality, is executing national policies on animal and plant health and quality and food safety under its jurisdiction, controlling federal traffic and imports and exports of products, by-products and derivatives of animal and plant origin, agri-food products, pharmacoveterinary and agrochemicals and fertilizers, as well as verifying compliance with current regulations on the matter.

The foods within the competence of SENASA

are the following: Fresh, refrigerated and frozen vegetables; Cereals, fresh, dried and dried fruits; Fresh, dried and dried vegetables; fresh and dried legumes; Oilseeds, Aromatics and species; Mushrooms, Unrefined oils, Cereal, oilseed and legume flours, Yerba, tea, cocoa and other infusions, Wild-collected vegetable products; Fresh, frozen pork, poultry and beef, fresh, dried and cooked sausages, cold cuts; Preserves of animal origin and products prepared with more than 80% meat; Fats, tallows, margarines, Fish and fishing products (molluscs, invertebrates, shellfish) fresh, frozen, pressed, salted, smoked, breaded, dried, sausages; Eggs and their derivatives; Honey, propolis and derivatives, Juices, vegetable and fruit pastes.

### **Ministry of Health (MSAL):**

The MSAL is the public body in charge of dealing with administrative issues related to the health service, including issues of epidemiology and border health control. Under the dependence of the MSAL, there are two entities with direct competencies related to food safety and quality.

### **National Administration of Medicines, Food and Medical Technology (ANMAT):**

The ANMAT is a decentralized body (that is, its own assets and legal status) and dependent on the Ministry of Health, whose function is to carry out actions of registration, control, inspection and surveillance of packaged foods, dietary supplements, additives, sweeteners and ingredients. Its mission is to guarantee health care, by ensuring the quality and health of all products, processes and technologies that are consumed or used in food.

### **National Food Institute (INAL):**

The INAL works within the scope of the ANMAT and is dependent on the MSAL. INAL has 4 offices located in towns close to the borders. The headquarters in Buenos Aires, and the others in Mendoza, in the province of Corrientes and in Posadas, because INAL must control the safety of food that is exported and imported. Its function is to register, register, authorize, certify and supervise, as the case may be, the foods under its jurisdiction (packaged foods and dietary supplements), including specific inputs, additives, colorings, sweeteners and ingredients used in human food and establishments. It also deals with household products and materials in contact with food.

### **National Food Commission (CONAL):**

CONAL is made up of the Ministry of Food, Bioeconomy and Regional Development of the MAGyP, the Ministry of Health Quality of the MSAL, INAL, SENASA, the Ministry of Domestic Trade, ANMAT and other representatives of the different provinces and municipalities. It is a technical body that is in charge of advisory, support and monitoring tasks of the National Food Control System.

In brief, three different government agencies i.e SENASA, INAL & ANMAT and INV are involved in regulation/enforcement of food products based on food product category. National Food Inspection System (Sistema Nacional de Control de los Alimentos – SNCA) guarantees the enforcement of CAA. National Food Commission (CONAL), is an advisory body that provides support and monitoring to SNCA. Summarized details are as follows:

| Agency name   | Roles and responsibilities  |
|---|---|
| SENASA (Servicio Nacional de Sanidad y Calidad Agroalimentaria) - National Service of Agricultural Food Health and Quality  | Scope of food products: Animal and plant products and by-products, fishery and seafood products <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Standards development</li> <li>• Registration of the Product and Facility</li> <li>• hygiene and sanitary regulations applicable to processing and manufacturing establishments and storage facilities for animal products.</li> <li>• Requirements for pesticides and other Contaminants</li> <li>• Registration of Food Additives (non-listed food additives need assessment from CONAL)</li> </ul> Regulates the safety of foods derived from GMOs /GM food including prior approval. |
| INAL (Instituto Nacional de Alimentos) - National Food Institute & ANMAT (Administracion Nacional de Medicamentos, Alimentos y Tecnologia Médica) - National Administration of Drugs, Food Products, and Medical Technology | Scope of food products: Processed food and beverages including dietary supplements, alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages, excluding wine and packaging and materials that come into contact with food. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Standards development</li> <li>• Registration of Food Additives (non-listed food additives need assessment from CONAL)</li> </ul>  |
| INV (Instituto Nacional de Vitivinicultura) - National Wine Institute   | Production and distribution of wine.  |

**Import requirements:** In order to monitor imports in Argentina, a Comprehensive Import Monitoring System i.e SIMI (Sistema Integral de Monitoreo de Importaciones) is available. All New market importers/exporters must register with the respective agencies (i.e SENASA, INAL, and INV) based on their products one time, on-line, with Customs/AFIP before beginning operations in Argentina. All importers/exporters must receive a tax identification number (CUIT), which serves as their registration number.

In addition, labels of the imported products also need pre-approval from the respective agencies. In case of imported products, certain information on the label in Spanish is mandatory for clearance else stickering need to be done for complying to the same.

Generally, processed food and beverage products that have proven stability and were registered in CAA will be tested and inspected by INAL only after Customs has released them to the domestic market.

However, when there are justified reasons to presume risk for human, animal or plant health because of the introduction of food products to the country, any of the three above-mentioned agencies has the right to perform inspections to the shipments prior to product entry into Argentina.

## LABORATORY SERVICES

**National Network of Laboratories:** The National Network of SENASA Laboratories (RedLab) is a group of public or private laboratories authorized by SENASA to carry out tests and issue results with official recognition. Laboratories duly registered with RedLab are the only ones authorized to carry out tests on official samples.

### **National Network of Official Food Analysis Laboratories (ReNaLOA):**

The ReNaLOA is made up of official food control laboratories of the provincial or municipal health authorities, whose mission is to analyze the quality of food and water. The INAL Reference Laboratory, which acts as coordinator, also belongs to this network. The ReNaLOA promotes the technical cooperation of the official food laboratories of the Argentine Republic, to achieve the strengthening of their analytical capacities, in order to contribute to the efficiency of the National Food Control System.

**Federal Network of Food Laboratories:** The Federal Network of Food Laboratories is an organization made up of Officially Authorized Laboratories, both public and private, whose main function is to provide support to the National Food Control

System to carry out analysis of official food samples and materials in contact with food. The Network is coordinated by the INAL National Reference Laboratory. The laboratories that comprise it participate in official control analytical tasks and are used as tools for health management.

### **INAL National Reference Laboratory:**

INAL has a laboratory that works within the Inspection and Control Directorate. Among its functions related to food safety, the following can be mentioned:

- Carry out the physicochemical, microscopic and microbiological control for the inspection of the health and quality of packaged foods, water (network, bottled drinking, mineral, mineralized), alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages, their raw materials, food additives, colorings and coadjuvants of technology.
- Carry out the physicochemical control and the approval analyzes to determine the bromatological aptitude of the materials in contact with food, their raw materials, additives and colorings.
- Coordinate the National Network of ReNaLOA Official Food Analysis Laboratories.
- Act as National Reference Laboratory of the Federal Network of Food Laboratories.

The Argentine Accreditation Agency is the National Laboratory Accreditation Agency (<http://www.oaa.org.ar>).

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### **Weblinks to access Food Act/ Regulations/ Standards**

Argentine Food Code:

<https://www.argentina.gob.ar/anmat/codigoalimentario>

Law 27233 of 2015 declares the safety and quality of agrifood of national interest ( includes fishing and aquaculture products), specific agricultural inputs and the control of chemical and microbiological residues and contaminants in food, and national and international trade of said products and by-products.:

<http://www.senasa.gov.ar/normativas/ley-nacional-27233-2015-honorable-congreso-de-la-nacion>

Decree No. 815/99 establishes the National Food Control System (SNCA), with the objective of to ensure compliance with the Argentine Food Code: <http://servicios.infoleg.gob.ar/infolegInternet/anexos/55000-59999/59060/norma.htm>

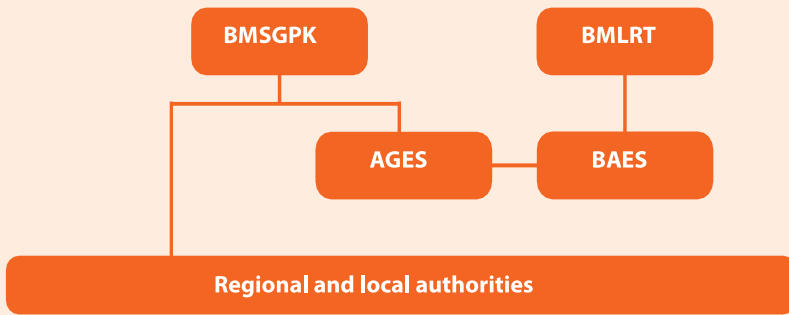
# AUSTRIA

The Food Safety and Consumer Protection Act is the central legal foundation for food legislation in Austria. 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 assessments. However, the final decision on the legality of governmental measures rests with the courts.

In Austria, risk assessment and risk management are largely institutionally separated. Risk assessments are published on the Internet.

## FOOD REGULATORY ECOSYSTEM



## FOOD SAFETY AUTHORITIES

### Federal Ministry of Social Affairs, Health, Care and Consumer Protection (BMSGPK)

The Federal Ministry of Social Affairs, Health, Care and Consumer Protection (BMSGPK) prepares draft legislation in the field of food safety based on scientific risk assessments conducted by the Austrian Agency for Health and Food Safety (AGES). The BMSGPK is responsible for the co-ordination of state food inspections and can issue national regulations in the area of food safety.

The BMSGPK's portfolio includes food, novel foods, food supplements, genetically modified organisms (GMOs), zoonoses, mineral water, drinking water, residues of plant protection products and veterinary drugs, medical devices and medicinal products. Furthermore, the BMSGPK is responsible for approving pilot studies with regard to the cultivation of genetically modified plants. It is also responsible for approving the use of GMOs in conjunction with food and feed.

The remit of the BMSGPK extends beyond

food safety to include animal health and animal welfare, for example.

### **Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Regions and Tourism (BMLRT)**

The Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Regions and Tourism (BMLRT) is responsible for agricultural policy and food safety during primary food production. It prepares draft legislation in the field of feed and groundwater based on scientific risk assessments conducted by the Austrian Agency for Health and Food Safety (AGES). The BMLRT is authorized to issue national regulations with regard to feed and groundwater.

The work of the BMLRT is supported by the Federal Office for Food Safety (BAES). The BMLRT's area of work extends beyond the field of food safety to include plant health and plant protection.

### **Austrian Agency for Health and Food Safety (AGES)**

The Austrian Agency for Health and Food Safety (AGES) is a limited liability company (GmbH) owned by the BMSGPK and BMLRT. AGES has a mandate from the Republic of Austria to prepare scientific risk assessments and conduct transparent risk communication with the public at large, scientists and other interested or involved groups. Independent of any scientific, political or social interests AGES prepares scientific risk assessments, identifies new health risks and prepares recommendations for risk reduction. AGES risk assessments are used by the BMSGPK and the BMLRT and by local authorities as the

foundation for their management measures.

AGES' remit includes food and feed safety, novel foods, food supplements, GMOs, zoonoses, mineral water, residues of plant protection products and veterinary medicinal products. AGES is also active in the fields of animal health, plant health, plant protection, soil health, fertilizers, seeds, bee health, radiation protection, medicines and medical devices. AGES is also involved in active research. AGES has scientific analytical laboratory facilities for all of its areas of activity.

There are 60 National Reference Laboratories pursuant to Regulation (EU) No. 2017/625 and reference laboratories in the fields of veterinary medicine and human medicine attached to AGES.

The regulatory authority for veterinary drugs is assigned to the Federal Office for Safety in Health Care (BASG). The BASG is also an authority within the organizational structure of AGES. The BASG issues and monitors the market authorisation of medicinal products and other medical devices.

### **Federal Office for Food Safety (BAES)**

The Federal Office for Food Safety (BAES) was established by the Austrian Health and Food Safety Act. It is associated with AGES. AGES provides the BAES with the manpower and the infrastructure needed to execute its sovereign functions as a federal authority. The BAES is responsible for the coordination and implementation of state inspections of animal feed. It is also the regulatory authority for plant protection products. The area of

work of the BAES extends beyond the field of animal feed to include plant health.

## REGIONAL AND LOCAL LEVELS

Austria consists of nine federal states which are divided into 117 districts. Each district is further subdivided into several municipalities. Depending on the distribution of statutory competencies, the responsibility for the implementation of food inspections is held by federal authorities or regional authorities of the nine federal states.

The BMSGPK has transferred the coordination and implementation of federal inspections for all aspects of food safety to the federal states of Austria (food safety inspections are conducted at regional and local level).

In contrast, the coordination and implementation of animal feed inspections

is not delegated to the federal states, it is responsibility of the BAES (national level).

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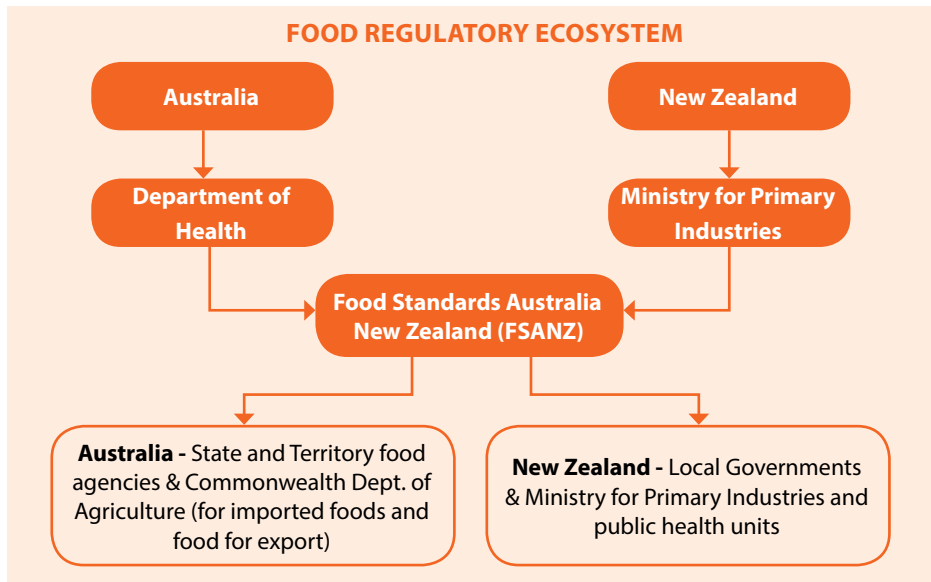
### **Weblinks to access Food Act/ Regulations/ Standards:**

Lebensmittel- und Verbrauchersicherheit - KVG ([verbrauchergesundheit.gv.at](http://verbrauchergesundheit.gv.at))  
<https://www.woah.org/en/who-we-are/members/>  
<https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/about-codex/members/detail/en/c/15566/>

# — AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND —

In Australia and New Zealand, the regulation of food is covered by a range of laws and policies. Food safety requirements in the Australian Capital Territory are set by the Food Act 2001 and New Zealand under New Zealand Food Act, 2014. Food laws cover a more specific range of food issues including safety, labelling, composition and food

handling requirements. Further, consumer protection laws require information about food to be truthful and not misleading. Food regulation authorities in Australia and New Zealand work together to ensure food regulations are implemented and enforced consistently.



## FOOD SAFETY AUTHORITIES:

In Australia and New Zealand, forum of ministers from Australian and New Zealand government jurisdictions called as *Food Ministers Meeting* is responsible for Food Policy development. The members of the meeting include minister from New Zealand, Australian Government, Health Ministers from the Australian states and territories, Ministers from related portfolios (Primary

Industries, Consumer Affairs) and the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) as an observer. Food Regulation Standing Committee (FRSC) act as an advisory board for Food Ministers' Meeting and also ensure a nationally consistent approach to the implementation and enforcement of food standards.

Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ) is an independent statutory

authority established by the *FSANZ Act*, 1991 under Australian Government Health portfolio. Its function is to develop food standards for the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code. Food standards cover the use of ingredients, processing aids, colourings, additives, vitamins and minerals, including standards relating to fortification. They also cover the composition of some foods, such as dairy, meat and beverages as well as new technologies such as novel foods. It is also responsible for labelling of both packaged and unpackaged food, including specific mandatory warnings or advisory labels.

In New Zealand, some standards of the Food Standards Code are incorporated into New Zealand standards and have effect 28 days after a relevant food standard has been issued by the New Zealand Minister for Food Safety under the *New Zealand Food Act, 2014*. Three other Acts regulate food that is produced in New Zealand and sold locally or for export, the *Agricultural Compounds and Veterinary*

*Medicines Act 1997, Animal Products Act 1999, and the Wine Act 2003.*

Although FSANZ develops food standards, enforcement of compliance is the responsibility of Australian state and territory food regulatory agencies, the Australian Government’s Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF) (for imported food and food for export), and the New Zealand Government i.e Ministry for Primary Industries and public health units.

Authorities in Australia and New Zealand work closely together to ensure food laws are implemented and enforced consistently wherever possible. This is coordinated by the Implementation Subcommittee for Food Regulation (ISFR). ISFR members include representatives from food regulation authorities in Australia and New Zealand. Its mandate also includes handling matters related to emergency response.

Summary of Roles and responsibilities of different organizations:

| Area   | Authority responsible in Australia | Authority responsible in New Zealand         |
|--|------------------------------------|--|
| Development of standards for primary production and processing and for food hygiene. | FSANZ                              | New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries. |
| Setting residue limits in food for agricultural and veterinary chemicals.            | FSANZ                              |  |

| Area   | Authority responsible in Australia  | Authority responsible in New Zealand   |
|--|---|--|
| Dietary supplements  | Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA)* of Dept. of Health and Aged care [ <i>Therapeutic Goods Act</i> 1989, under complementary medicine category]                          | Medsafe** of Ministry of Health [Dietary Supplements Regulations 1985]. Further, Dietary supplements containing ingredients from animals and animal products also need to comply with the Animal Products Act 1999 or the Food Act 2014. |
| Inspection and sampling of imported food (including testing)   | Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF) [ <i>Imported Food Control Act</i> 1992]<br>The Imported Food Inspection Scheme is administered by DAFF.             | Ministry for Primary Industries [ <i>Imported Food Control Act</i> 1992]   |
| Assessment of Genetically modified (GM) organisms/ GM crops or animals   | The Office of the Gene Technology Regulator regulates genetically modified (GM) organisms. If GM crops or animals are to be used in food then they must be approved by FSANZ. | Environmental protection Authority   |
| Pesticides, veterinary medicines and agricultural chemicals  | The Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA) and MRL standard by FSANZ  | Ministry for Primary Industries [Agricultural Compounds and Veterinary Medicines Act 1997 and Regulations]   |
| Monitoring incidents and outbreaks of foodborne disease which can lead to the detection of an unsafe food product or unsafe food practice. | Communicable Disease Network Australia and OzFoodNet  | Ministry for Primary Industries (through its business unit, Food Safety New Zealand)   |

| Area                       | Authority responsible in Australia   | Authority responsible in New Zealand |
|----------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|
| Organic Food certification | Organic and bio-dynamic goods for export must be certified by a DAFF approved certification body. The Australian Standard for Organic and biodynamic products (AS 6000-2015) is available at SAI Global.   | Ministry for Primary Industries      |
| Labelling claims           | Fair trading laws and food laws in Australia and New Zealand require that labels do not misinform consumers through false, misleading or deceptive representations. In Australia, this legislation includes the Australian Consumer Law (ACL) contained in the <i>Competition and Consumer Act 2010</i> , and state and territory Fair Trading Acts and Food Acts. In Australia, the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) enforces the <i>Competition and Consumer Act 2010</i> . |                                      |

\*In case of low risk medicine, TGA neither evaluate the evidence of product efficacy before the product goes on the market, nor examine the final product and its label. However, it will be reviewed as part of targeted and random surveillance of products on the market. If a TGA review finds that a firm does not hold sufficient evidence of their product's efficacy, or non-compliance such as inappropriate or inaccurate labels, lead to cancellation of their license to supply the product in Australia.

\*\* There is no pre-approval process for dietary supplements in New Zealand. It is the responsibility of the firm to ensure the product is made to an acceptable quality, is safe to use and complies with the law.

**Imported Food testing facilities in Australia:** DAFF may appoint private and government laboratories as analysts under Section 34 of the *Imported Food Control Act 1992* (the Act) to test samples of imported food under the Imported Food Inspection Scheme (IFIS). Please find the details of laboratory and Book a laboratory for food testing - DAFF ([agriculture.gov.au](http://agriculture.gov.au)) using link <https://www.agriculture.gov.au/biosecurity-trade/import/goods/food/inspection-testing/book-lab>

The appointed analyst must hold current National Association of Testing Authorities (NATA) accreditation for the tests they will conduct on imported food under the IFIS. They must comply with all the Conditions

of Appointment, covering infrequent tests, sample retesting and the reporting requirements for samples subject to biosecurity control. They must also have the ability to report results directly through an electronically interface system.

**Testing laboratory system in New Zealand:** Details of New Zealand's recognized laboratories and two Government laboratories may be seen at <https://www.mpi.govt.nz/science/laboratories/>

Food Exported from Australia : The Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and the Forestry controls exports of agricultural products. This assures our trading partners that Australian agricultural products meet import requirements.

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FSANZ - <https://www.foodstandards.gov.au/Pages/default.aspx>

Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code:

<https://www.foodstandards.gov.au/code/Pages/default.aspx>

*Imported Food Control Act 1992:*

Federal Register of Legislation - Australian Government

*Imported Food Control Order 2019 -*

<https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2022C01098>

*Imported Food Control Amendment (Risk Foods) Order 2020 -*

<https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2022C00008>

*Imported Food Control Regulations 2019-*

<https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2019L01006>

*Biosecurity Act 2015 -*

<https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/C2020C00127>

Country of Origin Food Labelling Information Standard 2016 –

<https://www.legislation.gov.au/Series/F2016L00528>

Biosecurity Import Conditions system (BICON) -

<https://www.agriculture.gov.au/biosecurity-trade/import/online-services/bicon>

*Export Control Act 2020:*

<https://www.legislation.gov.au/Series/C2020A00012>

New Zealand's main food laws -

<https://www.mpi.govt.nz/legal/legislation-standards-and-reviews/food-safety-legislation/Details-of-Food-enforcement-agencies->

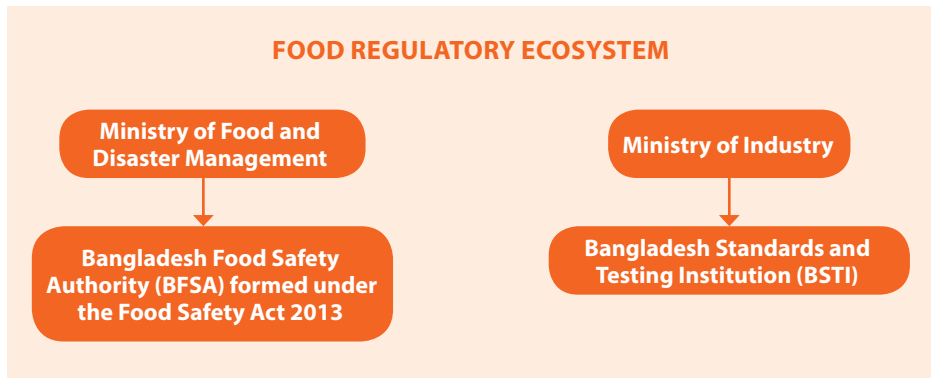
<https://www.foodstandards.gov.au/about/foodenforcementcontacts/Pages/default.aspx>

# BANGLADESH

Food Safety has been crucial for the Government of Bangladesh to reduce food borne outbreaks. For improving food safety, number of Ministries like Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MOHFW), Ministry of Food and Disaster Management, Ministry of Industry, Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock, departments and agencies are actively involved, working effectively for food safety & quality control. The Food Safety Act 2013 is in place to strengthen food safety.

**The Food Safety Act, 2013:** An Act to make provisions for the establishment of an efficient and effective authority and for regulating, through coordination, the activities relating to food production, import, processing,

stock, supply, marketing and sales, so as to ensure the rights toward access to safe food through appropriate application of scientific process, upon repealing and re-enacting the existing laws connected thereto. Whereas it is necessary to ensure the rights toward access to safe food for the protection of human health and life; and Whereas it is necessary to make provisions for the establishment of an efficient and effective authority and for regulating, through coordination, the activities relating to food production, import, processing, stock, supply, marketing and sales, so as to ensure the rights toward access to safe food through appropriate application of scientific process, upon repealing and re-enacting the existing law connected thereto;



## FOOD SAFETY AUTHORITIES

**Bangladesh Food Safety Authority (BFSA):** BFSA formed under the Food Safety Act 2013. The Authority works under the Ministry of Food and regulates through coordination, the activities relating to food production,

import, processing, stockpiling, supplying, marketing and sales as well as to ensure the people's right toward access to safe food. It regulates all foods including raw, fresh in the country. It facilitates entities/ organisations directly involved in updating and upgrading the food safety standards or guidelines; in

determining permissible limits at its highest safe level for use of contaminants and residue, additives or preservatives; in determining permissible limits of radiation in food; in formulating and implementing accreditation policies; in formulating procedural guidelines for accrediting food testing laboratories and requesting the government to increase the capacity of safe food controlling agencies and organisations.

### **Bangladesh Standards and Testing**

**Institution (BSTI):** The institute under the Ministry of Industries constituted for the purpose of controlling the standard of service and quality of the goods. The only National Standards body of Bangladesh develops and Promote industrial Standardization, i.e. metrology, testing and quality control in the industrial spheres. BSTI's functions are to formulate national standards on food,

agricultural products & industrial products and assure quality of 80 mandatory packed food items. Also, it acts as NCCP.

BSTI invites BFSA during food standards technical committee meeting and take comments. On the other hand, BFSA invites and involve BSTI for deciding on preparing new food laws, rules.

There are six regional offices and districts level offices of BSTI working for food safety.

### **FOOD TESTING FACILITIES**

There are BSTI testing laboratories; Institute of Public Health Laboratory, Institute of Food Science and Technology, BCSIR Laboratories; Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission Laboratory; Institute of Nutrition and Food Science, University of Dhaka Labs, Bangladesh Agricultural Research Institute Labs etc.

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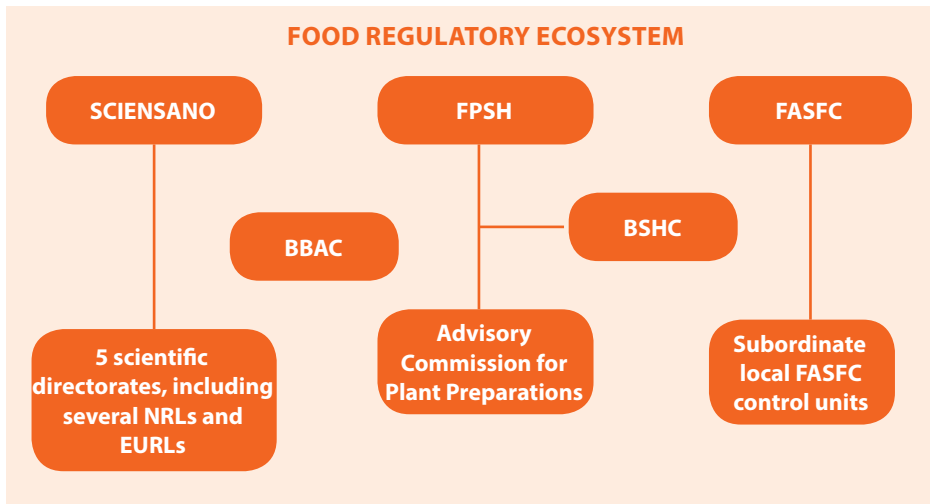
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# BELGIUM

Regulation (EC) No. 178/2002 and national food laws are the central legal foundation for food legislation in Belgium. 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. In Belgium,

several independent organisations are involved in the risk assessment of food and feed safety. However, there is no strict institutional separation of risk assessment and risk management. Risk assessments are published on the Internet unless there are statutory provisions that prohibit it.



## FOOD AUTHORITIES

### Federal Public Service for Health, Food Chain Safety and Environment (FPSH)

The Federal Public Service for Health (FPSH) is the federal authority responsible for policy and legislation in the area of food and feed safety, including novel foods, food supplements, chemical and microbiological contaminants, additives, enzymes, flavourings, processing aids, allergens, labelling and claims, dietetic products and food for special groups, food contact materials, bottled water, water used by food business operators, zoonoses,

plant protection products and the residues, fertilizers, genetically modified organisms (GMOs) and veterinary medicinal products.

The regulatory authority for veterinary medicinal products is the Federal Agency for Medicines and Health Products (FAMHP), which is the competent authority responsible for the supervision of the quality, safety and efficacy of medicines for human and veterinary use (including homeopathic medicines, herbal medicines, pharmacy-made and official preparations), of medical devices and accessories as well as raw

materials for the preparation and production of medicines.

The FPSH is responsible for defining policy, drafting legislation, and authorizing products prior to marketing in the area of food and feed safety. According to the General Food Law, the tasks of the FPSH are based on risk analyses. Risk assessments and scientific opinions are carried out by the FPSH, Sciensano or the Belgian Superior Health Council (BSHC), depending on the topics. The BSHC acts as a link between government and the scientific world in the field of nutrition and food safety.

The tasks and missions of the FPSH are also supported by stakeholder consultative platforms. The FPSH follows an integrated and interconnected approach to health protection that is based on the “One Health” concept.

Other institutions provide the FPSH with scientific opinions on food safety: the Belgian Biosafety Advisory Council (BBAC), the Advisory Commission for Plant Preparations and, in specific cases, the Scientific Committee established at the Federal Agency for the Safety of the Food Chain (FAFSC), as well as external academic departments.

The FPSH provides funding for scientific research in the area of food safety, animal health and plant health. There are yearly calls for project proposals, with both a bottom up (“free research”) and top-down (“targeted research”) approach.

The areas of missions and tasks of the FPSH extend beyond food safety, including to

nutrition policy, breast feeding policy, animal health, plant health, the environment, cosmetics, biocides, REACH, antibiotic resistance, tobacco, alcohol, human health, and others.

### **Federal Agency for the Safety of the Food Chain (FASFC)**

The Federal Agency for the Safety of the Food Chain (FASFC) is the federal executive agency responsible for official controls and inspections as well as for the definition and enforcement of operational legislation related to official control of the food chain (from farm to fork). The agency carries out official controls of food, feed and its raw materials at all stages of the feed and food chain, including production, processing, storage, transport, trade, and import and export of food and its raw materials. The FASFC oversees all official controls on the basis of multi-annual national control plans. In addition, it is also responsible for the control of animal health and plant health.

To fulfill its tasks, the FASFC is supported by two committees. The Advisory Committee includes all FASFC stakeholders and provides opinions on risk management matters. The Scientific Committee is responsible for independent risk assessments and provides scientific opinions on risks affecting the safety of the food chain in connection with the competencies of the FASFC.

### **The Belgian Health Research Institute (SCIENSANO)**

Science and health are central to Sciensano’s mission. Our strength and uniqueness lie

within the holistic and multidisciplinary approach to health. More particularly, we focus on the close and indissoluble interconnection between human and animal health and their environment (the “One Health” concept). By combining different research perspectives within this framework, Sciensano contributes in a unique way to everybody’s health. Sciensano provides evidence-based scientific and technical support to the competent authorities (FPSH and FASFC) as well as to professional organisations and front-line laboratories. The institute hosts several NRLs and EURLs.

In the context of EFSA’s remit, Sciensano focuses on food consumption and food safety, (human and animal) health and disease monitoring, and on the link between health and the environment (e.g. pesticides).

Using food consumption surveys, Sciensano analyses citizens’ nutritional habits. Sciensano also identifies pathogens in food (and human infections caused by food pathogens) and keeps an eye on GMOs, food contaminants, residues (pesticides, heavy metals, etc.), food contact materials, additives and nanomaterials, for which Sciensano also

assesses the risks. In terms of animal health, Sciensano is involved in a broad range of activities (e.g. epizootic diseases, emerging diseases that pose a major socioeconomic risk, but also diseases whose impact is solely economic, such as foot-and-mouth disease). Furthermore, Sciensano also addresses important transversal problems such as antimicrobial resistance and zoonoses.

## REGIONAL AND LOCAL LEVELS

The regional and local levels of the Belgian Federal State consist of three regions, 10 provinces and 589 districts. Local FASFC control units are responsible for conducting food inspections. The central FASFC unit is responsible for coordinating food inspections. The monitoring of drinking water is the responsibility of the regional authorities.

## FOOD TESTING FACILITIES:

Federal Agency for the safety of the food chain (FASFC) is the Food Safety authority for imports in Belgium. The lists of approved food testing laboratories in Belgium are as under.

| LABCODE       | LABNAME  | STREET                             | STREET NUMBER | CITY                    | POSTAL CODE | COUNTRY | ACCREDITATION NUMBER | LABMANAGER NAME                        | LABMANAGER TELEPHONE | LABMANAGER EMAIL                    |
|---------------|--|------------------------------------|---------------|-------------------------|-------------|---------|----------------------|--|----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| AFSIA         | A.F.S.I.A. A.S.B.L.  | Allée de Arisans                   | 2             | Ciney                   | 5590        | BE      | 173-TEST             | Christian Quinet                       | +32 0832320515       | Christian.quinet@afsia.be           |
| BDB           | Bodemkundige Dienst van België/VZW   | W. De Croijlaan                    | 48            | Heverlee                | 3001        | BE      | 127-TEST             | Dr. Hilde Vandendriessche              | +32 0160310922       | h.vandendriessche@bdb.be            |
| BIOTOX        | ECCA bvb/B.V.B.A   | Ambachtsweg                        | 5             | Mereballe               | 9820        | BE      | 179-TEST             | Mr. Benjits Tom                        | +32 0508167157       | tom.be@ijisecca.be                  |
| BVI           | Belgisch Verpakkingsinstituut BVBA afdeling Consumer Food Packaging  | Z1 Researchpark                    | 280           | Zellik                  | 1731        | BE      | 282-TEST             | Sara Geeroms                           | +32 0274640210       | sara.geeroms@bebvbi.be              |
| CAIRT         | CAIRT (Center of Analytical Research and Technology)   | Allée de la chimie BGC Sart Tilman | 3             | Lège                    | 4000        | BE      | 157-TEST             | Prof. Gauthier Eppe                    | +32 0478663422       | geppe@uliege.be                     |
| CLABOR        | CELABOR srl  | Avenue du Parc (Z1 Petit Rechain)  | 38            | Chaireux                | 4650        | BE      | 136-TEST             | Yves HOUÏET                            | 003287328454         | yh@clabor.be                        |
| CER           | CER Groupe - Département Santé   | Rue du Point du Jour               | 8             | Marble                  | 6900        | BE      | 073-TEST             | Nathalie Gillard                       | +32 08431 000 90     | ngillard@cergroupe.be               |
| CERPISCULTURE | CER-Laboratoire de pathologie des poissons   | Novalis Park, rue de la Science    | 8             | Aye (Marche-en-Famenne) | 6900        | BE      | 073-TEST             | LEFFRIG François                       | +32 08422 02 39      | l.leffrig@cergroupe.be              |
| COMECO        | COMECO   | J. Lijzenstraat                    | 55            | HOOGSTRATEN             | 2321        | BE      | TRICH                | Erik Dieu                              | +32 03 315 77 52     | Katrien.Demeulemeester@comeco.be    |
| COMITELAIT    | Comité de Lait - Laboratoire AGRILAB   | route de Heve                      | 104           | Battise                 | 4651        | BE      | 262-TEST             | Emilie Piaux                           | +32 087 69 26 30     | emilie.piaux@comitelaibat.be        |
| COVAMEAT      | COVAMEAT   | Komenstraat                        | 73            | WUÏSCHATE               | 8950        | BE      | TRICH                | Pieter-Jan Meerschman                  | +32 057 45 25 00     | Tine.Delhaye@covameat.be            |
| CRA-DL BRP    | Centre Vallon de Recherches Agronomiques-Département "Sciences du Vivant"  | Rue de Lioux                       | 4             | Gemboux                 | 5030        | BE      | 189-TEST             | Mr Steyer Séphian, Mr François Henriët | +32 081 87 46 09     | s.steyer@cra.wallonie.be            |
| CRA-DOPA      | Centre Vallon de Recherches Agronomiques-Département "Sciences du Vivant"  | Chaussée de Namur                  | 24            | Gemboux                 | 5030        | BE      | 189-TEST             | Olivier Fumière                        | +32 081 87 52 40     | ofumiere@cra.wallonie.be            |
| DECOSTER      | Federaal Laboratorium voor de Voedselveiligheid Departement Laboration des Productions                           | Bruggestraat                       | 140A          | RIJSELEDE               | 8755        | BE      | TRICH                | Eline De Baets                         | +32 051 68 80 78     | elbae@slachthuisdecoster.be         |
| DGZ           | Diegezondheidszorg - Vlaanderen (DGZ-V)  | Industrieaan                       | 29            | Torhout                 | 8820        | BE      | 151-TEST             | Thalie Vanbiere                        | +32 0507230530       | thalie.vanbiere@dgz.be              |
| EURACETA      | Eurofins Euraceta S.A.   | Rue le marais                      | 15            | Villers-le Bouillet     | 4530        | BE      | 092-TEST             | Frédéric Grandroge                     | +32 0472593320       | fgrandroge@euraceta.be              |
| EUROFINS-FOOD | Eurofins Food Testing Belgium NV   | Veneceweg                          | 5             | Nazaeth                 | 9810        | BE      | 481-TEST             | Virginie Vandembroucke                 | +32 05045 00 60      | Virginie.vandembroucke@eurofins.com |
| FLWVG         | Federaal Laboratorium voor de Voedselveiligheid Gentbrugge   | Braemkateelstraat                  | 59            | Gentbrugge              | 9050        | BE      | 014-TEST             | Mieke Van de Wiele                     | 092102100            | mieke.vandewiele@faw-afsa.be        |
| FLWM          | Federaal Laboratorium voor de Voedselveiligheid Melle  | Brusselsesteenweg                  | 370A          | Melle                   | 9090        | BE      | 014-TEST             | Gerty Vanantwerpen                     | 092723100            | gerty.vanantwerpen@faw-afsa.be      |
| FLWT          | Federaal Laboratorium voor de Voedselveiligheid Tervuren   | Leuvensesteenweg                   | 17            | Tervuren                | 3080        | BE      | 014-TEST             | Mieke Vanbrabant                       | 027692311            | mieke.vanbrabant@faw-afsa.be        |
| FOOD CONTROL  | Normec Food Control  | Honderdweg                         | 13            | Wetteren                | 9230        | BE      | 080-TEST             | Stefan Coghe                           | 09363.80.14          | stefan.coghe@normecgroup.com        |
| GENALISE      | FOODCHAIN ID Genomics S.A.   | En Hayeneux                        | 62            | Herstal                 | 4040        | BE      | 540-TEST             | Jean-Yves François                     | +32 04740 75 00      | info@quality-partner.be             |
| HMS           | Hainaut Analyses   | Boulevard Saintelette              | 55            | Mons                    | 7000        | BE      | 068-TEST             | PIERROSTRE Laurent                     | +32 06540 36 12      | laurent.pierrostre@hainaut.be       |
| IEM           | Institut Provincial Ernest Malvoz (IPEM) - Laboratoire du Département Santé & Qualité de Vie - Province de Liège | Quai du Barbour                    | 4             | Lège                    | 4020        | BE      | 112-TEST             | Marc Vanbergen                         | +32 047279 66 80     | Marc.vanbergen@provinceliegge.be    |
| LIANO         | Labo L. LIANO  | Schoutepark                        | 15            | Destebbergen            | 9070        | BE      | 479-TEST             | Dr L. Iliano                           | 003292281970         | info@labo.liano.be                  |

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|---------------------|--|--|---------------|---------------------|-------------|---------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|---|
| IIVO-PLANT          | IIVO-Beheid/Plant-Gewasbescherming-Diagnosecentrum voor Planten                      | Burgemeester Van Gansbergelaan                   | 96            | Merebeke            | 9820        | BE      | 340-TEST             | Kristiaan Van Laeckle | +32 09/2722857       | kristiaan.vanlaeckle@iivo.vlaanderen.be |
| IIVO-T&V            | IIVO-Beheid/Technologie en Voeding   | Brusselsesteenweg                                | 370           | Melle               | 9090        | BE      | 033-TEST             | Mevr. Herman Lieve    | +32 09/2723010       | lieve.herman@iivo.vlaanderen.be         |
| IIVO-T&V-GGO        | IIVO-Beheid/Technologie en Voeding (GGO)   | Burg. Van Gansbergelaan                          | 115           | Merebeke            | 9820        | BE      | 033-TEST             | Isabel Taverniers     | +32 09/2722841       | isabel.taverniers@iivo.vlaanderen.be    |
| INASEP              | Laboratoire INASEP (Intercommunale Namuroise de Services Publics)                    | Rue de l'Hôpital                                 | 6             | Philippeville       | 5600        | BE      | 310-TEST             | Jean-Marc Stevens     | 003271667031         | jean-marc.stevens@inasep.be             |
| IRE-ELIT            | IRE - Business Unit Services   | Avenue de l'Espérance                            | 1             | Fleurus             | 6220        | BE      | 444-TEST             | Braekers Damien       | +32 071/8239867      | damien.braekers@ire.eu                  |
| ITG                 | PRINS LEOPOLD INSTITUUT VOOR TROPISCHE GENEESKUNDE                                   | Nationalestraat                                  | 155           | Antwerpen           | 2000        | BE      | 147-TEST             | Pierre Dorry          | +32 03/2476271       | pdorry@itg.be                           |
| LARECO              | Lareco S.A.  | Rue de la Croissance - Zoning Industriële de Aye | 4             | Marche-en-famene    | 6900        | BE      | 062-TEST             | Gaëtan Leroy          | +32 084/3216390      | laboratoire@lareco.net                  |
| LASHA               | Laboratoire S.H.A  | Dreie André Dujardin                             | 69            | Mouscron            | 7700        | BE      | 120-TEST             | Vercams Cécile        | +32 56483070         | lasha@ieg.be                            |
| LAFERAN             | Lavetan  | Veetdijk   | 56            | Turnhout            | 2300        | BE      | 079-TEST             | Mr. Robrechts J.      | +32 01/4443474       | jan.robrechts@lavetan.be                |
| LECCA               | ECCA N.V.  | Ambachtsweg                                      | 3             | Merebeke            | 9820        | BE      | 051-TEST             | Mr. Benjits Tom       | +32 09/25256444      | Tom.Benjits@eccab.be                    |
| LEQ                 | ASBL Centre de M&Champs - Laboratoire Fédéral pour la Sécurité d'Etude de la Qualité | Michamps   | 1             | Batognie            | 6600        | BE      | 138-TEST             | Mr. Richard Lambert   | +32 061/21.08.28     | centr-qualitee@ucbvah.be                |
| LFSAGX              | Laboratoire Fédéral pour la Sécurité Alimentaire Gembloux                            | Chaussée de Namur                                | 22            | Gembloux            | 5030        | BE      | 014-TEST             | Franck Deleijt        | 081/62.03.00         | franck.deleijt@fvv-afsa.be              |
| LFSAIL              | Laboratoire Fédéral pour la Sécurité Alimentaire Liège                               | Rue de Visé                                      | 495           | Wandre              | 4020        | BE      | 014-TEST             | Patrick Genot         | 04/2520158           | patrick.genot@fvv-afsa.be               |
| LUCB                | Boulabo  | Avenue du Maelbeek                               | 3             | Bruxelles           | 1000        | BE      | 348-TEST             | Jacques Vvegnis       | +32 22308001         | info@boulabo.be                         |
| LMI                 | Labo Milieu en Industriële Analyse (LMI)   | Meisweg  | 1A            | Kortrijk            | 8500        | BE      | 207-TEST             | Ruelof Demerie        | +32 056-22.68.64     | info@lmi.be                             |
| LOVAP               | Lovap  | Klaus-Michael Kuelthelan                         | 11            | Geel                | 2440        | BE      | 054-TEST             | Gerit De Peuter       | +32 014/5855586      | info@lovap.be                           |
| LOVENFOSSE          | LOVENFOSSE   | Rue de Merchhof                                  | 44            | Aubel               | 4880        | BE      | TRICH                | Thibaut Vandesteene   | 003287595210         | thibaut_vandesteene@lovenfosse.com      |
| IMCC                | Melkcontrolecentrum - Vlaanderen vzw   | Hagenbroeksesteenweg                             | 167           | Lier                | 2500        | BE      | 096-TEST             | Thalia Vanblaire      | +32 78-15.47.10      | thalia.vanblaire@imcc.vlaanderen.be     |
| NOORDVLEES-VAN GOOL | NOORDVLEES-VANGOOL   | Bloemstraat                                      | 56            | KALMTHOUT           | 2920        | BE      | TRICH                | J. Van Gool           | +32 03 666 70 80     | catobots@mooitvlees.be                  |
| OLEOTEST            | SGS Oleotest   | Lage Weg   | 427           | Hoboken (Antwerpen) | 2660        | BE      | 005-TEST             | Mr. Bastijs Ph.       | +32 03 216 01 15     | Philippe.bastijts@sgs.com               |
| POULPHARM           | POULPHARM/BVBA   | Prins Albertlaan                                 | 112           | Izegem              | 8870        | BE      | 610-TEST             | Hanne Vanderstraeten  | +32 051 3041 00      | Hanne.Vanderstraeten@poulpharm.be       |
| POVIT               | Inagro   | Iepereweg  | 87            | Rumbeke             | 8800        | BE      | 271-TEST             | Geemere Sjin          | +32 051/273330       | sjin@geemere.be                         |
| POA                 | Porcs Qualité Ardenne srl  | Avenue de Norvège                                | 14            | Malmédy             | 4960        | BE      | TRICH                | Claudine Michel       | +32 080 77 03 72     | claudine.michel@poa.be                  |
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| PROGENUS            | Progenus S.A.  | Rue Camille Hubert                               | 7A            | Gembloux (SNEE)     | 5032        | BE      | 292-TEST             | RENVILLE Robert       | +32 081/61.69.01     | renville@progenus.be                    |
| QP                  | FOODCHAIN ID Testing solutions S.A.  | Rue Hayeneux                                     | 62            | Herstal             | 4040        | BE      | 135-TEST             | Mr. J.-Y. François    | +32 42.40.75.00      | jyf@quality-partner.be                  |
| SC-GGO              | Sciencano (GGO)  | Rue J. Wytsmanstraat                             | 14            | Brussel             | 1050        | BE      | 081-TEST             | Nancy Roossens        | +32 02 642 52 58     | gmolab@sciencano.be                     |

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|----------------|--|-------------------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|---------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|
| SC MED         | Sciensano (Medicaments)  | Rue J.Wylsmanstraat     | 14            | Brussel      | 1050        | BE      | 081-TEST             | Eric Deconinck       | +32 02 642 51 70      | Eric.Deconinck@sciensano.be      |
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| SC PEST        | Sciensano (Pesticiden)   | Rue J.Wylsmanstraat     | 14            | Brussel      | 1050        | BE      | 081-TEST             | Joris Van Loco       | +32 02 642 53 53      | joris.vanloco@sciensano.be       |
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| SC Tenturen    | Sciensano (Tenturen)   | Leuwenssesteweg         | 17            | Tenturen     | 3080        | BE      | 081-TEST             | Joris Van Loco       | +32 02 379 06 28      | joris.vanloco@sciensano.be       |
| SC VET         | Sciensano (VE)   | Groeselberg             | 99            | Brussel      | 1180        | BE      | 081-TEST             | Isabelle Bebaeghien  | +32 01 473 28 28      | isabelle.bebaeghien@sciensano.be |
| SCK            | SCK-CEN - Laboratorium voor gamma-spectroscopie en neutronactiviteitsanalyse | Boeretang               | 200           | Mol          | 2400        | BE      | 015-TEST             | Mr. Bruggeman Michel |                       | mbruggem@SCKCEN.BE               |
| SERVAICO       | Normec Servaco   | Vlaaningstraat          | 19            | Wevelgem     | 8560        | BE      | 052-TEST             | Dr.Gossens Jan       | +32 056432730         | quality_servaco@normecgroup.com  |
| SGS            | SGS België N.V.  | Haven 407 Polderdijkweg | 16            | Antwerpen    | 2030        | BE      | 005-TEST             | Marc Van Ryckeghem   | +32 03 6545 87 51     | marc.vanryckeghem@sgs.com        |
| SUS CAMPINAE   | Sus Campinae   | Nijverheidsstraat       | 24            | Westerlo     | 2260        | BE      | TRICH                | Van Damme Bart       | +32 014 84 88 80      | info@sus-campinae.be             |
| TESTLAB        | TESTLAB KVI  | SIJMON BOUTVLAANI       | 301           | BRUSSEL      | 1081        | BE      | Tesje's KVI          | kurt verstichel      | +32 054312722         | kurt.verstichel@siemens.com      |
| TELT           | EXPOITSACHTHUIJSTELT   | Hoogerijestraat         | 13            | TELT         | 8700        | BE      | TRICH                | Thomas De Roover     | +32 051 40 06 73      | debra@delaba.be                  |
| VAN HOORNWEDER | VAN HOORNWEDER   | Vredelaan               | 7             | TORHOUT      | 8820        | BE      | TRICH                | Peter Van Hoornweder | +32 050 23 10 00      | peter@vanhoornweder.be           |
| VAN LANDSCHOOT | G.VAN LANDSCHOOT EN ZONEN  | Praboudevijlilaan       | 22            | Adegem       | 9991        | BE      | TRICH                | Joachim De Corte     | +32 050 71 16 27      | jdc@granlandschoot.be            |
| VIAQUA         | VIAQUA   | Chaussée de Waterloo    | 764           | Bruxelles    | 1180        | BE      | 076-TEST             | M. Chauvheid E       | +32 02 62 02 49 11    | lba@viaquabe                     |
| WESTVLEES      | WESTVLEES  | Ommegang-West           | 9             | WESTROZEBEKE | 8840        | BE      | TRICH                | Jos Claey's          | +32 051 78 84 12      | lab@westvlees.com                |

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The following websites may be referred for the contact details of various Food authorities:

<http://www.health.belgium.be>

<http://www.afsca.be/home-en>

<http://www.favv-afsca.fgov.be/scientificcommittee/>

<http://www.sciensano.be>

### Codex Contact Point

Comité belge du Codex Alimentarius,

SPF Santé publique, Sécurité de la Chaîne alimentaire et environnement, Service Denrées alimentaires, Alimentation animale et autres produits de consommation,

Place Victor Horta 40/10, 1060 Bruxelles

Tel: +32.2.5247351

E-mail: [codex.be@health.fgov.be](mailto:codex.be@health.fgov.be)

Website: <http://www.health.belgium.be>

National legislation on food safety: [FAOLEX](#)

### WTO-SPS National Enquiry Point

Federal Public Service Public health, Safety of the food chain, Environment

Place Victor Horta 40 bus 10

1060 Bruxelles

Email: [spsbelg@health.fgov.be](mailto:spsbelg@health.fgov.be) Phone: +(322) 524 73 20

Website: <http://www.health.belgium.be>

### WTO-TBT National Enquiry Point

BELNOTIF

Federal Public Service Economy, SMEs, Self-Employed and Energy (FPS Economy)

Directorate-General for Quality and Safety

North Gate III

Boulevard du Roi Albert II, 16

Brussels

B-1000

Email: [be.belnotif@economie.fgov.be](mailto:be.belnotif@economie.fgov.be)

Phone: +(32 2) 277 85 11

Website: <https://economie.fgov.be/en>

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### **Weblinks to access Food Act/ Regulations/ Standards:**

Federal Public Service for Health, Food Chain Safety and Environment (FPSH)

<http://www.health.belgium.be>

Federal Agency for the Safety of the Food Chain (FASFC)

<http://www.afsca.be/home-en>

<http://www.favv-afsca.fgov.be/scientificcommittee/>

The Belgian Health Research Institute (SCIENSANO)

<http://www.sciensano.be>

<https://www.woah.org/en/who-we-are/members/>

<https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/about-codex/members/detail/en/c/15566/>

# BENIN

In Benin, Agence Béninoise de Régulation et d'Enregistrement des Produits (ABREP) established under Ministry of Health is the National Regulatory Body responsible for the regulation of food, drugs, food supplements,

herbal and homeopathic medicines, veterinary medicines, cosmetics, medical devices, household chemical substances, tobacco and tobacco products and the conduct of clinical trials protocols.

## FOOD REGULATORY ECOSYSTEM

Ministry of Health

Agence Béninoise de Régulation et d'Enregistrement des Produits (ABREP)

## FOOD SAFETY AUTHORITIES

In Benin, no Food products are allowed be manufactured, imported, exported, advertised, sold, distributed or used, unless it has been registered in accordance with the provisions of ABREP -2020, and other related Legislations and the accompanying Guidelines.

ABREP ensure adequate and effective standards for food; Advise the Minister on measures for the protection of the health of consumers and effective Regulations for the implementation; Monitor through the District Assemblies and any other agency of State compliance; Approve the initiation and conduct of clinical trials in the country and perform any other functions that are ancillary to attaining the objects of the Agency (such as checking to prevent any possible manipulation of registered / unregistered

products by Importers / Exporters).

The Application for the registration of all imported Food products in Benin shall be made by either the foreign manufacturer or the authorized foreign merchant exporter through ABREP accredited legal agent. The registration involve process such as Documentations, Screening of application, GMP inspection of the production facility and laboratory analysis of product (where applicable), review in Product Approval meeting, Issuance of electronic Certificate of Product Registration. However, registration of a product does not automatically confer Advertising Permit. A separate application and subsequent approval by ABREP shall be required if the product is to be advertised. The detailed process is as follows:

a) The major documents need to

submitted for review as part of application includes power of attorney for legal agent; agreements such as contract manufacturing agreement; certificate of manufacture and free sale; product Labels/artwork (containing at least Name/address of manufacturer, Ingredients and amount of constituents present, Direction for storage, Date of manufacture, Batch number, Date of expiry or Best Before date); Letter of Invitation to inspect the factory for Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP); and Comprehensive Certificate of Analysis.

b) Upon successful screening of documentation and review of supporting

documents, an electronic import permit is issued after which products are submitted for laboratory analysis. After satisfactory Documentation review, GMP inspection of the production facility and laboratory analysis of product (where applicable), products are presented for the ABREP Approval Meetings. A three-member approval committee will review the product's analysis results for approval.

c) After the Product Approval meeting, an electronic Certificate of Product Registration with a validity period of five (5) years is issued to the Applicant.

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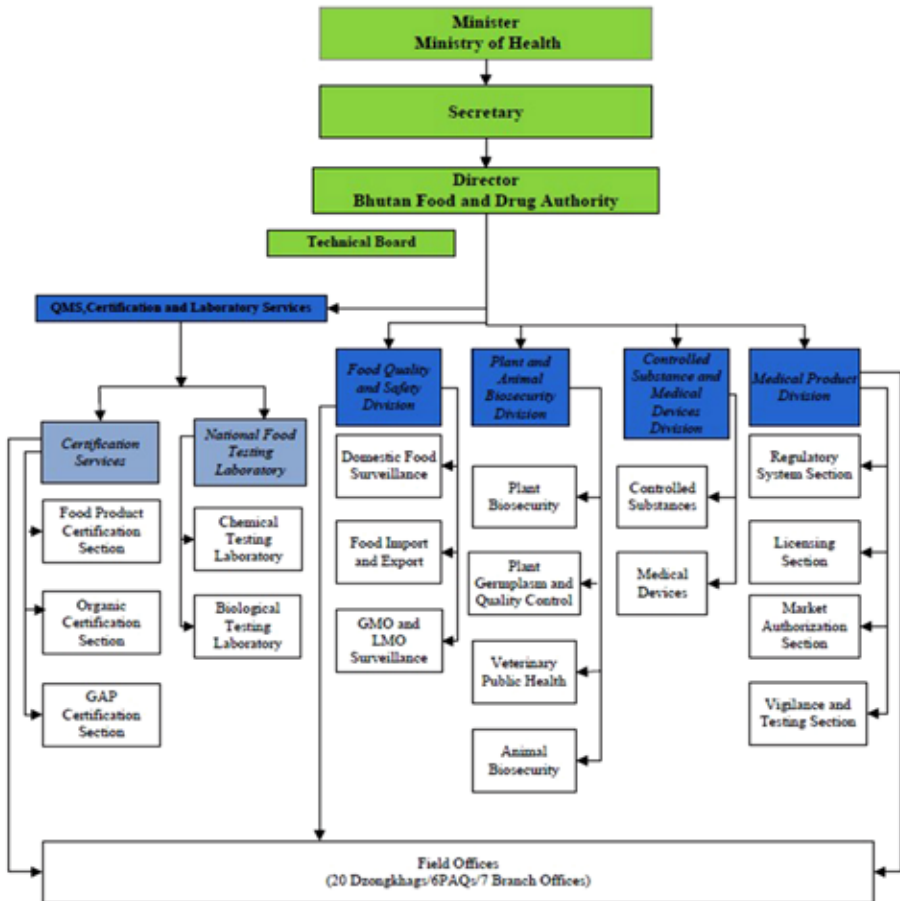
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The erstwhile Bhutan Agriculture and Food Regulatory Authority (BAFRA) under the Ministry of Agriculture and Forests has been reorganized as the Bhutan Food and Drug Authority (BFDA) under the Ministry of

Health, since 30 December 2022. The BFDA has been established with the merger of erstwhile BAFRA, Drug Regulatory Authority (DRA) and Bhutan Narcotic Control Agency (BNCA) and the organogram is given below:



## **BHUTAN FOOD AND DRUG AUTHORITY (BFDA), MINISTRY OF HEALTH**

BFDA under the Ministry of Health is mandated to safeguard the health and lives of plants, animals, humans and environment from exotic pests and diseases and ensure safe food for the consumers through science-based approaches. It implements biosecurity and food safety measures that are technically backed by inspection, sampling, testing and certification.

### **FOOD QUALITY AND SAFETY DIVISION (FQSD)**

With the aim to promote safe and quality food, the FQSD primarily implements the Food Act of Bhutan, 2005 and its secondary and tertiary regulations which applies to all stages of production, processing, transport, storage, distribution, preparation and trade comprising domestic trade, import and export of food. Further, it implements the Biosafety Act of Bhutan, 2015 to protect the health of humans, animals and the environment from the unintended effects of Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs).

The Division implements various food safety measures to enhance confidence in the national food control system. It is a food safety legal requirement for all food business operators to be licensed for food safety as per BFDA's GHP/GMP Criteria, which is based on the Codex General Principles of Food Hygiene. The Food Business Licensing Process carried out by BFDA is aligned to the requirements of ISO/IEC 17020:2012 (*Conformity assessment – Requirements for the operation of various*

*types of bodies performing inspection*). Further, BFDA carries out licensing of food handlers after successful completion of health interview and check-up, basic training on food hygiene and safety, evaluation and signing an undertaking that the food handler and all those involved under his/her supervision will avoid themselves from handling food under certain conditions of illness.

All food businesses are registered with BFDA for proper coordination of surveillance activities. Surveillance inspections are planned by respective field offices on a risk-based approach.

### **PLANT AND ANIMAL BIOSECURITY DIVISION (PABD)**

The PABD implement effective biosecurity measures to protect the agriculture farming system including animal health, and public health from risks of entry, establishment and spread of exotic and/or notifiable pests and diseases. The Plant and Animal Quarantine Offices at the points of entry serves as a first line of defense to prevent the entry, establishment and spread of such pests and diseases into the country.

Import of plants/animals and their products are regulated and allowed entry into the country after obtaining prior approval and permits from BFDA. At arrival at the point of entry, the consignment intended for import must be accompanied with a Phytosanitary Certificate for plant /plant products consignment and Zoo-sanitary Certificate for animal/animal products consignment) along

with export certification (Phytosanitary Certificate/Export Certificate/Clearance for Plant and Plant Products, Export Certificate for Food Products, Veterinary Health Certificate/Zoo-sanitary Certificates for Animal/Products, GMO Export Certificate/GMO free Certificate). The import documents are verified by the authorized personnel at the integrated checkpost and allowed entry for further inspections by BFDA to screen biosecurity aspects which is risk-based.

## LABORATORY SERVICES

The National Food Testing Laboratory (NFTL) at Yusipang, Thimphu provides food testing services to the regulators, food businesses and the general public, with the following testing facilities:

- 1) Biological testing (microbiological testing and GMO/LMO testing)
- 2) Chemical testing (contaminants, residues and nutrition)

Further, in an effort to be at internationally acceptable level of competence, to ensure compliance with the quality system and to gain customer confidence in the Test Reports issued, NFTL is accredited for ISO/IEC 17025:2017 (*Conformity assessment - General Requirements for the Competence of*

*Testing and Calibration Laboratories*) by the National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL), India. NFTL is recognized by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India for analysis of samples under the Food Safety and Standards Regulations of India, 2011.

## Certification Services

In order to support the farmers, industries and commerce in Bhutan for market access and trade facilitation, the Certification unit provides third-party certification services for food and agricultural products based on ISO/IEC 17065 (*Conformity assessment - Requirements for bodies certifying products, processes and services*) and currently operates the following certification schemes:

- 1) Food product certification scheme
- 2) Organic certification scheme
- 3) Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) certification scheme

Further, with the aim to enhance confidence in the certification body through consistency in the operation of certification activities, the Certification unit is accredited to ISO/IEC 17065:2012 since 19 March 2018 by the National Accreditation Board for Certification Bodies (NABCB), India.

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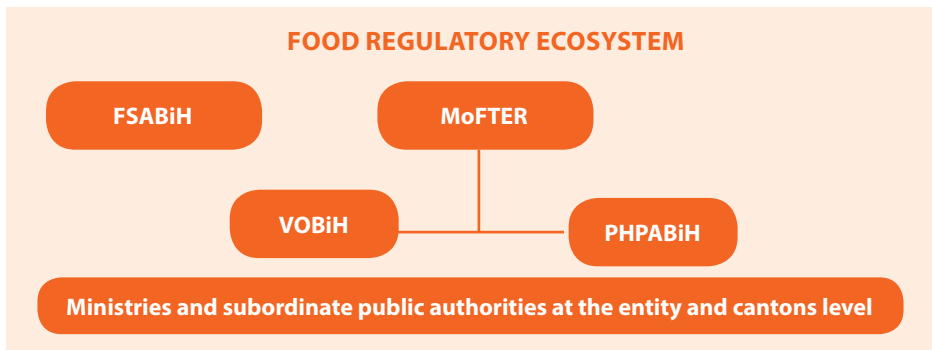
# — BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA (BIH) —

The Food Safety Law (Official Gazette B&H, No. 54/04) is the central legal foundation for food safety in Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH). This act transposes Regulation (EC) No. 178/2002. Infringement of food regulations can lead to measures under criminal law and consumer damage claims under civil law, however the final decision rests with the courts.

The 'Hygiene Packet' is transposed in BiH

law with four rulebooks which define the responsibilities of individual institutions in BiH, and entity and cantons involved in the food safety chain.

In Bosnia and Herzegovina, there is procedural separation of risk assessment and risk management. Risk assessments are not published on the Internet.



## FOOD AUTHORITIES:

### Food Safety Agency of Bosnia and Herzegovina (FSA BiH)

The Food Safety Agency of Bosnia and Herzegovina (FSA BiH), in collaboration with competent authority of the entity and Brčko distrikt BiH, is responsible for drafting legislation in the area of food and feed safety, quality and hygiene.

The FSA BiH is an independent and science-based authority and provides scientific and technical support on all matters with regard to food and feed safety. It is responsible for risk assessments in this area and the

communication of results of risk assessments.

The Food Safety Agency of BiH is the contact point for the DG SANTE EU RASFF system, the INFOSAN network and the Codex Alimentarius pursuant to the provisions of the Food Law (Official Gazette of BiH, No. 50/04). The FSA BiH works in close communication and cooperation with several national institutions at all levels.

### Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations of Bosnia and Herzegovina (MoFTER)

At the central level, two institutions within the Ministry of Foreign Trade and

Economic Relations (MoFTER), the Veterinary Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina (VO) and the Administration of Bosnia and Herzegovina for Plant Health Protection BiH, have responsibilities related to food safety, animal health/welfare and plant protection. The Department for Agriculture, Food, Forestry and Rural Development within the MoFTER is responsible for the coordination and oversight of the relevant state agencies.

### **Veterinary Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina (VO BiH)**

The Veterinary Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina (VO BiH) is the subordinate specialist authority within the MoFTER tasked with animal health and welfare, veterinary public health, veterinary medicines, ensuring a system for risk management in the production and circulation of food of animal origin and, in accordance with the competent authority of the entity and Brčko District, prepares draft legislation in the area of animal health, welfare and feed, and veterinary public health.

The VO BiH monitors and controls animal welfare, including zoonosis. The Veterinary Border Inspection Department is an integral part of the VO BiH and is in charge of official controls of food animal origin and animal feed at the border. The VO BiH is responsible for the cooperation and coordination with the veterinary authorities of other countries in terms of international certification.

### **Administration of Bosnia and Herzegovina**

### **for Plant Health Protection (PHPA BiH)**

The Administration of Bosnia and Herzegovina for Plant Health Protection (PHPA BiH) was established as a separate administrative organisation within the MoFTER to determine policy in the area of plant health protection, develop draft regulations and ensure the protection of plant health in the entire BiH territory. The PHPA BiH is an independent administrative organization within the MoFTER of Bosnia and Herzegovina and represents a National Organization for Plant Protection in accordance with the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC).

The PHPA BiH is responsible for plant health protection in Bosnia and Herzegovina as well as for information exchange/ cooperation with international organisations dealing with phytosanitary matters such as IPPC/FAO, EPPO, WTO/SPS, UPOV, OECD, ISTA, etc. The PHPA performs administrative and related technical tasks in line with the Law on Plant Health Protection. It is also responsible for the controls regarding plant protection products, their residues, and registered suppliers / users.

Phytosanitary inspectors carry out obligatory controls on consignments of plants, plant products and regulated objects in accordance with Annex I part B (I) at border crossings (Border Inspection Posts, BIPs) in order to determine the presence of harmful organisms or compliance with phytosanitary regulations, and also conduct phytosanitary inspections of plants, plant products and regulated objects in the interior (where

the plants are produced, processed, stored, transported, distributed or otherwise used).

## REGIONAL AND LOCAL LEVELS

Bosnia and Herzegovina consists of two entities, the Republic of Srpska and Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Brčko District. Entities have a high level of responsibility in the area of agriculture policy, food and feed policy, and quality and official controls. Each governmental level of BiH (entity/district, canton and municipality) has an administration for food safety, animal health/welfare and plant health. Official controls on food of non-animal origin at border crossings and food and feed in the internal market are carried out by the inspectorates of the entities and the inspectorate of the Brčko District of BiH as follows:

1. Republic of Srpska – Administration for Inspection Affairs of Republic of Srpska
2. Federation of BiH – Federal Department for Inspection Affairs – sanitary and market inspection service, and cantonal inspection service
3. Brčko District of BiH – sanitary and market inspection service.

Institutions of the Government of Republic of Srpska involved in the drafting and implementation of legislation on food and feed safety, agriculture policy are as follows:

1. Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management of Republic of Srpska

2. Ministry of Health and Social Welfare of Republic of Srpska

The governmental institutions of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina involved in the drafting and implementation of legislation on food and feed safety, agriculture policy as follows:

1. Ministry of Agriculture, Water Management and Forestry of FBiH
2. Ministry of Health of BiH Within the Brčko District, the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management has functions that are broadly similar to those of the entity.

## FOOD TESTING FACILITIES

### Official Laboratory

Institute for Accreditation of B&H keeps register of accredited conformity assessment bodies with data of accreditation scope and range. Detailed description of the scope of accreditation can be obtained from accredited conformity assessment body or from the Institute for Accreditation of B&H.

### Official Competence

LIST OF ACCREDITED CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT BODIES AS OF 2019-04-23  
[http://www.bata.gov.ba/Akreditirana\\_tijela/List-of-accredited-bodies.pdf](http://www.bata.gov.ba/Akreditirana_tijela/List-of-accredited-bodies.pdf)

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Federal Administration for Inspection Affairs  
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<https://fsa.gov.ba/en/>

<http://www.mvteo.gov.ba>

<http://www.vet.gov.ba>

<http://www.uzzb.gov.ba>

<https://www.woah.org/en/who-we-are/members/>

<https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/about-codex/members/detail/en/c/15566/>

## FOOD SAFETY AUTHORITIES

### 1. NATIONAL FOOD CONTROL SYSTEM (SNCA)

The institutions that make up the national food control system in Brazil are headed by:

- 1.1 Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Supply (Map): in charge of managing public policies to revitalize agriculture, promote agro-industry and regulate and standardize services related to the sector. In Brazil, agroindustry includes small, medium and large rural producers and includes activities that supply goods and services to agriculture, agricultural production, processing, transformation and distribution of products of agricultural origin to the final consumer.

The Brazilian Corporation for Agricultural Research (Embrapa) and the National Supply Company (Conab) are public institutions that operate under the coordination of the Ministry. Also decentralized entities of the Ministry, organized in the form of mixed capital companies, are the Central Abastecimento de Minas Gerais SA (Ceasa / MG), the Company of Warehouses and Silos of Minas Gerais (Casemg) and the Company of Entrepostos and Warehouses of São Paulo (Ceagesp). In addition, the ministry coordinates the actions and policies of 28 Sectoral Chambers and

8 Thematic Chambers related to the different productive sectors of the Brazilian agroindustry.

The Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Supply is organized into secretariats and departments responsible for the different sectors of the national agroindustry.

Department of Plant Health and Agricultural Inputs (DSVIA): The objective of Plant Health is to protect Brazilian agriculture against the entry, establishment and spread of pests, and to facilitate the safe trade of agricultural products.

Department of Animal Health and Livestock Supplies (DSAIP): Activities related to the area of animal health allow access of animals, their products and by-products, from Brazil in the demanding international market, by complying with sanitary requirements for export.

Department of inspection of products of plant origin (DIPOV): Controls the classification of products, all plant foods must be classified to be marketed in the country, that is, there is a definition of each product and DIPOV verifies that the specifications of the product are met.

Animal Products Inspection Department (DIPOA): controls, classifies, and regulates the entry of animal products into Brazil.

1.2 National Agency for Sanitary Surveillance (ANVISA): is an autonomous regulatory body of the Government of Brazil, which is directed by a collegiate Board of Directors, made up of five members. It is responsible for the sanitary control of all products and services subject to sanitary surveillance, such as medicines and food, national or imported, and is responsible for the approval, for their subsequent commercialization or production in the country, of these products. In addition, together with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, it maintains surveillance at ports, airports and borders on issues related to health surveillance.

1.3 Foreign Trade System (Siscomex): Siscomex is a management tool created by the federal government. Its function is the integration of registration, monitoring and control activities of foreign trade operations. Established by Decree No. 660 of September 25, 1992, Siscomex has replaced the controls that were previously done on paper, such as declarations, stamps and even signatures.

## 2. FOOD INSPECTION SERVICES

There is a divided inspection system for food of animal and plant origin, and another part for processed food and food processing facilities.

2.1. Department of inspection of products of plant origin (DIPOV) : this department is divided into: General Coordination of

Plant Quality (CGCV) is related to the coordination of inspections in plant health, and the General Coordination of wines and beverages (CGVB).

1. CGQV: To guarantee the safety and quality of plant products, the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Supply, through the action of the General Coordination of Plant Quality (CGQV), acts in the classification and certification of identity and quality, inspecting establishments that prepare, package and market plant products intended for human consumption or processing.

2. GVCB: The federal beverage legislation establishes throughout the national territory the obligation to register, standardize, classify, inspect and control the production and sale of beverages, with the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Supply (Map) in charge of providing this federal public service. . Control and inspection applies to nationally produced beverages and imported products, which must follow Brazilian identity and quality standards. They are the plant inspection services of the Federal Superintendencies of Agriculture, Livestock and Supply (SFAs) in the Federation dependencies that inspect and supervise establishments and products in the area of wines and beverages, following the guidelines of the

General Coordination of Wines and Beverages (CGVB),

## **2.2 Department of Inspection of Products of Plant Origin (DIPOA):**

Brazilian sanitary regulations oblige all exporters of fishery products and products of animal origin in general to register with the Department of Inspection of Products of Animal Origin (DIPOA) of MAPA (<https://www.gov.br/agricultura/pt-br/internacional/espanol/exportacion/animal-1/productos-de-origen-animal/registro-e-habilitacao-para-estabelecimentos>). All imports of products and by-products of animal origin subject to sanitary and phytosanitary requirements must be inspected at the port of entry. Likewise, the import licenses for these products are not automatic because they are subject to prior approval by DIPOA and generally must be processed before the product is shipped.

The DIPOA is represented in the Federation Units according to the structure of the Federal Superintendence of Agriculture, Livestock and Supply - SFA. In the SFA, the DIPOA is represented by the Animal Products Inspection Service - SIPOA, or by the Animal Health and Inspection Service - SISA, or, by the Animal Supplies Inspection and Health Inspection Service - SIFISA.

To guarantee products of animal origin that are not harmful to health and compliance with national and foreign

legislation, DIPOA also has the Federal Inspection Services – SIF, working with each establishment registered in DIPOA.

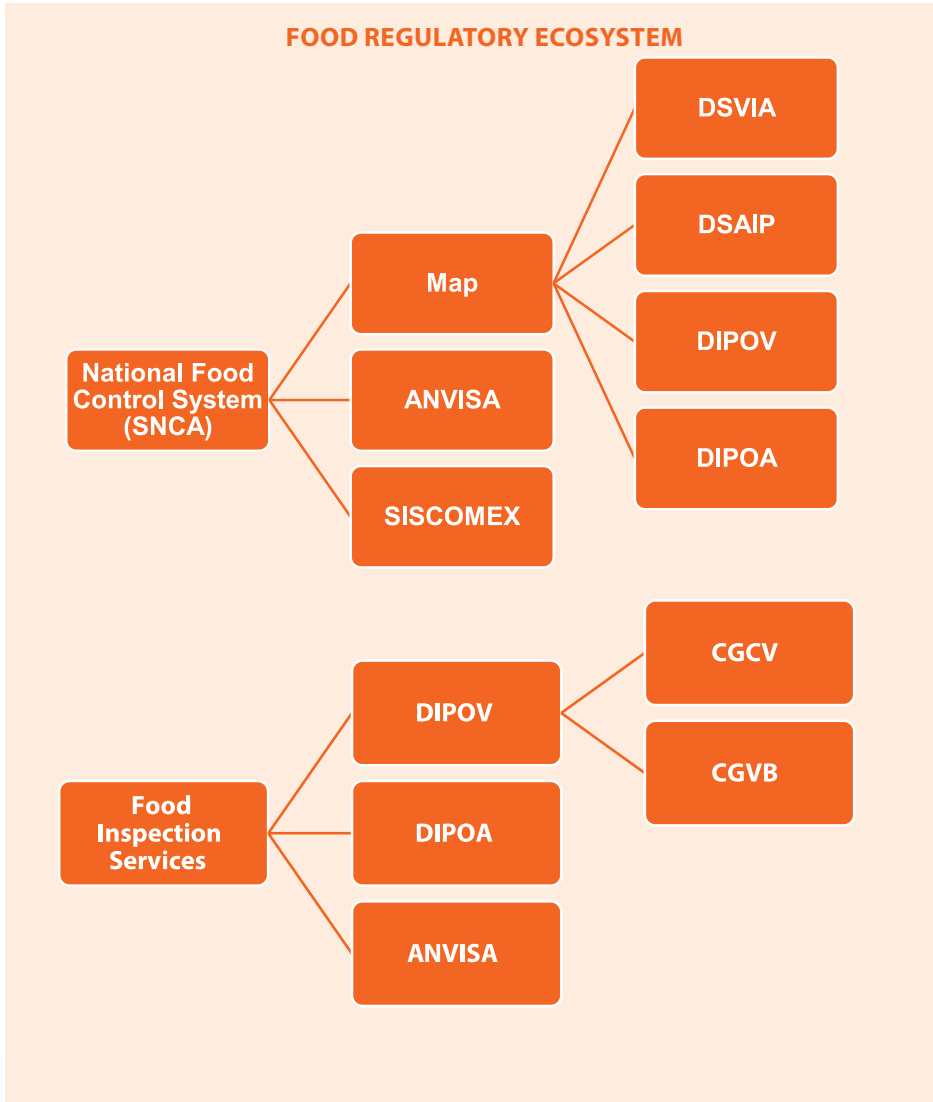
The Inspection of Products of Animal Origin in the country is not exclusive to the Ministry of Agriculture. The States and Municipalities have specific legislation on the matter. Therefore, it is also a commitment of DIPOA/SDA/MAPA to promote the integration between the State and Municipal Inspection Services.

This integration occurs through management actions of the Brazilian System for the Inspection of Animal Products – SISBIPOA (<https://www.gov.br/agricultura/pt-br/assuntos/suasa/sisbi-1>), made up of the Federal Inspection Service – SIF, the State Inspection Services – SIE and the Municipal Inspection Services – SIM.

2.3 ANVISA: All processed food products sold in Brazil must comply with the health and food safety standards established by Anvisa, which prohibit the trade in adulterated or mislabeled foods and regulates the additives and colorings that can be used. In addition, it is the body responsible for the sanitary control of products and services, including the environments, processes, supplies and technologies related to them. It exercises control of ports, airports, borders and customs facilities installed in primary and secondary areas, and acts on international issues related to health surveillance.

Sanitary requirements vary according to the type of product, so it is recommended that exporters verify in advance those requirements applicable to the products of interest, as well as coordinate timely compliance with the

importer to avoid complications at the border. The requirements can be verified on the Anvisa website and in the sanitary surveillance legislation search system on the following page <https://www.gov.br/anvisa/pt-br/assuntos/alimentos>



## FOOD TESTING FACILITIES:

The National Institute of Metrology, Quality and Technology - Inmetro - is a federal agency, linked to the Special Secretariat for Productivity, Employment and Competitiveness, of the Ministry of Economy. The Institute acts as Executive Secretariat of the National Council for Metrology, Standardization and Industrial Quality (Concerto ), an inter-ministerial collegiate body, which is the regulatory body of the National System for Metrology, Standardization and Industrial Quality (Sinmetro) <https://www.gov.br/inmetro/pt-br/aceso-a-informacao/participacao-social/sinmetro>

Within the scope of its broad institutional mission, Inmetro aims to strengthen national companies, increasing their productivity through the adoption of mechanisms aimed at improving the quality and safety of products and services.

Among the organizations that make up **Sinmetro** , the following can be listed as the main ones:

- Conmetro and its Technical Committees (<https://www.gov.br/inmetro/pt-br/aceso-a-informacao/participacao-social/conmetro>)
- inmetro
- Accredited Certification Bodies (Quality Systems, Environmental Management Systems, Products and Personnel)
- Accredited Inspection Bodies
- Accredited training organizations
- Accredited proficiency testing body

- Accredited Laboratories – Calibrations and Tests – RBC/RBLE
- Brazilian Association of Technical Standards – ABNT
- State Institutes of Weights and Measures – IPEM
- State Metrological Networks

Other risk assessments performed by Anvisa to establish maximum levels (ML) of contaminants in the legislation or related to the approbation of novel foods or food additives required by the food industry are not available for public consultation.

### Official Laboratory

Ministry of Health - Official laboratories related to food safety are stated by Decree-Law 986/1969 National Agriculture Laboratory (LANAGRO)

### Official Competence

Official laboratories related to food safety are stated by Decree-Law 986/1969 (title 2, subclaus XVI) as a specific technical institution of Ministry of Health or with the same assignments in states, counties and federal district, with delegated authority. Decree 2031/2004 defined the structure of SISLAB (Brazilian System of Laboratories of Public Health), which definition of the units of Brazilian Network of Health Surveillance Laboratories. Those laboratories are listed below:

INCQS: National Institute of Health Quality Control

LACEN AC: Public Health Laboratory of Acre

LACEN AL: Public Health Laboratory of

## Alagoas

LACEN AP: Health Public Laboratory of Amapá

LACEN AM: Public Health Laboratory of Amazonas

LACEN BA: Health Public Laboratory of Bahia

LACEN CE: Health Public Laboratory of Ceará

LACEN DF: Health Public Laboratory of Distrito Federal

LACEN ES: Health Public Laboratory of Espírito Santo

LACEN GO: Health Public Laboratory of Goiás

LACEN MA: Health Public Laboratory of Maranhão

LACEN MT: Health Public Laboratory of Mato Grosso

LACEN MS: Health Public Laboratory of Mato Grosso do Sul

LACEN MG: Health Public Laboratory of Minas Gerais

LACEN PA: Health Public Laboratory of Pará

LACEN PB: Health Public Laboratory of Paraíba

LACEN PR: Health Public Laboratory of Paraná

LACEN PE: Health Public Laboratory of Pernambuco

LACEN PI: Health Public Laboratory of Piauí

LACEN RJ: Health Public Laboratory of Rio de Janeiro

LACEN RN: Health Public Laboratory of Rio Grande do Norte

LACEN RS: Health Public Laboratory of Rio Grande do Sul

LACEN RO: Public Health Laboratory of Rondônia

LACEN RR: Public Health Laboratory of Roraima

LACEN SC: Public Health Laboratory of Santa Catarina

LACEN SP: Public Health Laboratory of São Paulo

LACEN SE: Public Health Laboratory of Sergipe

LACEN TO: Public Health Laboratory of Tocantins

County Laboratory of Belo Horizonte

County Laboratory of Manaus

County Laboratory of Recife

County Laboratory of Rio de Janeiro

County Laboratory of São Paulo

Analytical capability of those laboratories are available in: <http://portal.anvisa.gov.br/laboratorios-analiticos>

Law 9.782/1999 created Anvisa, defined the Brazilian System of Health Surveillance (SNVS) and established their competencies. According this law, one of the responsibilities of Anvisa is coordinate the network of official laboratories (title 7, subclaus XVII) [http://www.planalto.gov.br/ccivil\\_03/leis/L9782.html](http://www.planalto.gov.br/ccivil_03/leis/L9782.html)

MAPA has six official laboratories, designed as National Agriculture Laboratory (LANAGRO) involved in food safety. They are located in Porto Alegre/RS, Campinas/SP, Pedro Leopoldo/MG, Goiânia/GO, Recife/PE and Belém/PA, all of them accredited in ISO 17025.

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- **Weblinks to access Food Act/ Regulations/ Standards:**

Exporters must use Siscomex to find out if the product of their interest is subject to technical regulations regulated by Inmetro . Conformity assessment should be understood as any procedure aimed at determining that the standards set forth in a technical regulation or in technical quality standards are effectively met. The objective of the system is to generate confidence that the products or services offered comply with the established technical and quality standards. According to the Brazilian authorities, compliance fosters fair competition, stimulates continuous quality improvement, informs and protects the consumer, and facilitates foreign trade.

In Brazil, the institution that establishes these standards is the General Accreditation Agency ( CGCREINMETRO ). The conformity assessment of a product can be carried out through five main mechanisms; Certification, Declaration of conformity by the supplier, Labeling, Inspection and Testing.

- Food labeling: The Consumer Protection Code establishes that product labeling must provide accurate information on product quality, quantity, composition, price, guarantee, expiration date, origin, and possible health risks. human.
- Resolution of the Collegiate Directorate (RDC) 429/2020 (<http://antigo.anvisa.gov.br/legislacao#/visualizar/434473>)
- Instrução Normativa (IN) 75/2020 (<http://antigo.anvisa.gov.br/legislacao#/visualizar/434474>)

The Technical Regulation for the labeling of packaged products of animal origin. This technical regulation will be applied to any product of animal origin intended for interstate and international commerce.

- Compliance with Microbiological Standards The required microbiological criteria of sanitary quality and safety must be met. The tolerances of the microorganisms present in the samples analyzed are described in Resolution – RDC No. 12, of January 2, 2001.

Other food regulations are available on the Anvisa website at the following link: ( [http://antigo.anvisa.gov.br/en\\_US/regulation](http://antigo.anvisa.gov.br/en_US/regulation) )

The regulations are divided into those for products that include: food, sanitizers, pesticides, among others (<https://www.gov.br/anvisa/pt-br/english/regulation-of-productos>) and regulations for to companies based on Good Manufacturing Practices for the different industries that fall under its jurisdiction (<https://www.gov.br/anvisa/pt-br/english/regulation-of-companies>)

<https://www.achipia.gob.cl/iica-perfil-brasil/>

<https://epingalert.org/en/EnquiryPoint/tbt-nep>

<https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/about-codex/members/detail/en/c/15600/>

# BULGARIA

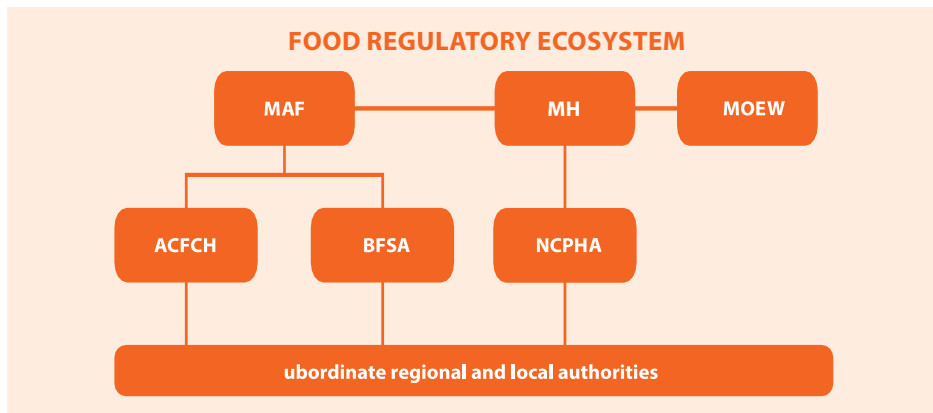
In January 2011, the Bulgarian Parliament, following a political decision, established a new public authority by adopting the Law on the Bulgarian Food Safety Agency (BFSA). BFSA, within the Ministry of Agriculture and Food (MAF), is responsible for the official control on safety of food and feed throughout the food chain. Together with the agency, a Risk Assessment Center (RAC) was created.

Initially the RAC was established in 2011 and functioned within BFSA structure until 2016. Since 01 October 2016, following another political decision, the Law on RACFCH was adopted and the center was separated from the agency as an independent legal entity

under MAF. RACFCH is the main authority in Bulgaria engaged in risk assessment and risk communication related to the food chain. Its risk assessments and scientific opinions are published on the Internet unless there are statutory provisions that prohibit it.

<https://corh.v.government.bg/administration--c-51>

MAF is responsible for agricultural policy along the food chain. It prepares draft legislation related to animal health, food and feed safety and is responsible for implementing official controls of animal health, food and feed.



## FOOD AUTHORITIES:

### Ministry of Agriculture and Food (MAF)

Within the Ministry of Agriculture and Food (MAF), the Agro-Food Chain Policy Directorate is responsible for the development, coordination and implementation of the

state policy in the fields of quality and safety of food and feed, animal health, plant health and plant reproductive material, and border control on food chain safety.

The Directorate is responsible for preparations and is involved in the

development and coordination of draft legislative acts in the respective fields, coordination of control authorities within the Ministry, and in the coordination and preparation of a single multiannual national control plan in implementation of Regulation (EU) 2017/625. It also coordinates activities of the Ministry with the Ministry of Health, other agencies and branch organisations in the context of the quality and safety of food and feed, animal health, plant health and plant reproductive material, and border control along the food chain, and also coordinates activities between the Ministry and Bulgarian Food Safety Agency (BFSA). The Agro-Food Chain Policy Directorate is also responsible for market authorisation of genetically modified organisms (GMOs). It also serves as the national contact point in the Republic of Bulgaria for the following systems: Rapid Alert System for Food and Feed (RASFF), Administrative Assistance and Cooperation System (AAC), Food Fraud Network, the integrated computerised veterinary system called TRACES (Trade Control and Expert System), Plant Protection Products Application Management System (PPPAMS) of the European Commission, International Food Safety Authorities Network (INFOSAN), and maintains their functioning.

### **Ministry of Health (MH)**

The Ministry of Health (MH) is responsible for health policy and safety of bottled natural mineral, spring and table water (Directive 98/83/EC) and the investigation of food borne outbreaks. In the area of food safety, MH is involved in drafting

EU horizontal legislation and is responsible for the harmonisation of that legislation into national provisions as well as the coordination of inspection of control activities, which are carried out by Regional Health Inspectorates. The national centres of public health under MH conduct risk assessment on issues related to human health.

The portfolio of MH encompasses, amongst other things, novel foods, baby food, foods for special medical purposes, health claims, food supplements, GMOs, contaminants and residues of plant protection products and food contact materials.

Two National Reference Laboratories are attached to the MH pursuant to Regulation (EC) No. 882/2004 for GMOs and for food contact materials.

### **Ministry of Environment and Water (MOEW)**

The Ministry of Environment and Water (MOEW) deals with environmental policy and the management and protection of water.

### **Bulgarian Food Safety Agency (BFSA)**

BFSA is the competent government authority responsible for official controls in Bulgaria with respect to phytosanitary issues, plant protection products and fertilisers, veterinary activities, animal health and welfare, animal by-products not intended for human consumption, feedstuff, raw materials and foodstuff, with the exception of bottled natural mineral, spring and table water, materials and articles intended for contact with food, and the quality compliance of

fresh fruits and vegetables with the European Commission standards for placing on the market. BFSA comprises 17 (seventeen)/ directorates, which are aligned with the abovementioned activities.

The agency's central office is in Sofia. It also has 28 Regional Food Safety Directorates distributed across the country. They are responsible for the implementation of the official controls at regional level. Each RFS is managed by a Director responsible for the implementation of the official controls in the region.

### **Risk Assessment Center on Food Chain (RACFCH)**

The Risk Assessment Center on Food Chain (RACFCH) was created by the adoption of the Law on RACFCH and its Code of Organisation in 2016. It is managed by a director and assisted by an Advisory Board (on which MAFF and MH are represented). RACFCH is an independent legal entity within the structure of MAFF, a second level budget unit to the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Forestry.

RACFCH provides independent scientific assessments of risks related to food safety, human health, animal health and welfare, food and feed additives, GMOs, dietetic products, nutrition and allergens, materials and articles intended for contact with food, enzymes, flavourings and supporting substances, biological hazards, contaminants, plant health and plant protection. RACFCH carries out activities for the approval, renewal, and review of approval of active substances, safeners and synergists with the

terms and conditions of Regulation (EC) No. 107/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market.

RACFCH works in close collaboration with EFSA and other national and international scientific institutions in the food and feed risk assessment area. The EFSA Advisory Forum representative and the national EFSA Focal Point are located within RACFCH.

### **National Center of Public Health and Analysis (NCPHA)**

The National Center of Public Health and Analysis (NCPHA) is subordinate to MH and deals with health protection, health education and nutrition. NCPHA is responsible for the publication of risk assessments in the field of nutrition and hygiene and is also responsible for microbiological hazards, contaminants, biological hazards, chemical contaminants in the food chain, residues of plant protection products, GMOs, food contact materials, heavy metals, food supplements, food additives, novel foods and mineral water.

## **REGIONAL AND LOCAL LEVELS**

Bulgaria consists of 28 administrative regions with 264 municipalities. Inspections at regional and local levels are conducted by authorities that are subordinate to the central government (headquarters). Both MH and MAF have 28 regional services which report their activities to the central level in the ministries.

## FOOD TESTING FACILITIES:

Within of the Bulgarian Food Safety Agency (BFSA) there are 14 specialized structures for science, research and laboratory-diagnostic activities and 35 NRLs (Animal health, Food and Feed, Plant Health). 5 NRLs are outside the structure of BFSA. The laboratories are accredited according to the requirements of EN ISO/IEC 17025 and carry out tests in the area of food and feed safety and animal health.

Laboratories for testing samples for the official control of the BFSA are set by an order of the Executive Director of Bulgarian Food Safety Agency.

Within BFSA there are nine Regional Testing laboratories (RTL) located in the following Regional Food Safety Directorate (RFSD): RFSD-Blagoevgrad, RFSD-Varna, RFSD-Vratsa, RFSD-Gabrovo, RFSD-Plovdiv, RFSD-Sofia city, RFSD-Sliven, RFSD-Haskovo and RFSD-Shumen. The RTL carry out tests of samples taken from more than one region in the country according to a distribution schedule. Their work is methodologically coordinated by the NRLs and HQ of BFSA. Since 2013, the eight regional laboratories have extended the scope of their accreditation and perform microbiological and physicochemical tests of food from non-animal origin.

### 1. National Diagnostic Research Veterinary Institute (NDRVI) – Sofia

The NDRVI in Sofia is a specialized body of the BFSA on diagnostics and research activities in the field of animal health. The NDRVI's reference activities are

organized within 19 NRLs that have been designated the Minister of Agriculture and Food.

#### 1.1 National Centre on Food Safety.

- NRL Salmonella, campylobacter, Staphylococcus and antimicrobial resistance;
- NRL Listeria, Escherichia coli and Viruses in food;
- NRL Marine biotoxins;
- NRL Water content in poultry meat.

#### 1.2 National Centre on Animal Health

- NRL Rabies and Anthrax
- NRL Brucellosis
- NRL Transmissible spongiform encephalopathies (TSE)
- NRL Parasites (in particular Trichinella, Echinococcus and Anisakis)
- NRL Leptospirosis
- NRL Tuberculosis
- NRL Enzootic bovine leucosis
- NRL Animal proteins in feeding stuffs

#### 1.3 Testing Laboratory for Exotic and Extremely Dangerous Infections

- NRL Classical Swine Fever (CSF) and African swine fever and Capripoxviruses;
- NRL Foot-and-mouth disease and Ovine rinderpest;
- NRL African horse sickness;
- NRL Avian influenza and New castle disease;
- NRL Bluetongue.

#### **1.4 Testing Laboratory for aquaculture, aquatic animals and bee diseases.**

- NRL Fish diseases, mollusk diseases and crustacean diseases.
- NRL Honey bee health

#### **2. Central Laboratory for Veterinary Control and Ecology (CLVCE) - Sofia**

- NRL for residues of anabolic medicines and unauthorized substances in biological fluids, raw materials and food of animal origin (Group A (1), (2), (3), (4), (5) and (6) to Directive 96/23/EU);
- NRL for residues of veterinary medicines in biological fluids, raw materials and food of animal origin (Group B (1), (2)(a), (b), (d), (e) and B (3)(e) to Directive 96/23/EU);
- NRL for residues of environmental contaminants in raw materials and food of animal origin (B (2)(c), (3)(a), (3)(b), (3)(c) and (3)(d) to Directive 96/23/EU);
- NRL for residues of gamma-emitting radio nuclides in water, beverages, feed, raw materials and food (B (3) (f) to Directive 96/23/EU);
- NRL for safety and quality of honey and bee products.

#### **3. Central Laboratory for Chemical Testing and Control (CLCTC) - Sofia.**

Together with the HQ of BFSA, this

laboratory is responsible for drafting and implementation of the National Monitoring Program for Pesticide Residues in food of plant origin. It is also responsible for official control of plant protection products and fertilizers.

- NRL for single pesticide residue methods including from organic production;
- NRL for pesticide residues in fruits and vegetables including commodities with high water and high acid content, as well as from organic production;
- NRL for mycotoxins in foods of plant origin as well as from organic production;
- NRL for heavy metals in foods of plant origin including from organic production and in animal feed
- NRL for Analysis of mycotoxins in feed

#### **4. Central Laboratory for Plant Quarantine (CLPQ):**

This is the official reference laboratory as regards plants, plant products and harmful organisms. It carries out phytosanitary laboratory analyses; final diagnostics and identification of harmful organisms; investigates tests and introduces new methods of analysis and ways to control the quarantine of pests; prepares information materials on quarantine pests and carries out training of phytosanitary specialists. It is located in Sofia and has a branch in Samokov. The CLPQ supervises the activity of seven Regional and Border Inspection

Posts' (BIP) laboratories, validates positive and suspect results and issues the methodology for analyses. It is also involved in coordinating regional activities, issuing methodological guidelines for inspection and drafting monitoring programs.

- NRL for insects and mites
- NRL for nematodes
- NRL for bacteria
- NRL for fungi and oomycetes
- NRL for viruses, viruses and phytoplasmas

#### 5. **Central Laboratory for Quality of Grain and Feed (CLQGF)**

CLQGF Directorate is organized in one central and four regional laboratories.

- Central Laboratory for Grain and Feed Qualification - Sofia;
- Regional Unit, Burgas;
- Regional Unit, Varna;
- Regional Unit, Dobrich;
- Regional Unit, Pleven.

6. Testing laboratory "Laboratory activities" at RFSD - Blagoevgrad
7. Testing laboratory for diagnosis and control at RFSD - Varna
8. Testing Laboratory for Veterinary Sanitary Expertise and Diagnosis of Animal Diseases at RFSD - Vratsa
9. Testing Laboratory at RFSD - Gabrovo
10. Testing laboratory of the Laboratory Activities Department at the RFSD -

Plovdiv

11. Testing laboratory of the Laboratory Activities Department at the RFSD - Sliven
12. Department "Food Safety and Quality" at RFSD - Sofia city
  - NRL Milk and milk products
13. Testing laboratory of the Laboratory Activities Department at the RFSD - Haskovo
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#### **Bulgarian legislation:**

##### **Laws:**

<https://bfsa.egov.bg/wps/portal/bfsa-web/about.bfsa/normative.documents/bulgarian.legislation/laws>

**Ordinances:**

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MAF

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RACFCH

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<https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/about-codex/members/detail/en/c/15566/>

# BURKINA FASO

To ensure the safety of exported and imported foods, Laboratoire National de Santé Publique (LNSP) under Ministry of Health is the main regulatory authority. The Institut de Recherche en Science Appliquée et Technologie/ Département de Technologie Alimentaire (IRSAT/DTA) is working mainly on the food quality control and research in food and nutritional sector.

## FOOD SAFETY AUTHORITIES

**Laboratoire National de Santé Publique (LNSP):** LNSP is a public establishment under to the Ministry of Health responsible for the quality control of health products, food, water and beverages pesticides, cosmetics, tobacco,

and cigarettes (and all other products and articles likely to constitute threats to health). LNSP controls are followed by the issuance of a sanitary quality certificate.

**Institut de Recherche en Science Appliquée et Technologie/ Département de Technologie Alimentaire (IRSAT/DTA):** The Institute is responsible for Research & development in food and nutritional sector, Food quality control, Supporting the Agri-food industry development, Technology and skills transfer, Promotion of equipment and processes in the food industry Consulting support for the implementation of the quality approach.

## FOOD REGULATORY ECOSYSTEM

**Ministry of Health**  
**LNSP (Laboratoire National de Santé Publique )**

**Institut de Recherche en Science Appliquée et Technologie/ Département de Technologie Alimentaire (IRSAT/DTA)**

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# CAMBODIA

The food safety in Cambodia is ensured by relevant ministries such as the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Agricultural Forestry and Fisheries, Ministry of Industry, Mines and Energy and Ministry of Commerce. While each ministry has capacity, surveillance of contamination (chemical, physical and biological) in food, food toxicity and food borne diseases are limited. Ministries jointly work and are responsible for the food safety management from farm to table. There is the Law on the Management of Quality and Safety of Products and Services adopted in the year 2000 and focuses on all commercial enterprises, all manufacturing for commercial purposes, importers, exporters and merchants, service providers, advertisers of products, goods, and services; especially regarding the inspection procedures and border control, for the quality and safety of products, goods and services. In 2022, the Law on Food Safety was established. The law sets out the framework and mechanisms for managing and ensuring safety, quality, hygiene and the legitimacy of food in all stages of the food production chain, to provide protection of health and food safety

for consumers and to ensure fair food trade. The Law addresses a range of key issues for the food and beverage industry including technical regulations and minimum requirements; import controls; labelling; and inspection, competent authorities, and penalties. The Ministry of Commerce has the authority to lead, coordinate the management of food quality and safety in collaboration with ministries and institutions involved in food quality and safety. The law provides the minimum requirements for food, i.e. Food must be safe for consumption; Food may not be imported, manufactured, processed, or sold in a fraudulent or deceptive manner; Consumers must receive “adequate information” as defined in the law, including information on the food’s origin, ingredients, nutritional value, calorific content, user guidelines, and storage guidelines. Food must meet the minimum hygiene, packaging, and labelling requirements detailed in the law; Food classified as high-risk must be properly registered; and Storage of food must meet the safety and quality conditions set by the competent ministries.

## FOOD REGULATORY ECOSYSTEM

**Ministry of Agricultural  
Forestry and Fisheries  
(MAFF)**

**Ministry of  
Commerce-Consumer  
Protection Competition  
and Fraud Repression  
(CCF)**

**Ministry of Health-Food  
Safety Bureau**

## FOOD SAFETY AUTHORITIES

### **Ministry of Agricultural Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF):**

MAFF has a key role in managing and control safety and quality of agricultural products (raw materials, primary production, processing) as they enter the food chain. Inspection of phyto-sanitary, agricultural chemical residue, animal health and animal sanitation, and agricultural material used are all done by MAFF officers.

### **Ministry of Commerce (MoC):**

For the control of food, CCF officers under the MoC inspect import foods at the point of entry as well as foods exports, and inspect all food in the markets throughout the country. The CCF activities focus on preventing the distribution of unsafe, poor quality, adulterated, misbranded or contamination in products including foods. The use of halal sign and halal logos on restaurant, canteen labels and on food and

non-food packaging is also being checked by CCF officials. Under CCF, there are six (06) departments: Department of General Affair and Public Relation, Department of Consumer Protection, Department of Laboratory, Department of Competition, Department of Halal, Department of Technical Affair.

### **Ministry of Health-Food Safety Bureau:**

The Food safety Bureau responsible for the food safety and good manufacturing practices (GMP) (food hygiene, phytosanitary, inspection, animal health and products derived from animal production), in restaurants and similar food service establishments before reaching the consumers. In addition, there are a number of regulations such as registration of industrial products, standards for labeling of food products, standards on general for a model third-party certification system for products and quality control and safety of food is being looked the Bureau.

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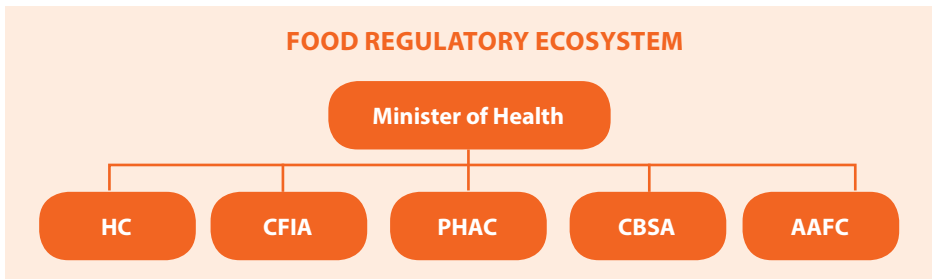
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CAMBODIA

# CANADA

In Canada, food safety is governed by the Safe Food for Canadians Regulations. Canada's Minister of Health is responsible for maintaining and improving the health of Canadians. Canada's constitution allows all three levels of government (federal, provincial and municipal) to enact food safety and quality legislation. Federal food

safety functions are distributed among five departments or agencies: Health Canada, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA), the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC), Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC) and the Agency Canada Border Services (CBSA).



## FOOD SAFETY AUTHORITIES:

### Health Canada (HC):

Health Canada is the federal department responsible for helping Canadians maintain and improve their health. Health Canada is a science-based department. As a regulator, Health Canada is responsible for establishing policies, regulations, standards and guidelines related to the safety and nutritional quality of all food sold in Canada. Health Canada develops food safety and nutritional regulations, policies and guidance under the Food and Drugs Act. This act governs the safety and nutritional quality of food sold in Canada.

### Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA):

CFIA is a science-based regulatory body

dedicated to protecting the health and well-being of Canadians by safeguarding Canada's food supply and the plants and animals upon which safe, high-quality food depends. It is the body responsible for administering and enforcing federal statutes and regulations which regulate the safety and quality of food sold in Canada, while supporting a sustainable animal and plant resource base. The CFIA shares many of its core responsibilities with other federal departments and agencies, with provincial, territorial and municipal authorities, private industry, and national/international stakeholders.

The CFIA works with its partners to implement food safety measures; manage food, animal and plant risks, incidents and emergencies; and promote the development of food safety and disease control systems to maintain the

safety of Canada's high-quality agriculture, agri-food, aquaculture and fishery products. The Agency's activities include: verifying the compliance of domestic and imported products; licensing and inspecting establishments; testing food, animals, plants and their related products; approving the use of many agricultural inputs; and, research and development to support monitoring programs and food safety investigations

With respect to food safety, CFIA is responsible for assessing the compliance of imported and domestic food with policies, regulations, standards and guidelines set by Health Canada. Where potential issues with compliance are identified CFIA and/or Health Canada performs a risk assessment to determine the level of risk posed to Canadian consumers. Each food safety incident is assessed, taking into consideration numerous factors such as volume of distribution, hazard type, processing and consumer handling practices, while balancing the weight of evidence and applying appropriate precautions. Risk assessments are one of the inputs used by the Agency when making risk management decisions

### **Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC):**

PHAC has been created to deliver on the Government of Canada's commitment to help protect the health and safety of all Canadians. Its activities focus on preventing chronic diseases, preventing injuries and responding to public health emergencies and infectious disease outbreaks. The main mandates of PHAC are to contribute to federal efforts to identify and reduce public

health risk factors and to support national readiness for public health threats, including carrying out disease surveillance and control activities, with an emphasis on promoting cooperation with provincial and territorial governments.

### **Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA):**

CBSA assists in the administration and enforcement of legislation that applies to imported products. It is responsible for the initial inspection of imports conducted at airports and other Canadian entry points. Customs inspectors review import documentation and ensure that all required permits, certificates and licenses, including those from other government departments, are filed before goods are released, perform examinations of shipments to verify that the information or the documents presented at the time of dispatch are those pertinent to the merchandise in question.

CBSA officers are present at strategic border points and carry out activities to protect the safety of imported food. The CFIA communicates with the CBSA during border inspections and takes advantage of the CBSA's border surveillance process to identify high-risk merchandise. The two agencies share intelligence and information when developing risk management options to address specific situations.

### **Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC):**

AAFC primarily contributes to the research and development of on-farm food safety programs.

## KEY ACTS AND REGULATIONS

### The **Food and Drugs Act** and the **Food and Drug Regulations**

The intent of the *Food and Drugs Act* (FDA) is to protect Canadians against health hazards and fraud in the sale of foods, drugs, cosmetics and medical devices, whether these items are domestic or imported products.

The *Food and Drug Regulations* (FDR), as they apply to food, prescribe, among other things, the labelling of all prepackaged foods, including requirements for ingredient list, nutrition labelling, durable life dates, nutrient content claims, health claims and foods for special dietary use. It also sets out bilingual (French and English) labelling requirements.

Additionally, the FDR includes requirements related to, *inter alia*: standards of composition for a wide range of foods; maximum levels (MLs) and maximum residue limits (MRLs) for pest control products, veterinary drugs and other chemical substances; food additives; food packaging materials; foods for special dietary use; infant foods and formula; and novel foods.

Health Canada exercises this mandate under the authority of the *Food and Drugs Act* and pursue its regulatory mandate under the *Food and Drug Regulations*. All health and safety standards under the *Food and Drug Regulations* are enforced by the CFIA.

### The **Safe Food for Canadians Act** and **Regulations**

The *Safe Food for Canadians Act* (SFCA)

improves Canada's food safety system and helps manage risk to protect Canadian families. The legislation draws together food inspection regulations previously administered under four different Acts into one overarching law. This enables the CFIA to apply consistent regulatory requirements and inspection approaches across all regulated food commodities.

The *Safe Food for Canadians Regulations* (SFCR) generally apply to all food for human consumption (including ingredients) that is imported, exported, and interprovincially traded (food that crosses a provincial border). It also applies to the slaughter of food animals from which meat products to be exported or inter-provincially traded may be derived. Some of the traceability, labelling and advertising provisions also apply to intraprovincially traded foods (food that does not cross a provincial border).

By consolidating 14 sets of food regulations into a single set of regulations, the SFCR: improves consistency of rules across all types of foods, and between food businesses; reduces administrative burden, and; enables food businesses to be innovative through outcome-based provisions.

There are three fundamental new elements in the SFCR:

- **Licensing:** This enables the CFIA to: authorize persons to conduct certain activities through licensing; identify food businesses, collect information about the activities of food businesses; and take responsive action when non-

compliant activities are found.

- **Preventive Controls:** This describes key food safety control principles that must be met by all food businesses. It also outlines the requirements for developing, implementing, and maintaining a written preventive control plan that documents how food businesses meet food safety, humane treatment and consumer protection requirements (for example, for labelling, packaging, standards of identity, grades, and net quantity).
- **Traceability:** This requires that food

be traced forward to the immediate customer and backward to the immediate supplier (one step forward, one step back).

**Laboratory services:** The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) has a network of 13 research and reference laboratories across Canada. With combined expertise in animal and plant health, exotic animal diseases and food safety, the Laboratories provide the scientific expertise and knowledge necessary to inform the development of standards and implement a risk-based approach to keep Canada's food safe.

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Canada Border Services Agency website: <https://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/menu-eng.html>

Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada website: <https://agriculture.canada.ca/en>

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CFIA - List of acts and regulations:

<https://inspection.canada.ca/about-cfia/acts-and-regulations/list-of-acts-and-regulations/eng/1419029096537/1419029097256>

Health Canada - List of Acts and Regulations:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/corporate/about-health-canada/legislation-guidelines/acts-regulations/list-acts-regulations.html>

# CHILE

## FOOD SAFETY AUTHORITIES

### Ministry of Health (MOH):

The MOH's Office of Food and Nutrition regulates food and non-alcoholic beverages for human consumption. It is the competent authority for all food products to be consumed in Chile whether they were produced in Chile or imported.

### Ministry of Agriculture (MOA):

**SAG:** MOA's Agricultural and Livestock Service (SAG) regulates feed for animals, including pet food and feed supplements. SAG is also responsible for enforcing specific regulations concerning alcoholic beverages, certification of organic foods, animal and plant quarantine, animal products for human consumption (delegated by MOH), and beef grading and labeling. SAG oversees food safety aspects of primary food products for export (fruits and vegetables, and meat products), it has no mandate for processed

food products intended to be exported.

**ACHIPIA:** ACHIPIA is a presidential advisory commission that administratively depends on the Ministry of Agriculture through its undersecretary. Its function is to formulate the National Food Safety and Quality Policy and lead its implementation on national plans, programs and other measures developed by the public bodies with competence in the matter (SAG, MINSAL, SERNAPESCA and SUBREI), serving as a coordinating and articulating entity with the food industry, the scientific community, food producers and consumers.

### Ministry of Economy (MOE):

**SERNAPESCA:** The National Fisheries and Aquaculture Service SERNAPESCA is an entity dependent on the Ministry of Economy, Development and Tourism and is the competent Authority in the control of the safety of export fishing and aquaculture products (including processed products)

## FOOD REGULATORY ECOSYSTEM

Ministry of Health  
(MOH)

Ministry of Agriculture  
(MOA)

Ministry of Economy  
(MOE)

## FOOD TESTING FACILITIES:

### Ministry of Health (MINSAL):

It has a coordinated network of 19 environmental laboratories across Chile, these attend specialties according to national needs and with different degrees of development and analytical capacity, additionally there is the Institute of Public Health of Chile (ISP), which is the reference body of the Chile, promoting and protecting the health of the population, strengthening sanitary control through surveillance, authorization, inspection, research and technology transfer.

### Agricultural and Livestock Service (SAG):

SAG has two types of laboratories, official and authorized. The official laboratories belong to the Department of Laboratories of the SAG, four of which deal with food safety. Authorized laboratories, correspond to those external to the Service (private) that carry out one or more determined analyzes within the framework of the official SAG programs.

### National Fisheries Service (SERNAPESCA):

SERNAPESCA does not have laboratories. However, it has the legal authority to delegate inspection, sampling, analysis, and collection to authorized private laboratories. These laboratories must meet a series of requirements to have the authorization, among which are: to have the accreditation for testing laboratories granted by the National Institute of Standardization (INN), under NCH ISO 17025 and specifically, under the INN-SERNAPESCA agreement,

and have the recognition as a Public Health Bromatology Laboratory granted by the MOH.

ACHIPIA has a repository of information on the analytical capacities of public, private, university and internal control laboratories, which carry out analyzes in food and water. This repository is called the Integrated System of Food Laboratories (SILA) and is located on the website [sil.achipia.gob.cl](http://sil.achipia.gob.cl). This platform has the functionality of operating as a laboratory search engine, either by country region variables, by parameters (assays) and by laboratories belonging to each institution or service with competencies in food control:

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# CHINA

In China, the food safety work is launched by Food Safety law and Agri food quality and safety Law. The Food Safety Law (2009, revised in 2015) is being implemented by the State Council's Food Safety Commission and health administration. The Food Safety law includes the fundamental hygiene requirements for the manufacture,

processing, distribution and sale of food, mandatory safety assessment requirements for food additives and novel foods, legal requirements for standards, specification for food, food additives, reporting of food borne disease incidents, record keeping, risk assessment, and import and export inspection and certification systems.

## FOOD REGULATORY ECOSYSTEM

**Ministry of Agriculture  
and Rural Affairs  
(MARA)**

**General  
Administration of  
Customs of People's  
Republic of China  
(GACC)**

**State Administration  
for Market Regulation  
(SAMR)**

## FOOD SAFETY AUTHORITIES:

### **Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs**

**(MARA):** The Ministry of Agriculture is a component of the State Council in charge of agriculture and rural economic development. MARA is responsible for drawing up agricultural industry policies, direct the rational structural adjustment of agricultural industries, rational allocation of agricultural resources and improvement of produce quality; to put forward policy suggestions regarding prices of agricultural products and means of agricultural production, tariff adjustment, circulation of agricultural staples, rural credit, taxation and rural financial subsidies; to organize the drafting of laws and provisions regarding various agricultural industries such as crop

production, animal husbandry, fishery, rural and township enterprises. The Ministry of Agriculture handles farm-level food safety regulations and policies. One of its most important duties is to regulate and enforce the use of chemicals, pollutants, and pesticides on farms. The Institute for the Control of Agrochemicals (CAMA) is responsible for pesticide testing, research, and use regulations, and operates under the Ministry of Agriculture. Also, the Ministry draw up technical standards for various agricultural industries and organize their implementation thereof; to organize the implementation of quality supervision and certification of various agricultural products and green food products and the protection of new varieties of agricultural plants; to organize and coordinate the monitoring and

defining of quality of agricultural inputs such as seeds, chemicals and veterinary drugs, and of related law supervision and executions; to organize the registration of domestic manufactured as well as imported seeds, chemicals, vet drugs and related fertilizers, etc. and the safety supervision of agricultural machines.

**General Administration of Customs of People's Republic of China (GACC):** The General Administration of Customs of the People's Republic of China (GACC), the headquarters of China Customs, is a key border agency of the nation. China Customs has the responsibilities of traditional customs, as well as border health checks, inspection and quarantine for imported and exported animals, plants, and their products, imported and exported food safety, and commodity inspection. GACC exercises the responsibilities of "port management coordination, customs control, anti-smuggling, trade statistics compilation, customs valuation and duty collection, performs health checks at points of entry, takes sanitary and phytosanitary measures to safeguard our land and our people,

protects imported and exported food safety, inspects imported and exported consumer products and bulk commodities". There is a "Registration Single Window E-systems" at the port which includes entry and exit inspection and quarantine, work policies, drafting relevant laws and regulations, and formulating customs plans, departmental regulations, and relevant technical specifications.

**State Administration for Market Regulation (SAMR):** The Administration consolidates in one ministry the market regulation functions previously shared by three separate agencies, the General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine (AQSIQ), the China Food and Drug Administration (CFDA), and the State Administration of Industry and Commerce (SAIC). The State Food and Drug Administration (SFDA) supervise hygiene requirements of restaurants and drugs. State Administration for Industry and Commerce (SAIC) regulates market activities and trade for consumer products including food products on sale.

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CHINA

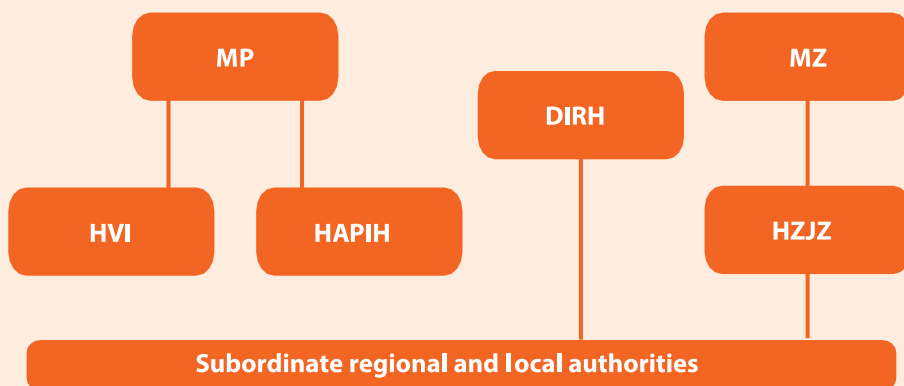
# CROATIA

The legal framework for food safety in Croatia is provided by the Food Act, which transposes the provisions of Regulation (EC) No. 178/2002. 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

assessments. However, the final decision on the legality of governmental measures rests with the courts.

In Croatia, risk assessment is institutionally separated from risk management. Risk assessment outputs are usually published on the website of the Croatian Agency for Agriculture and Food (HAPIH).

## FOOD REGULATORY ECOSYSTEM



### FOOD AUTHORITIES:

#### Ministry of Agriculture (MP)

The portfolio of the MP includes drafting legislation in the area of agricultural policy, especially in the area of food and feed safety, quality and hygiene, animal health and welfare, and plant health. MP designates official and reference laboratories to analyse food and feed and to safeguard animal health and welfare as well as plant health. The MP is

responsible for informing the public if there are reasonable grounds to suspect that food or feed may represent a risk to human or animal health.

#### Ministry of Health (MZ)

In cooperation with the MP, MZ is responsible for drafting legislation in the area of food safety, covering food of non-animal origin. MZ defines objectives and priorities for public health policy, develops public health

plans and national health programmes and ensures their implementation. MZ designates official and reference laboratories to analyse GM food and feed and food contact materials. MZ is also responsible for the registration of food supplements and foods for special medical purposes.

### **State Inspectorate (DIRH)**

DIRH performs official controls of the entire food chain according to the principle “from farm to fork” by conducting veterinary, sanitary, phytosanitary and agriculture inspections. In addition to food safety, plant health, animal health and welfare, the remit of DIRH extends to agriculture, non-food product safety, trade, services, catering, mining, labour and occupational safety, civil engineering and environmental protection.

DIRH’s structure consists of a central office in Zagreb, regional offices and branch offices.

### **Croatian Agency for Agriculture and Food (HAPIH)**

HAPIH is an independent public institution in the field of agriculture and food safety and works within the portfolio of the MP. HAPIH has a remit to implement risk assessments and risk communication relating to food and feed safety. HAPIH provides scientific and technical support based on risk assessments on all matters regarding food and feed safety, plant health, animal health and welfare. Further activities include research in the field of agronomy and related fields, plant protection, seed and seedling production, viticulture, winemaking, oil production, fruit growing, vegetable growing, agricultural

land, cattle breeding, quality control of fresh raw milk, honey and feed.

HAPIH works in close cooperation and communication with a broad spectrum of national and international institutions. National independent scientific experts support the work of HAPIH through participation in the expert bodies. HAPIH is responsible for establishing and coordinating the national network of institutions in the area of food safety.

### **Ministry of Health (HZJZ)**

HZJZ is a central public health institute which deals with public health, health promotion and education, disease prevention, microbiology, environmental health, school medicine, mental health care and addiction prevention. It prepares and implements prevention programmes and other healthcare measures aimed at promoting healthy lifestyles. HZJZ carries out epidemiological surveillance and proposes, organises and undertakes preventive and counter-epidemic measures.

HZJZ coordinates the network of regional public health institutes. HZJZ and regional public health institutes have food laboratories which are official laboratories pursuant to Regulation (EC) No. 882/2004.

### **Croatian Veterinary Institute (HVI)**

HVI is an independent public institution within the portfolio of the MP, primarily engaged in the diagnostics of infectious and parasitic animal diseases, analysis of food of animal origin and animal feed,

control of veterinary medicinal products and scientific research. HVI consists of the Croatian Veterinary Institute in Zagreb and five branches that comprise the laboratories.

## REGIONAL AND LOCAL LEVELS

Croatia is divided into 20 counties and the capital city of Zagreb, which also has county status. At the regional and local level, inspections of food of animal and non-animal origin are conducted by state and border sanitary and veterinary inspectors and agriculture inspections. The regional and local inspections are coordinated and supervised by DIRH.

In total, Croatia has 37 official laboratories and 5 Reference Laboratories for food and feed analyses.

## FOOD TESTING FACILITIES:

### Official Laboratory

<http://www.hah.hr/sigurnost-hrane/laboratoriji-u-rh/>  
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<https://dirh.gov.hr/>

<https://www.hapih.hr/about-us/>

<https://www.hzjz.hr/en/about-us/>

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<https://www.woah.org/en/who-we-are/members/>

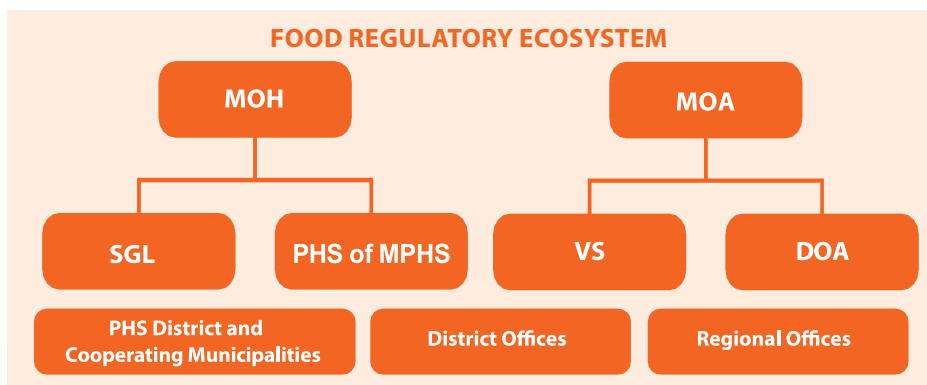
<https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/about-codex/members/detail/en/c/15566/>

# CYPRUS

In Cyprus, a council called the 'Food Safety Council' (FSC) was formed under the Ministry of Health which is responsible for food safety. Its members include representatives of all relevant competent authorities (Ministry of Health (MOH), Ministry of Agriculture (MOA) etc.). For the Public Health Services of the Medical and Public Health Services (PHS of MPHS) within the MOH, which are responsible for controlling the safety of food of non-animal origin at all stages with the exception of the primary production stage, honey, ice cream, and for all food at the retail level except for fresh meat sold at butcher shops, the central legal founding legislation is the Food (Control and Sale) Law, which sets out the definitions, powers and responsibilities of authorities, the main responsibilities of FBOs, and transposes EU food safety legislation in the national context and sets penalties. Violations of this law can be either filed in court through the attorney general or the head of the Public Health Services (PHS) can impose administrative penalties. Competent authority measures are based

on EU legislation and the available limits. Occasionally, risk management in the case of an absence of limits or for the escalation of measures requires a risk assessment or risk evaluation. The State General Laboratory (SGL) of the MOH is the official food control laboratory and conducts risk assessment of contaminants and other toxic chemicals in close collaboration with the FSC.

As regards Regulation (EC) No. 178/2002, MOA, through its two subordinate institutions, the Veterinary Services (VS) and the Department of Agriculture (DOA), are responsible for the control of food of animal origin at all stages of production and marketing, feed safety, and microbial controls for food of non-animal origin at the primary production stage. In addition, MOA's remit includes the responsibility for animal health and welfare as well for the control, monitoring and eradication of animal contagious diseases, plant health and authorisation and use of plant protection products.



## FOOD AUTHORITIES:

### Ministry of Health, Food Safety Council (FSC)

In 2003, the FSC of Cyprus was established by the Ministry of Health (MOH). Its members are representatives of all relevant competent authorities (MOH, MOA, etc.) and stakeholders, including municipalities and consumers.

### Public Health Services of the Department of Medical and Public Health Services (PHS of MPHS)

The Public Health Services unit of the Department of Medical and Public Health Services within the Ministry of Health (PHS of MPHS) is responsible for controlling the safety at all stages of food of non-animal origin, honey, ice cream, and for all food at the retail level except for fresh meat sold at butcher shops, and is also responsible for risk management and risk evaluation where this is possible. Its portfolio for the abovementioned products includes food establishment inspections, food product controls (samplings, complaint investigation), import controls, labelling controls, food fraud and food quality controls.

Moreover, PHS of MPHS is also responsible for controls related to drinking water. The head of PHS is also the RASFF national contact point.

### State General Laboratory (SGL)

The State General Laboratory (SGL) carries out regular official controls and surveillance

on foodstuffs, covering all sections of the food production chain, “from the field or farm to the consumer’s table”. For this purpose, it implements various national control programmes with the cooperation of the competent authorities. Controls are of a preventive nature and focus mainly on basic foods that are consumed frequently or may give rise to a specific problem as well as on foodstuffs expected to be consumed by vulnerable groups of the population, such as children and pregnant women. The SGL goes one step beyond analysis. It evaluates the degree of exposure to toxic substances and to related risks, therefore providing scientifically sound advice to the FSC and to competent authorities for risk management through appropriate measures. The SGL of the MOH is the national EFSA Advisory Forum member and the EFSA Focal Point.

The SGL is accredited under ISO 17025 by the Cyprus Accreditation Body (CYS-CYS AB) and six National Reference Laboratories are attached to the SGL pursuant to Regulation (EU) No. 2017/625.

### Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Development and Environment (MOA)

The Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Development and Environment (MOA) aims at promoting sustainable development for agriculture and fishing, while contributing to environmental protection and sustainable management of both the environment and Cyprus’ natural resources through projects, initiatives and actions.

The Ministry consists of ten departments

and services. Its subordinate institutions are the regulatory bodies for the food and feed chain controls listed above. Their remit also includes risk assessments, risk management and risk communication. The implementation of European and national legislation and the implementation of controls fall under the authorities and responsibilities of its subordinate institutions.

### **Veterinary Services (VS)**

Veterinary Services (VS) are responsible for animal health and welfare and for public health protection by controlling food of animal origin by registering and approving the food-producing and processing facilities. VS are also responsible for monitoring the registration and usage of medicinal products for animal use.

VS design programmes for the control, monitoring and eradication of animal diseases as well as animal welfare in food and non-food producing animals. Additionally, VS are responsible for implementing public health protection by controlling food of animal origin. Its remit comprises the whole production chain of food of animal origin and control from the primary production to placing the products on the market, except for honey and ice cream. With regard to fresh meat, VS is responsible for the controls at the market as well.

VS also carry out controls on food of animal origin that is imported from third countries. The controls are carried out at the Border Control Posts (BCPs). VS design annual programmes for the controls, inspections,

audits, monitoring and sampling of the products of food of animal origin of the registered and approved establishments that are under their competencies.

The samples collected within the scope of the abovementioned programmes, are analysed by its accredited laboratories, which are the National Reference Laboratories. VS have the Animal Health Laboratories (AHL) and the Laboratories for the Control of Food of Animal Origin (LCFAO). All the laboratories are accredited under ISO: 17025 by the Cyprus Organisation of Standardisation (CYS).

### **Department of Agriculture (DOA)**

The Department of Agriculture (DOA) deals with agricultural policy and food and feed safety in Cyprus. It prepares national legislation in the field of food of non-animal origin at the primary production stage, feed, plant health, marketing of seeds and plant propagating material, marketing standards for fruits and vegetables, eggs, poultry, meat, quality labelling and quality schemes for agricultural products and foodstuffs. It is also responsible for the authorisation of plant protection products and the marketing and use of plant protection products.

It also shares responsibility for the cross-compliance legislation, including the protection of waters against pollution caused by nitrates from agriculture sources. The DOA is also in charge of the preparation of multi-annual national control programmes, which are based on risk analyses. In addition, it is responsible for implementing the annual national control programmes and

their monitoring. It provides guidelines to inspectors as well as training as appropriate.

It is also a decision-making body and responsible for risk communication for the areas that fall within its purview. The DOA has authorised six BCPs for the import of plants and plant products. The DOA consists of regional offices and the following five laboratories that deal with controls related to food and feed safety and quality:

1. Pesticide Residues Laboratory is the National Reference Laboratory (NRL) for Pesticides Residues in Feed and the official laboratory for the analysis of pesticide residues in conventional agricultural products on the farmer level, for the control of good agriculture practices, as well as for any use of non-authorised plant protection products in accordance with the Plant Protection Products Law. The laboratory has been accredited in accordance with ISO 17025 since 2011.
2. Pesticide Formulations Laboratory is the official laboratory for the quality control of pesticide formulations in accordance with the Plant Protection Products Law. Although the lab is not accredited, it implements the same QA system as the accredited laboratories of the DOA.
3. Animal Feedstuffs and Fertilizers Quality Control Laboratory is the National Reference Laboratory (NRL) for all official controls in the area of feed and feed additives as well as fertilisers pursuant to the relevant legislation. The laboratory

has been accredited in accordance with ISO 17025 since 2011.

4. Oenology Laboratory conducts chemical analyses of several vine and wine products within the scope of experimentation and market monitoring. The laboratory has been accredited in accordance with ISO 17025 since 2009.
5. Plant Protection Laboratory deals with the official testing for the diagnosis of harmful organisms (bacteria, fungi, nematodes, viruses and insects) for plants and plant products.

## REGIONAL AND LOCAL LEVELS

Within the framework of PHS of MPHS, for the implementation of controls in the field, five district offices have been established in the respective administrative districts. In addition, nine municipalities have their own control competencies in the field of food hygiene in certain types of establishments within their boundaries. The activities of both the district offices and the municipalities are monitored by PHS and audited by an internal audit team that is independent of PHS of MPHS.

The Republic of Cyprus has six administrative districts. The regional and local levels are subordinate to the central state of VS and DOA in a direct chain of instruction and are mainly responsible for the implementation of European and national legislation by conducting relevant controls such as audits, inspections and sampling.

## FOOD TESTING FACILITIES:

### Official Laboratory

- a) The State General Laboratory
- b) The State General Laboratory
- c) Veterinary Laboratories-Laboratory of Control of Food of Animal Origin
- d) The Analytical Laboratories Section and the Oenological Laboratory
- e)
  - 1) Food Composition, Food Quality and Nutritional Value (Lab 1)
  - 2) General Water Analysis (Lab 2)
  - 3) Veterinary Drug Residues (Lab 5)
  - 4) Environmental Water Contamination (Lab 6)
  - 5) Pesticide Residues & POPs (Lab 8)
  - 6) Food and Environmental Radionuclide (Lab 9)
  - 7) Articles in Contact with Food and Safety of Toys (Lab 12)
  - 8) Food Additives and Special Analyses of Food (Lab 13)
  - 9) Environmental and Other Food Contamination & Natural Toxins (Lab 14)
  - 10) Water and Drug Microbiology (Lab 15)
  - 11) Food Microbiology (Lab 16)
  - 12) Food Customs Control and Other Samples (Lab 17)
  - 13) Cosmetics and Food Supplements (Lab 19)
  - 14) Food Authenticity - NMR (Lab 20)
  - 15) Food Molecular Biology and Immunology (Lab 21)

### Official Competence

- a) Public Health Services
- b) PHMSAP Sector
- c) Veterinary Services
- d) DA
- e) 1)-15) State General Laboratory

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[https://www.moh.gov.cy/moh/moh.nsf/index\\_en/](https://www.moh.gov.cy/moh/moh.nsf/index_en/) index

<https://www.moh.gov.cy/moh/mphs/phs.nsf/>

<http://www.moh.gov.cy/sgl>

<http://moa.gov.cy/?lang=en>

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### **MOH**

[https://www.moh.gov.cy/moh/moh.nsf/index\\_en/index](https://www.moh.gov.cy/moh/moh.nsf/index_en/index)

### **PHS of MPHS**

<https://www.moh.gov.cy/moh/mphs/phs.nsf/>

[DMLindex\\_en/](#)

### **SGL**

<http://www.moh.gov.cy/sgl>

### **MOA**

<http://moa.gov.cy/?lang=en>

### **VS**

[http://www.moa.gov.cy/moa/vs/vs.nsf/index\\_en/](http://www.moa.gov.cy/moa/vs/vs.nsf/index_en/)

### **DOA**

[http://www.moa.gov.cy/moa/da/da.nsf/index\\_en/](http://www.moa.gov.cy/moa/da/da.nsf/index_en/)

<https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/about-codex/members/detail/en/c/15566/>

<https://www.woah.org/en/who-we-are/members/>

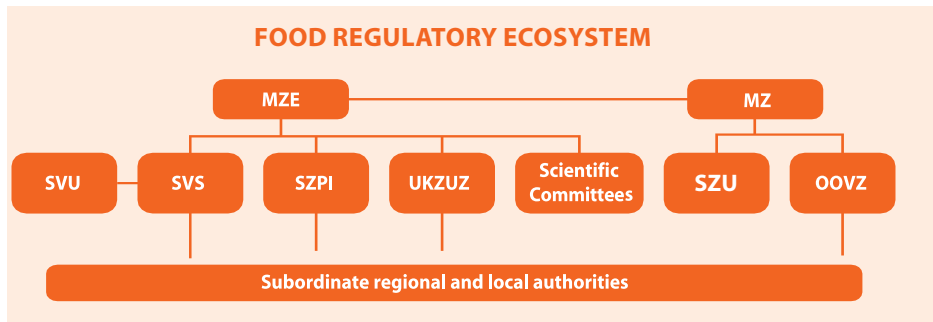
# CZECH REPUBLIC

Act No. 110/1997 Coll. on food and tobacco products, as amended, is the central legal foundation for food legislation in the Czech Republic. The Food Safety and Nutrition Strategy 2030 is a key document of the Czech Republic in the field of food safety and nutrition.

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 assessments. However, the final decision on the legality of governmental measures rests with the courts.

In the Czech Republic, there is no institutional separation of risk assessment and risk management; however there is a procedural separation of risk assessment and risk management. Risk assessments are published on the Internet unless there are statutory provisions that prohibit it.



## FOOD SAFETY AUTHORITIES

The Ministry of Agriculture (MA) and the Ministry of Health (MH) play the main role in the agriculture sector as regards food and feed safety, animal health and welfare and plant health. In the food sector they share some competences.

MA is the central competent authority responsible for animal health, animal welfare and plant health policy. MA adopts veterinary and phytosanitary legislation and legislation associated with the production and labelling

of foodstuffs.

Five competent authorities subordinated to MA play the main role in putting into effect the MA's policies and implementation of official controls; these are:

- The State Veterinary Administration (SVA);
- The Institute for State Control of Veterinary Biologicals and Medicines (ISCVBM);
- The Czech Breeding Inspectorate (CBI);

- The Czech Agriculture and Food Inspection Authority (CAFIA);
- The Central Institute for Supervising and Testing in Agriculture (CISTA); MA (namely its Food Section) and five competent authorities constitute the Executive Committee of Supervisory Authorities.

The Committee:

- is an advisory body to the Chief Executive (Head of the Food Section), and
- approves the official version of Multi-Annual National Control Plan (MANCP) (for this purpose the membership base is extended by other representatives of the competent authorities).

### **Ministry of Agriculture (MZE)**

The Ministry of Agriculture (MZE) deals with agricultural policy and food safety in the Czech Republic. It is responsible for foods of animal and plant origin as well as for state food inspections. The portfolio of MZE also includes food (including food used in catering services) and feed, animal welfare and health, veterinary medicinal products, plant protection products and their residues, contaminants, drinking water, genetically modified organisms (GMOs), novel foods, food additives, enzymes and aromas, food supplements and food labelling, fortification of food, and nutrition and health claims.

MZE is also responsible for all agricultural commodities issues and organic farming. Risk communication is another main area of MZE's

remit. The Food Safety Information Centre was set up to provide information, accessible to the general public, on all aspects of food safety ("from farm to fork").

Competent authorities subordinate to MZE (SZPI, SVS, UKZUZ) play a main role in putting MZE's policies into effect and implementing official controls.

Scientific advice is provided to MZE by scientific committees:

Veterinary Scientific Committee  
Scientific Committee on Animal Nutrition  
Scientific Committee on GMO Food and Feed

Phytosanitary and Environmental Scientific Committee

Some National Reference Laboratories pursuant to Regulation (EU) No. 2017/625 are attached organisations which are within the portfolio of MZE.

### **Czech Agriculture and Food Inspection Authority (SZPI)**

Czech Agriculture and Food Inspection Authority (SZPI) is a state authority responsible for supervising the safety, quality and labelling of foodstuffs. Within its remit, SZPI inspects foodstuffs, raw materials for their production as well as agricultural and tobacco products. The above-mentioned responsibilities apply to production, storage, transport, and sale (including import).

Risk communication is another task of SZPI, which informs consumers about poor-quality, adulterated or unsafe food identified during the official inspections. SZPI is also the

national contact point for AAC and RASFF.

5 National Reference Laboratories pursuant to Regulation (EU) No. 2017/625 are attached to SZPI.

### **State Veterinary Administration (SVS)**

The purpose of the State Veterinary Administration (SVS) is primarily the protection of consumers from products of animal origin likely to be harmful to human health, monitoring the animal health situation and maintaining it in a favourable manner, veterinary protection the state territory of the Czech Republic, animal welfare and animal protection.

Risk communication is also a task of SVS, which informs consumers about poor-quality, adulterated or unsafe food identified during the official inspections. Another important task of SVS is to ensure the veterinary laboratory diagnostics which is carried out by three state veterinary institutes (SVU) in Jihlava, Olomouc and Prague, which are also designated national reference laboratories. 28 National Reference Laboratories pursuant to Regulation (EU) No. 2017/625 are attached to these state veterinary institutes.

### **Central Institute for Supervising and Testing in Agriculture (UKZUZ)**

Central Institute for Supervising and Testing in Agriculture (UKZUZ) performs administrative tasks and carries out other administrative activities, expert and testing tasks, and control and monitoring activities in accordance with special acts in the areas of plant variety testing, feedstuffs,

agrochemical testing of soils, soils and plant nutrition, seeds and seedlings of the grown plants, perennial plants (viculture and hops), protection against harmful organisms, and plant protection. 9 National Reference Laboratories pursuant to Regulation (EU) No. 2017/625 are attached to UKZUZ.

### **Ministry of Health (MZ)**

The Ministry of Health (MZ) deals with public health protection and food safety in the Czech Republic. The portfolio of MZ includes food contact materials, contaminants, mineral water and plant protection products and their residues. MZ is also responsible for food for special medical purposes, infant formula and follow-on formula, processed cereal-based food, baby food, total diet replacement for weight control, and microbiological criteria.

MZ is the national competent authority for the surveillance of communicable diseases, including food and water borne diseases, and specifies requirements for irradiated foods (including dose limits).

MZ (together with MZE) shares the responsibility for establishing limits for residues of veterinary medicines in foodstuffs. The inspection competency of MZ is restricted to food contact materials, food hygiene and, more particularly, the catering trade. The relevant competent authorities are the public health authorities (OOVZ). Some National Reference Laboratories are attached to MZ.

### **National Institute of Public Health (SZU)**

The main activities of National Institute of Public Health (SZU) comprise science and

research, reference and methodological advice, providing expert opinions on the health safety of various products (including food supplements and items of daily use), systematic monitoring of the environmental impact on population health in the Czech Republic, and promotion of a healthy lifestyle, including nutrition.

Human health risk assessments are provided by SZU – food and food contact materials. SZU provides MZ with a scientific background, namely expert opinions, scientific advice and assessments concerning human health risks.

## REGIONAL AND LOCAL LEVELS

The Czech Republic consists of 14 regions which are further subdivided into districts. Food and feed inspections are the responsibility of the regions. In all 14 regions, there are regional SVS and OOVZ offices. In seven regions, there are regional SZPI and UKZUZ offices.

Animal welfare is the responsibility of the municipalities, i.e. to inspect, take measures and deal with infringements. SVS ensures the implementation of control activities.

## FOOD TESTING FACILITIES:

The competent authorities in their field of competence shall designate official laboratories for the activities referred to in Article 37 and, where appropriate, withdraw their designation in accordance with Article 39(2) of Regulation (EU) 2017/625. The Ministry of Agriculture shall designate, in accordance with Article 100(1), a national reference laboratory for each EU reference

laboratory and shall communicate their names and addresses to the Commission in accordance with Article 4(1) and shall also publish a list of them, which it shall update as necessary. Both official laboratories and national reference laboratories shall comply with the requirements laid down in Regulation (EU) 2017/625 (Articles 37 to 42). The list of designated official laboratories and national reference laboratories shall be published on the websites of the competent authorities.

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### **Weblinks to access Food Act/ Regulations/ Standards:**

Legislative (Potraviny, eAGRI) ([mze.cz](http://mze.cz))

#### **MZE**

<http://eagri.cz/public/web/en/mze/>

#### **SZPI**

<https://www.szpi.gov.cz/en/default.aspx>

#### **SVS**

<https://en.svscr.cz/>

**UKZUZ**

<http://eagri.cz/public/web/en/ukzuz/portal/>

**MZ**

<https://www.mzcr.cz/en/the-ministry-of-health/>

**SZU**

<http://www.szu.cz/index.php?lang=2>

<https://www.woah.org/en/who-we-are/members/>

<https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/about-codex/members/detail/en/c/15566/>

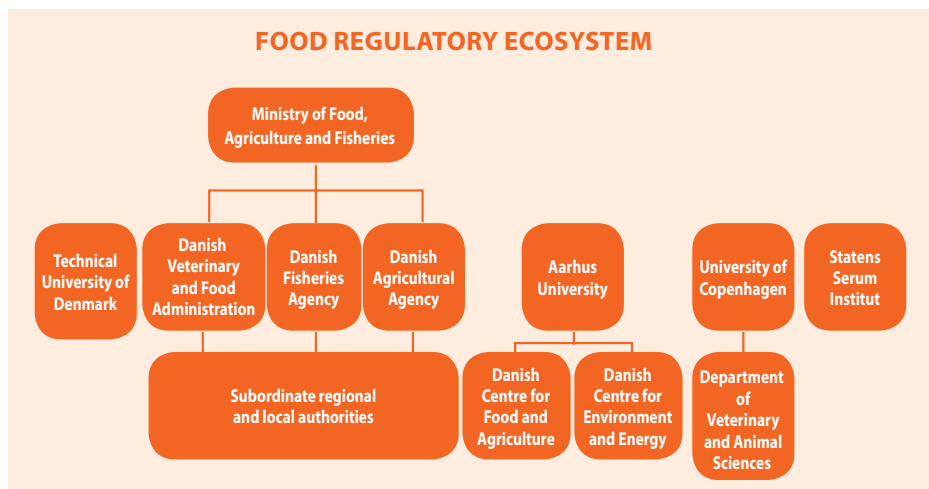
# DENMARK

The Danish Food Act is Denmark's central legal foundation for food legislation. 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

assessments. However, the final decision on the legality of governmental measures rests with the courts.

In Denmark, risk assessment is institutionally separated from risk management. Some risk assessments are published and others are not.



## FOOD SAFETY AUTHORITIES

### MFAF - Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Fisheries of Denmark

The Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Fisheries of Denmark (MFAF) deals with policies within food, agriculture and fisheries. The MFAF prepare draft legislation that ensures food safety, resource-efficient food production and support a sustainable and resilient agriculture and fisheries sector.

The food safety tasks of the ministry are

supported by three specialist authorities: The Danish Veterinary and Food Administration (DVFA), the Danish Fisheries Agency (DFA), and the Danish Agricultural Agency (DAA). The food-related area of work of the MFAF extends beyond food safety to include, for instance, nutrition, plant health, animal health, and animal welfare.

### DVFA - Danish Veterinary and Food Administration

As a subordinate specialist authority of

the MFAF, the Danish Veterinary and Food Administration (DVFA) is responsible for risk management in the field of food and feed safety. The DVFA is responsible for food and feed inspections countrywide which helps ensure compliance with regulations on animal welfare and food safety for the entire chain from farm to fork.

The risk assessments conducted by the National Food Institute, Technical University of Denmark (DTU), are used by the DVFA as the basis for management measures in the field of food safety.

The risk assessments conducted by the Danish Centre for Food and Agriculture (DCA), Aarhus University, are used by the DVFA as the basis for management measures in the area of feed. The remit of the DVFA includes novel foods, food supplements, genetically modified organisms (GMOs), zoonoses, mineral water and residues of plant protection products and veterinary medicinal products. The area of work of the DVFA extends beyond food safety to include, for instance, consumer information, i.e. food labelling and nutritional advice. The DVFA also prepare and negotiate export conditions and trade certificates with partner authorities outside of the EU.

### **DAA - The Danish Agricultural Agency**

As a specialist authority supporting the MFAF, the Danish Agricultural Agency (DAA) is the paying agency for the agricultural sector, and as the Danish NPPO, (National Plant Protection Organization) responsible for plant health and seed certification as

well as for plant breeding and the release of Genetically Modified/New Genome Technique plants.

A National Reference Laboratory for plant health (viruses, viroids and phytoplasma, bacteria, fungi and oomycetes, nematodes, insects and mites) and the following diagnostic fields: organic feed, organic feed from 3rd party countries imported to Denmark and GMOs in feed, is attached pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2017/625, article 100.

### **DFA - The Danish Fisheries Agency**

As a specialist authority that supports the MFAF, the Danish Fisheries Agency (DFA) supports both growth and innovation through a green transition in fisheries and aquaculture by providing funds for the development of sustainable fisheries and aquaculture through the European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund. Furthermore, the DFA controls compliance with the rules and regulations in place, in order to support a sustainable management of the fish stocks in both Danish waters and internationally. This includes for example control of the landing obligation, control that fishing does not take place in fishery restricted areas, and validation of data.

### **DTU - National Food Institute, Technical University of Denmark**

The National Food Institute, Technical University of Denmark (DTU) researches and communicates sustainable and value-adding solutions in the areas of food and health for the benefit of society and industry. The

institute's tasks are carried out in a unique interdisciplinary cooperation between the disciplines of nutrition, chemistry, toxicology, microbiology, epidemiology, and technology. The institute serves as a National Reference Laboratory for chemical and microbiological food contamination pursuant to Regulation (EC) No. 882/2004.

Furthermore, the National Food Institute is also the EU Reference Laboratory for Pesticides in Cereals and Feedstuffs, for Processing Contaminants in Food, for Metal and Nitrogenous Compounds, and for Antimicrobial Resistance. The institute also serves as the WHO collaboration center for antimicrobial resistance for foodborne pathogens and for food contamination monitoring – and as FAO collaborating center for Antimicrobial Resistance. Providing scientific advice and risk assessment to the Danish Veterinary and Food Administration is one of the institute's core assignments and is based on the strong scientific competence and expertise within the institute.

### **UCPH - Department of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, University of Copenhagen**

The University of Copenhagen (UCPH), Department of Veterinary and Animal Sciences (IVH) provides research and research-based advice as well as education in the areas of veterinary and animal science, food safety, antibiotic resistance, animal models and welfare, immune systems, and lifestyle diseases. The department covers a wide spectrum of animal and human disease biology in close collaboration with other

departments at the University of Copenhagen. The department comprises nine sections with a total of 360-400 employees. The main areas in relation to the Danish Food Safety System are infectious livestock diseases, avian influenza and enzootic virus infections, zoonoses, antimicrobial resistance, parasitic infections and diseases of wild fauna, and aquatic diseases.

The Danish Veterinary Consortium, which consists of IVH, UCPH, and the Statens Serum Institut (SSI), is responsible for public sector services related to veterinary contingency in Denmark. The consortium conducts research to support and underpin decisions in the area of veterinary contingency and provides the DVFA with scientific advice. The public sector consultancy for the DVFA includes advice on a wide range of subjects, including disease surveillance and handling of specific emergency tasks, e.g. suspected disease outbreaks, as well as assistance in the form of risk assessments and replies to questions from the government.

The University of Copenhagen (UCPH) is responsible for the education of veterinarians (DVM) in Denmark. In addition, UCPH offers a range of BSc and MSc programs in the subjects of animal science, food science, and human nutrition.

### **DCA - Danish Centre for Food and Agriculture, Aarhus University (AU)**

The remit of the Danish Centre for Food and Agriculture (DCA), Aarhus University (AU), includes research-based risk assessments in the field of feed safety. The DCA provides

research-based consultancy and solutions including risk assessments to be used by the MFAF, the Danish Agricultural Agency, and the Danish Veterinary and Food Administration as the basis for regulation and legislative work. The DCA cooperates with the DCE to fulfil tasks, i.e. for the MFAF in areas in which their different kinds of expertise are supplementary.

The area of work of the DCA includes

- 1) Livestock: production systems and management, breeding, health, welfare, feeding and feed safety, cloning, and GMOs.
- 2) Food quality: quality assurance, production systems, supply, processing, storage, nutrition, exposure assessment, nanotechnology.
- 3) Plant health: plant protection products, including efficacy testing and evaluation.
- 4) Plants: production management, breeding, biotechnology, climatology, agroecology.
- 5) Interactions among climate, soil, plants, animals, and humans in agricultural systems.
- 6) Organic farming.

### **DCE - Danish Centre for Environment and Energy, Aarhus University (AU)**

The Danish Centre for Environment and Energy (DCE), Aarhus University (AU), provides research-based consultancy and solutions to the Ministry of the Environment, the Danish Ministry of Energy, Utilities and Climate, and others. The DCE cooperates with the DCA to fulfill tasks, i.e. for the MFAF in areas in which their different kinds of expertise are supplementary.

The work of the DCE includes areas in which environmental considerations are

of major importance for the assessment of food, feed, and their production, such as 1) Contaminants in the food chain. 2) GMOs (e.g. environmental risk assessments, plant invasion studies, and microbial diversity). 3) Plant protection products and their residues (e.g. ecotoxicology, exposure scenarios, models, and ecosystems). 4) Plant health (e.g. pest risk assessments). The DCE is involved in the development of guidelines for risk assessment and has expertise in antibiotics, growth regulators, and wildlife with regard to the dispersal of emerging diseases.

### **SSI - Statens Serum Institut**

Statens Serum Institut (SSI) is a governmental research and preparedness institution within the field of public health science as well as one of a few One Health Institutes in the world, where the veterinary and human preparedness functions are performed in the same place. One Health is an integrated approach that recognizes that the health of humans, animals, plants, and ecosystems are interlinked. At SSI, we conduct research in epidemiology, microbiology, immunology, and biotechnology as a prerequisite for and an integrated part of our core areas in preparedness against infectious diseases, biological threats, and control of congenital disorders.

One of SSI's core areas is conducting surveillance of infectious diseases and providing counseling to the Danish healthcare system and authorities in the event of, e.g., epidemics that demand urgent action. Specifically, SSI plays a key role in the detection and investigation of foodborne

disease outbreaks. Another stronghold is DANMAP – the Danish program for surveillance of antimicrobial consumption and resistance in bacteria from food animals, food and humans, which SSI operates in collaboration with the Technical University of Denmark (DTU).

All of SSI's activities are based on research. Data and new knowledge are gathered and produced in all priority areas, communicated to the outside world by SSI employees, and published in scientific journals.

## REGIONAL AND LOCAL LEVELS

The regional and local levels in Denmark consist of five regions and 98 districts. Covering the whole of Denmark, the Danish Veterinary and Food Administration (DVFA) is organized with three regional veterinary control offices and three regional food control offices. The regional offices are an integrated part of the DVFA.

## FOOD TESTING FACILITIES

Danish Veterinary and Food Administration (DVFA) has one official Laboratory (and uses in specific cases DTU facilities). The DVFA laboratory performs both microbiological and chemical analyses.

The laboratory is responsible for:

- Nationally coordinated monitoring, mapping and control programs, e.g. relating to salmonella in meat
- Regionally managed inspection samples
- Market-driven activities: samples and tests requested by private enterprises
- Import sampling

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National legislation on food safety: FAOLEX

### **MFAF**

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## FOOD SAFETY AUTHORITIES

### Establishment of the National Food Safety Authority

The Egyptian Parliament established the new National Food Safety Authority (NFSA) in January 2017. The new authority is an independent organization under the Office of the Egyptian Prime Minister. Its mission is to protect consumer health, by ensuring that food products consumed, distributed, marketed or produced in Egypt meet the highest standards of food safety and hygiene. The agency is responsible for food safety regulation for domestic production, import and export through undertaking inspection, licensing and certification.

### OVERVIEW

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### INTRODUCTION

On January 2, 2017, the Egyptian Parliament approved the law number 1/2017

establishing the National Food Safety Authority (NFSA). The government issued the new organization's executive regulations (412/2019) on February 18, 2019. The National Food Safety Authority will remake the country's regulatory framework for food safety.

Before the establishment of the NFSA, Egypt lacked a unified regulatory authority to supervise food safety. More than 15 different government agencies regulated food safety, in a patchwork system that often created overlapping regulation or critical gaps in consumer protections. The establishment of the NFSA was fundamental for unifying the multiple supervisory agencies overseeing food safety regulation. Under the previous system, there was no clear mechanism for managing food safety crises and recalls, traceability, and risk assessment procedures. When the National Food Safety Authority is fully operational, it will be responsible of all facets of food safety. The new agency is an independent authority, reporting directly to the Prime Minister's office. The Egyptian NFSA is composed of a board of trustees, a board of directors, and an executive director. The majority the NFSA's current employees came from other ministries working in food safety.

### MANDATE OF THE NATIONAL FOOD SAFETY AUTHORITY

The new agency will not regulate farmers; however, it will regulate food from the farm-gate to the end consumer. Similarly, it will

also be responsible for testing imports and granting their access to the supply chain. The National Food Safety Authority will oversee registration of all food handlers, including packing houses. Any food handler must comply with regulations identified by the NFSA in order to produce food products in Egypt.

Currently, the National Food Safety Authority is creating a white list that will include food handlers assumed compliant for export. While the list is being first developed for exports to Saudi Arabia, it will likely be expanded for use with other trading partners in the future.

The National Food Safety Authority is headquartered in Cairo, but the agency will establish other branches nationwide. The statute authorizing the creation of the NFSA mandates that the agency “achieve the requirements of food safety in a way as to preserve human health and safety.” To this end, the new law grants the NFSA the following powers and functions:

- Supervising the handling of food, while ensuring compliance with legislation requirements.
- Inspecting, supervising and licensing food handling, as well as workers at different food handling facilities.
- Establishing the necessary procedures for risk assessment, analysis, management, communication and awareness
- Controlling, developing, and

implementing mandatory systems that ensure food safety, including the development of traceability systems.

- Raising community awareness about food safety.
- Conducting studies and research related to food safety and collecting relevant scientific data.
- Issuing export certificates of locally produced food, as well as supervising the facilities that require these certificates to ensure that they comply with the relevant rules and conditions.
- Testing imports and supervising locally produced food.
- Prohibiting the handling of non-safe food for human consumption and preventing fraud and deception in food labeling.
- Setting the regulations and rules for food advertising and the mandatory labeling criteria.
- Establishing procedures and rules for registration, licensing and labelling of:
  - Food for Special Dietary Uses (FSDU)
  - Genetically modified foods
  - Irradiated food

The National Food Safety Authority is taking steps to harmonize the food safety regulations and implementation through signing protocols between multiple national regulatory bodies. So far, the NFSA signed protocols with the following five

organizations:

- Egyptian Organization for Standardization (EOS)
- Central Administration of Plant Quarantine (CAPO)
- Horticultural Export Improvement Association (HEIA)
- General Organization for Export and Import Control (GOEIC)
- Port Said Chamber of Trade

The protocols specify means of cooperation and mechanisms to allow each organization to implement its scope of work. The protocols also specify means of licensing and issuing certificate according to the organization mandate.

## **OUTSIDE THE NATIONAL FOOD SAFETY AUTHORITY'S MANDATE**

Any issues related to plant or animal health is beyond the scope of the National Food Safety Authority. In the circumstances that a single consignment requires two different certification including food safety, the NFSA will coordinate with the relevant agency. For example, phytosanitary certificates required for export of plants or plant products will be issued from the competent authority, which is the Egyptian Plant Quarantine. However, if a pesticide residues certificate is required by the importing country the NFSA will be responsible for verification and certification of the consignment.

In the example of citrus, the Ministry of Agriculture and Land reclamation (MALR) would oversee prechilling requirements for exporting countries. For the same product,

the NFSA would issue certificates for pesticide residue or pathogens. A packinghouse that wishes to export should be registered with both agencies: Egyptian plant quarantine and, NFSA and comply with the importing country requirements.

Another example is the export of eggs. The veterinary service issues a sanitary certificate that ensures that the egg shipment is free from zoonotic diseases while the NFSA would certify that the egg shipment is safe for human consumption. The current debate is how this process will be handled, which organization will issue a final certificate, and who will be responsible for signature. There is still some ambiguity on how these procedures will be managed.

## **THE SCOPE OF NATIONAL FOOD SAFETY AUTHORITY AND THE NEW UNIFIED FOOD LAW**

The law N.1/2017 was issued and accepted by the Egyptian Parliament to establish the NFSA (Alwakaea Al-Masrya, 2017). The NFSA is committed to the establishment of a unified food law. After functioning of this authority, the objective of the NFSA's inspection work is to modernize, strengthen, and maintain capacity of food inspection services for the following:

1. Unifying food inspection in a single agency and ensure that it reflects national food safety strategy and regulations.
2. Ensuring adequate geographical coverage, i.e., rural and urban areas.

3. Ensuring a balanced attention to imported, exported, and food produced for local market.
4. Developing the capacity of food inspection officials in modern techniques including risk-based inspections, sampling procedures, and HACCP auditing.
5. Developing mechanisms to facilitate communication and cooperation between the food inspection service and other institutions involved in food control, particularly food control laboratories and foodborne diseases surveillance systems.
6. Developing communication and awareness mechanisms with the food industry and with consumers at large.
7. Ensuring continuous updating of human and logistic resources.
8. NFSA of Egypt will contract with governmental and private laboratories to test on a fee-for-service basis. All laboratories must be modern food safety laboratories consisting of a professional staff and modern equipment and accredited by respected international accrediting agencies or the Egyptian Accreditation Council (EGAC).
9. Analysis of food for chemical, biological, and physical hazards to human health. All laboratories will have accreditation from international accrediting agencies.
10. All food safety laboratories doing

work for NFSA will have professional personnel, modern equipment and will be updated constantly in the latest methodologies.

## NATIONAL FOOD AND NUTRITION POLICY AND STRATEGY EGYPT

To establish comprehensive effective Food Safety and Control System, three main items must be fulfilled: (1) risk assessment, (2) risk management, and (3) risk communication (NNI, 2007).

### 1. Risk assessment:

- a. To define an organization structure to manage risk assessment.
- b. To determine methods to identify and characterize emerging and potential risks involving a threat to public health and food safety.
- c. To establish a unified program for scientific risk research.
- d. To evaluate the effectiveness of scientific risk assessment as a source of the scientific knowledge needed to implement programs.

### 2. Risk management:

- a. To unify criteria for risk management in the different organization levels.
- b. To develop prevention practices in control mechanisms as a basis for risk management.
- c. To develop effective controls throughout the food chain focused on potential hazards for products or production processes.
- d. To develop inspection systems

of foodstuffs observing the fulfillment of legal and regulatory requirements.

- e. To control and assess the efficiency of inspection systems.
- f. To promote the implementation of voluntary preventive practices of control or self-control to improve food safety.
- g. To promote the implementation of good agricultural and farming practices in the primary sector supervised by the MALR.
- h. To promote the implementation of good manufacturing practices and quality assurance systems similar to HACCP.
- i. To control and assess the efficiency of the application of preventive self-control systems.
- j. To promote the development and transfer of new technologies improving food safety.
- k. To promote identification systems of foodstuffs and/or components from their origin until they are available to consumers.
- l. Assessment of risk management.

### 3. Risk communication:

- a. To have epidemiological information as a basis for hazard analysis.
- b. To have objective, rapid, simple, and easy access to information related to food safety.
- c. To promote the development of awareness-raising and training programs in food safety aimed

at all the agents involved in the food chain, particularly regarding consumers.

- d. To assess information and education programs to assure and improve public health.
- e. To increase the proactive capacity to identify foodstuffs, which do not meet the minimum sanitary requirements by creating a rapid alert system for food safety emergencies.
- f. To assure protection of consumers health and safety and avoid fraud through reliable, useful, and comprehensible information.

### FOOD TESTING FACILITIES:

Official Laboratory

- Central Laboratories (MOHP)
- Agricultural Research Center (ARC)
- GOIEC Labs

Official Competence

- Performing tests for food and water.
- All MRLs, Chemical, Microbial, Pesticides.

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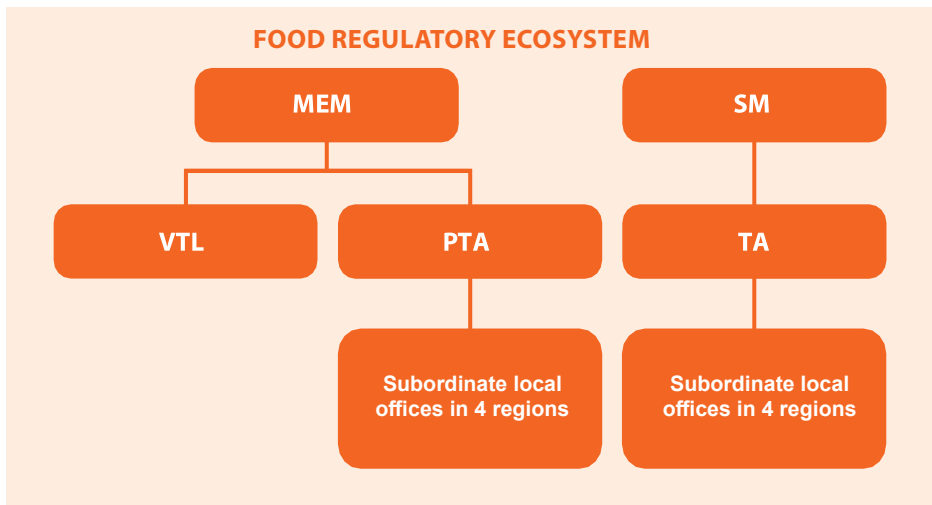
# ESTONIA

The central legal foundations for food and feed safety in Estonia are the Food Act and the Feed Act. These acts contain provisions on food and feed safety as well as specify the competent authorities and control bodies responsible for implementing risk-based measures in the field of food and feed safety. Infringement of these regulations can lead to measures under criminal law and consumer damage claims under civil law.

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 Estonia, food safety risk assessment and risk management are institutionally separated. Risk assessments, scientific opinions and other statements are conducted by the Veterinary and Food Laboratory. There is no routine publishing of the results of risk assessment, however depending on the importance of the result, they can be published and/or are available upon request.



## FOOD AUTHORITIES

### Ministry of Rural Affairs (MEM)

The Ministry of Rural Affairs (MEM) deals with agricultural policy in Estonia and, more particularly, with food and feed safety.

The MEM prepares draft legislation in the field of food and feed and coordinates the performance of state tasks. The Agriculture and Food Board (PTA) facilitates the work of the MEM within its remit as the competent authority and executive body.

PTA is responsible for official food and feed control and control of use of plant protection products. With regard to questions on genetically modified organisms (GMOs), the MEM collaborates closely with the Ministry of the Environment (KKM).

The National Reference Laboratories attached to the MEM in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2017/625 are the Veterinary and Food Laboratory and the Agricultural Research Centre. The area of work of the MEM extends beyond food and feed safety to include, for instance, plant health, animal health and animal welfare.

### **Veterinary and Food Laboratory (VTL)**

The Veterinary and Food laboratory (VTL) is subordinate to the MEM. The tasks of VTL include performing risk assessments and risk communication related to food safety and animal health areas and providing scientific advice to the MEM and the PTA.

### **Agriculture and Food Board (PTA)**

The Agriculture and Food Board (PTA) is subordinate to the MEM. The main focus of the work of the PTA is risk management and risk communication. The PTA monitors and coordinates relevant tasks performed by local offices; the local offices are grouped under 4 regions. Risk assessments on food safety and animal health are outsourced to research institutes, universities and the Veterinary and Food Laboratory, while plant protection products safety is assessed by PTA.

The activities of the PTA focus on ensuring food and feed safety and cover all the major

topics, such as feed, food supplements, GMOs, food contact materials, zoonoses, novel foods, residues of veterinary medicinal products and plant protection products. The area of work of the PTA extends beyond food and feed safety to include, for instance, plant health, animal health and animal welfare, organic production, animal breeding and market control.

### **Ministry of Social Affairs (SM)**

The Ministry of Social Affairs (SM) deals with health policy in Estonia. It prepares draft legislation in the field of drinking water, mineral water and spring water. The SM, MEM and KKM work together in the field of GMOs. The Health Board (TA) and the State Agency of Medicines (RA) support the work of the SM in their capacity as the competent authorities.

The RA is the regulatory authority for veterinary medicinal products in Estonia, except for their use by veterinarians and animal keepers, which is in the remit of responsibility of the Veterinary and Food Board (VTA). The task area of the SM extends, amongst others, to questions on nutrition in public institutions in Estonia (nutritional value of food, varied and balanced nutrition).

### **Health Board (TA)**

The Health Board (TA) is subordinate to the SM. The TA is responsible for risk assessments, risk management measures and risk communication in the area of drinking water, natural mineral water and spring water.

The TA is the competent authority for natural

mineral water and drinking water, and monitors and coordinates tasks of relevant regional and local authorities.

The National Reference Laboratories attached to the TA in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2017/625 perform a range of food safety tests, for example on food contact materials and plant protection product residues in food.

## REGIONAL AND LOCAL LEVELS

The PTA has 15 local offices grouped under 4 regions of Estonia. These local offices are responsible for enacting food and feed legislation, for food and feed inspections, for plant health and controlling the use of plant protection products, amongst other issues. The TA consists of a central authority and four regional departments which have further divisions in 15 counties.

## FOOD TESTING FACILITIES:

### Official Laboratory

Reference laboratories

Approved laboratories

Trichinella laboratories

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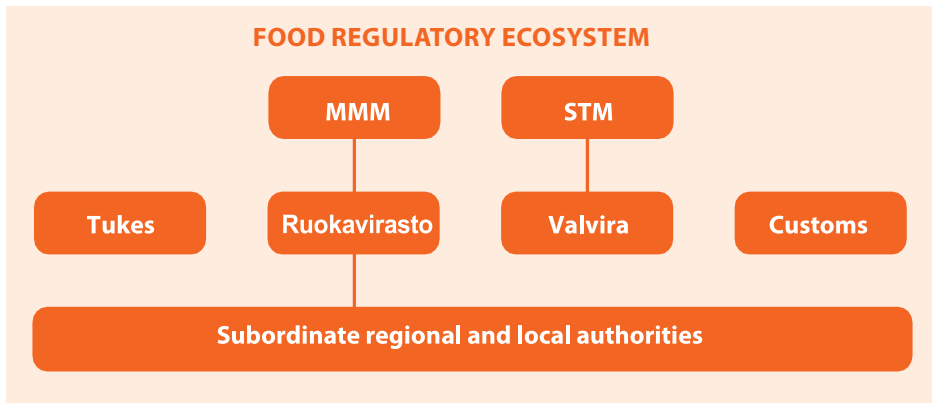
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# FINLAND

The Finnish Food Act is the central legal foundation for food legislation in Finland. 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. Governmental measures with regard to food safety are often based on scientific risk assessments. However, the final decision on

the legality of governmental measures rests with the courts.

While there is no strict institutional separation of risk assessment and risk management in Finland, procedural aspects of risk assessment and risk management are separated, and risk assessments are done independently from risk management. Most risk assessments are publicly available.



## FOOD AUTHORITIES

### Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MMM)

Ministerial responsibility for food and feed safety is centralised in Finland within the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MMM). It bears the policy and legislative responsibility. The MMM's responsibility for animal products encompasses all processing stages except distribution.

The Ruokavirasto is a specialist authority within the portfolio of the MMM. It

is responsible for planning, steering, developing and undertaking food control on a national basis. It is also responsible for national risk assessments related to food, feed, animal health and plant health. The portfolio of the MMM also encompasses the Natural Resources Institute Finland (Luke), whose remit is to engage in research concerning agriculture and food economy.

Luke also focusses on the improvement of farm animal welfare and risk assessments related to it.

There are three National Reference

Laboratories attached to the MMM, pursuant to Regulation (EC) No. 882/2004.

### **Ministry of Social Affairs and Health (STM)**

In the food sector, the Ministry of Social Affairs and Health (STM) deals with public health and nutrition policy, including legislation on drinking water, GMO propagation, irradiation and radioactivity. The Board of Gene Technology at STM is responsible for coordinating activities under the EC genetic engineering directives. In addition to this, the STM has coordinated an interdisciplinary network of administrative liaison officers who work on issues related to the safe application of nanotechnology.

The National Supervisory Authority for Welfare and Health (Valvira) is a specialist authority within the portfolio of the STM. The portfolio of the STM also encompasses other government authorities such as the National Institute for Health and Welfare (THL), which undertakes research on public health and conducts nutritional risk assessments, and the Radiation and Nuclear Safety Authority (STUK), responsible for environmental risk assessments and other tasks.

### **Ruokavirasto (Finnish Food Authority)**

Ruokavirasto (Finnish Food Authority), established in 2019, continues the activities of the Finnish Food Safety Authority (Evira). Ruokavirasto operates under the MMM and is the central authority in the field of food and feed safety in Finland. Ruokavirasto plays a leading role in the development and implementation of the national food control programme covering the food chain

from “farm to fork”. Some of the inspections are carried out directly by Ruokavirasto, but the main responsibility for the inspections is assigned to regional and municipal authorities.

Ruokavirasto is also responsible for scientific risk assessments and conducts research on food safety. The risk assessments are conducted independently from risk management. Ruokavirasto also acts as the link to consumers and organizes risk communication in the field of food safety.

The Finnish Zoonosis Centre located within Ruokavirasto forms a cooperation body between Ruokavirasto and the National Institute for Health and Welfare (THL). This ensures close cooperation between relevant experts in the field of food safety as well as animal and public health. The centre coordinates the monitoring of zoonoses, foodborne outbreaks, and antimicrobial resistance and also compiles the results.

Ruokavirasto’s area of work extends beyond food safety to include, for instance, veterinary medicinal products. The regulatory agency for veterinary drugs, however, is the Finnish Medicines Agency (Fimea).

### **The Finnish Safety and Chemicals Agency (Tukes)**

The Finnish Safety and Chemicals Agency (Tukes) supervises and promotes technical safety and conformity, together with consumer and chemicals safety in Finland. Tukes is the regulatory agency for pesticides and it assesses the risks of pesticide residues. Tasks related to pesticides are under the remit

of Ministry of Employment and the Economy.

Valvira National Supervisory Authority for Welfare and Health. In the field of food safety, the National Supervisory Authority for Welfare and Health (Valvira) is responsible for the supervision of tap water. In addition to this, Valvira supervises pesticide residues in alcohol products.

## FINNISH CUSTOMS

Finnish Customs (under the Ministry of Finance) is the competent authority for the import of food of non-animal origin. (Ruokavirasto controls the import of animal-based foodstuffs such as meat, fish and milk). Customs also inspects some of the so-called 'combined foodstuffs', which include refined animal-based ingredients in addition to ingredients of a plant origin.

## FOOD TESTING FACILITIES

Official Laboratory

Official laboratories authorized by the Finnish Food Authority:

<https://www.ruokavirasto.fi/laboratoriopalvelut/ruokaviraston-hyvaksymat-laboratoriot/>

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## REGIONAL AND LOCAL LEVELS

Finland is divided into six regions which are managed by Regional State Administrative Agencies. These regional agencies are under the Ministry of Finance. The regions are further subdivided into self-governing municipalities. Food control as well as control of animal health and welfare is carried out by 62 local environmental health care control units which report to the municipalities.

In addition, controls in the area of animal identification, registration, animal feed and plant health are carried out on behalf of Ruokavirasto by 15 regional Centres for Economic Development, Transport and the Environment (supervised by the Ministry of Employment and the Economy).

## **FOOD SAFETY IN FINLAND 2017:**

[https://www.ruokavirasto.fi/globalassets/tietoa-meista/julkaisut/julkaisusarjat/julkaisuja/en/eviran\\_julkaisuja\\_4\\_2018\\_uk\\_310818.pdf](https://www.ruokavirasto.fi/globalassets/tietoa-meista/julkaisut/julkaisusarjat/julkaisuja/en/eviran_julkaisuja_4_2018_uk_310818.pdf)

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<http://mmm.fi/en/frontpage>

<http://stm.fi/en/frontpage>

<https://www.ruokavirasto.fi/en/>

<http://www.tukes.fi/en>

<http://www.valvira.fi/web/en/front-page>

<http://www.tulli.fi/en/frontpage>

<https://www.terviseamet.ee/en>

<https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/about-codex/members/detail/en/c/15700/>

<https://www.woah.org/en/who-we-are/members/>

# FRANCE

Regulation (EC) No. 178/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 28 January 2002 laying down the general principles and requirements of food law is the central foundation for food legislation in France.

Government measures with regard to food safety take into account scientific knowledge and, more particularly, scientific risk assessments. In France, in the area of food safety, there is a clear distinction between risk assessment and risk management. Risk assessments are conducted and scientific opinions are prepared by the French Agency for Food, Environmental and Occupational Health & Safety (ANSES), and with regard to genetically modified organisms (GMOs), by the High Council for Biotechnology (HCB), and are publicly available through publication on their websites (unless prohibited by statutory provisions).

Risk management is mainly under the authority of three general directorates in three ministries: the Directorate General for Food (DGAL, MAF), the Directorate General

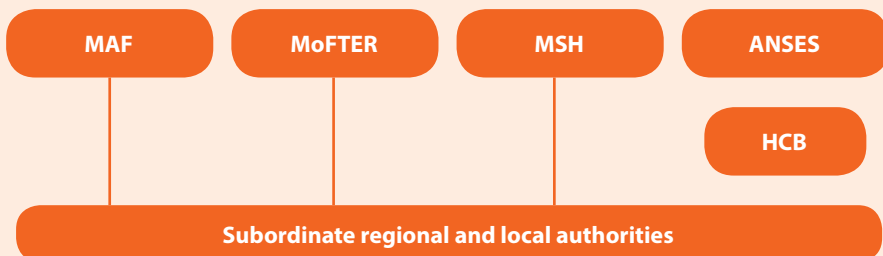
for Competition Policy, Consumer Affairs and Fraud Control (DGCCRF, MEF) and the Directorate General for Health (DGS, MSH).

ANSES also has risk management responsibilities in the areas of veterinary drugs and plant protection products. The ministries use risk assessments prepared by ANSES, and in the case of GMOs, by HCB, as the scientific foundation for risk management measures.

These three general directorates have a dual responsibility:

1. 'Political' – through the development of regulations at the national level and also through a central administration that ensures French representation in international and European authorities.
2. 'Operational' – through decentralised services located in each region and department in France whose mission is to control the implementation of health and food regulations.

## FOOD REGULATORY ECOSYSTEM



Risk communication is conducted by the ministries and by ANSES when relevant. The Codex Contact Point in France is located at the Secretariat general des affaires européennes (General Secretariat for European Affairs), which is under the authority of the Prime Minister.

## **FOOD SAFETY AUTHORITIES:**

### **Ministry of Agriculture and Food (MAF)**

In the field of food safety, the Ministry of Agriculture and Food (MAF) is responsible for agricultural policy, the safety of food of animal or plant origin and the safety of animal feed. MAF prepares draft legislation in this area and is also responsible for controls and inspection. MAF is also responsible for fighting food crime.

MAF's portfolio encompasses plant protection products, including residues, veterinary medicinal products, GMOs and zoonoses.

The area of work of MAF extends beyond food safety to include plant health, plant protection, animal health and animal welfare. In France there are two RASFF contact points, one is at MAF and the other at MEF.

**Ministry of Economy, Finances and Recovery (MEF)**, Directorate General for Competition Policy, Consumer Affairs and Fraud Control

The Ministry of Economy, Finances and Recovery, Directorate General for Competition Policy, Consumer Affairs and Fraud Control (MEF) is responsible

for consumer policy, including state food inspections of all products of non-animal origin.

The portfolio of MEF includes animal feed, biological hazards (microbiology / hygiene) in food of non-animal origin, GMOs in food of non-animal origin (other aspects with regard to GMOs are covered by MAF), contaminants, emerging risks, food contact materials and packaging, food ingredients, food supplements, nanotechnology, novel foods, nutrition, plant protection products and pesticides (residue).

### **Ministry of Solidarity and Health (MSH)**

The Ministry of Solidarity and Health (MSH) Directorate General for Health deals with public health policy, food safety, and mineral and drinking water. MSH defines objectives and priorities for public health policy, sets the legislative and regulatory framework, develops public health plans and national health programmes and ensures their implementation. In collaboration with MAF, MSH is in charge of investigations on food borne diseases.

**ANSES:** French Agency for Food, Environmental and Occupational Health & Safety

Created on 1 July 2010, the French Agency for Food, Environmental and Occupational Health & Safety (ANSES) is a scientific body active in the fields of food safety, occupational and environmental health, animal health and welfare, and plant health. ANSES's core activity is to conduct independent and pluralistic expert assessments in order

to evaluate health risks and provide the competent authorities with scientific data and recommendations that are essential to take the necessary measures preserve public health. These assessments are carried out with the support of 15 scientific expert committees and related ad hoc working groups involving more than 800 external scientific experts. In compliance with the European regulatory framework for GMOs, ANSES participates in the assessment of GMO dossiers together with HCB. The agency also assesses the effectiveness and risks of veterinary medicinal products, plant protection products, fertilisers, growing media and their adjuvants, as well as biocides, with a view to delivering marketing authorisations. It also provides assessments of chemicals within the framework of the European REACH regulations.

ANSES reports to five ministries, three of which have responsibilities in the area of food safety (agriculture, health, economy). These ministries use risk assessments prepared by ANSES as basis for risk management measures.

ANSES undertakes monitoring, alert, vigilance, research and reference activities. It also defines, implements and funds scientific and technical research programmes. The agency relies on a network of nine reference and research laboratories which operate in three main areas: animal health and welfare, food safety (chemical and microbiological), and plant health and hold numerous reference mandates (65 national mandates,

13 EU, and 29 international: WHO, FAO, OIE).

### **High Council for Biotechnology (HCB)**

Established by the Genetically Modified Organisms Act (GMO Act) of 25 June 2008, the High Council for Biotechnology (HCB) gives independent advice to the French government on all issues relating to GMOs and other types of biotechnology. It reports to the ministries responsible for the environment, agriculture, research, health and consumer affairs. In particular, HCB has the tasks of:

1. Assessing the safety of biotechnology: It provides opinions on national biomonitoring and on the risks to public health and the environment of various possible uses of GMOs, 2. Studying society-related aspects of biotechnology: It specifically gives advice on the social and economic impact of GMOs and considers the ethical issues that they raise.

To carry out these tasks, HCB consists of two committees: a Scientific Committee (SC) and an Economic, Ethical and Social Committee (EESC).

### **REGIONAL AND LOCAL LEVELS**

France consists of 13 regions and 101 departments (five departments and regions are located overseas). Feed and food inspections are carried out by the decentralised services (regional and local offices) of the three ministries in charge of food and feed safety.

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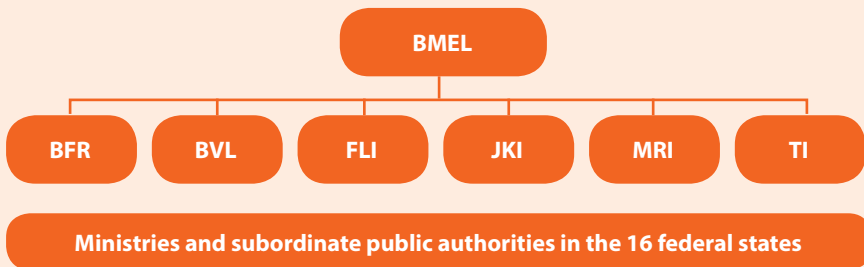
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# GERMANY

The central legal foundation for food legislation in Germany is the Food and Feed Code (Lebensmittel- und Futtermittelgesetzbuch), and the legislative responsibilities lie almost exclusively with the Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture (BMEL) and its subordinate authorities. 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 generally based on scientific risk assessments. In Germany, risk assessment and risk management are institutionally separated at the federal level. However, at the regional level (i.e. the 16 federal states), risk assessment and risk management are not institutionally separated. Food safety laws are enacted at the federal level, but competence for official food control lies with the federal states. Risk assessments are usually published on the Internet unless there are statutory provisions prohibiting it.

## FOOD REGULATORY ECOSYSTEM



## FOOD SAFETY AUTHORITIES:

### Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture (BMEL)

The Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture (BMEL) is responsible for agricultural policy and food safety. In the field of food safety, BMEL prepares draft legislation and issues related to statutory regulations. BMEL is assisted by several scientific Advisory Boards (ABs), such as for the Agricultural Policy, Food and Consumer Health Protection, Biodiversity

and Genetic Resources. The institutions within the BMEL's portfolio include higher federal authorities, legally independent institutions, the federal research centres, institutions belonging to the Leibniz Association and recipients of institutional grants. BMEL is the central competent authority (CCA) for EU legislation in the field of foodstuffs and food hygiene, for GMOs in food and feed, and for negotiations on legislative provisions concerning food safety and their transposition into national law.

Furthermore, it is the CCA in the area of plant health, for animal welfare, and for EU legislation related to Maximum Residue Limits (MRLs) in foodstuffs of plant and animal origin. BMEL is responsible for general food hygiene under Regulation (EC) No 852/2004. It is also responsible for drawing up the report on the controls carried out by the Länder authorities on the marketing and use of plant protection products, pursuant to Art. 68 of Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009. In the field of animal nutrition, it is responsible for drafting legislation at the federal level and for coordinating its implementation with the assistance of the Federal Office of Consumer Protection and Food Safety (BVL). Regarding food safety risks, BMEL receives advice from the German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR).

BMEL encompasses the federal research institutions involved in the EFSA network pursuant to Article 36, which give advice on various matters. These include the Friedrich-Loeffler-Institute (FLI) in the area of animal diseases, animal welfare, animal husbandry, animal nutrition and farm animal genetics, the Julius Kühn Institute (JKI) with regard to plant health and plant protection matters, and the Max Rubner Institute (MRI) in the field of nutrition and food. Furthermore, as part of the Article 36 network, the Thünen Institute (TI) provides advice on matters concerning plant health, genetically modified organisms, animal health and welfare, as well as environmental risk assessments. Well-founded scientific insights are crucial for political decisions. BMEL can draw on its well-positioned specialist

research institutions. This departmental research includes the four federal research institutes as well as the German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR) and the German Biomass Research Centre (DBFZ - Deutsches Biomasseforschungszentrum). Innovative research and competent scientific policy advice are closely linked tasks undertaken by these institutions.

### **German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR)**

The remit of the German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR) encompasses scientifically based risk assessments as part of administrative procedures (for instance, marketing authorisations for plant protection products), the compilation of expert reports on issues of food and feed safety and consumer protection based on internationally recognised scientific assessment criteria, and policy advice. In its capacity as a scientific body, the BfR prepares expert reports on risk assessment. The BfR collaborates at the national and international level with other scientific organisations which are active in consumer health protection and food and feed safety. Furthermore, the BfR is tasked with identifying new health risks and drawing up risk minimisation recommendations. It has a legal mandate to conduct research in fields regarding its work on consumer health protection and food and feed safety as well. The BfR is independent regarding its scientific assessment, research and communication. Research findings are used to provide information and scientific advice to the BMEL and other ministries as well as to regional and local public authorities.

The BfR's remit also includes documentation on poisoning incidents, the evaluation of methods to replace or supplement animal testing, and the assessment of developmental trends of zoonotic pathogens (including antibiotic resistance). Other main areas of its work are research and transparent communication of risks to the public at large, scientific circles and other stakeholders. A list of its responsibilities can be found in the German Act on the Reorganisation of Consumer Health Protection and Food Safety.

In addition, the BfR is also responsible for risk assessments and risk communication in the area of safety of consumer products, cosmetics, biocides and chemicals (REACH: Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation of Chemicals). Furthermore, the BfR collects and evaluates notifications of intoxication caused by chemicals. It carries out risk assessments on plant protection products and biocidal products in relation to toxicology and residues. Also methods for residues analysis are evaluated for control purposes.

15 National Reference Laboratories (NRLs), active in the fields of food and feed safety as well as food hygiene, are attached to the BfR pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2017/625. They are NRLs for Salmonella, Monitoring of Marine Biotoxins, Foodborne Viruses, *Listeria monocytogenes*, Coagulase-positive Staphylococci including *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Escherichia coli*, *Campylobacter*, *Trichinella*, Antimicrobial Resistance, Animal Proteins in Feed, Additives for Use in Animal Nutrition, Materials in Contact with Food, Food Additives and Aromas, Mycotoxins and Plant Toxins as well as Halogenated Persistent

Organic Pollutants (POPs) in Feed and Food, respectively. In addition to these NRLs based on EU law, other laboratories with a reference function are also attached to the BfR. These include the reference laboratory in the network of genetically modified organisms (GMO), the top appraisal body for the import control of wine in accordance with the wine monitoring regulation, zoonosis reporting, and the consultant laboratories for *Leptospira*, *Yersinia* as well as vibrios. The National Study Centre for Sequencing in Risk Assessment is also located at the BfR.

An essential part of socio-scientific risk research at the BfR is the development of effective risk communication strategies. Here, the outcomes of scientific risk characterisations are merged with the information needs of relevant target groups from science, economics, politics, public institutions, (consumer) associations, the media, NGOs and consumers. Comparison of individual risk perceptions with results coming from scientific risk assessments and descriptions of scientific uncertainty are prerequisites for conducting subsequent participatory risk communication measures.

### **Federal Office of Consumer Protection and Food Safety (BVL)**

The Federal Office of Consumer Protection and Food Safety (BVL) is the national management body for risks along the food chain. In the field of food safety, BVL supports the cooperation between the BMEL, the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection (BMUV) and the Federal States.

BVL runs a watching and warning system for crisis prevention. In times of crisis, it serves as a situation centre for the crisis management group of BMEL and acts as information hub. It regularly organises crisis exercises with all relevant players.

BVL is the regulatory authority for plant protection products and veterinary medicinal products.

BVL collaborates with risk managing bodies around the globe, and is involved in standard-setting at national and international level.

Together with the Federal States, BVL coordinates programmes for control of food and of plant protection products, and monitoring, including monitoring of zoonoses. BVL collects and analyses data of official food and feed control as well as foodborne outbreaks and forwards them to EU. BVL manages the Official Collection of Methods of Analysis.

BVL is the German national contact point for the inspections of the European Commission, for the Rapid Alert System for Food and Feed (RASFF) as well as the Administrative Assistance and Cooperation System (AAC) of the European Union, and in this role secures the flow of information between the EU and the Federal States. It serves as the contact point for the EU Food Fraud network. BVL is also the national competent authority in the EU authorisation of food additives, -flavourings and –enzymes.

On behalf of the Federal States, BVL hosts the Common Central Unit 'Control of Food, Feed, Cosmetics, Consumer Goods and Tobacco

Products Traded on the Internet' (@ZIELT) as well as the Central Unit for Surveillance of Online Trade of Plant Protection Products (ZOPf).

BVL also supports competent authorities and relevant business associations in export matters and accompanies the registration process of establishments exporting in third countries.

### **Friedrich-Loeffler-Institut (FLI)-Federal Research Institute for Animal Health**

The work of the Friedrich-Loeffler-Institut (FLI) focusses on farm animal health and welfare and on the protection of humans from zoonoses, i.e. infections which can be transmitted from animals to humans. These tasks are defined in Section 27 of the Animal Health Act. FLI conducts basic and applied research in different scientific fields. As a federal research institute and independent higher federal authority under BMEL, FLI provides advice for political decision-making based on its scientific expertise. The institute performs epidemiological investigations during outbreaks of animal diseases and prepares risk assessments on various infectious diseases of farm animals.

FLI acts as the National Reference Laboratory for designated animal diseases and is the national licensing authority for veterinary in vitro diagnostics. Internationally, FLI has been designated as the 'Collaborating Centre for Zoonoses in Europe' of the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) and hosts nine OIE reference laboratories as well as a WHO Collaborating Centre for Rabies

Surveillance and Research and two FAO Reference Centres (Classical Swine Fever, Animal Influenza and Newcastle Disease). Furthermore, FLI is a member of the EU Reference Centre for Animal Welfare. As the national contact point, FLI scientifically supports the competent authorities in the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 1099/2009, Article 20, regarding the protection of animals at the time of killing.

### **Julius Kühn Institute (JKI)-Federal Research Centre for Cultivated Plants**

The Julius Kühn Institute (JKI) is an independent higher federal authority and research institution. It is subordinate to BMEL. Tasks are stipulated in the German Crop Protection Act and the Gene Technology Act. The main task is to advise the German Federal Government concerning issues related to crop production, soil science, plant genetics, plant breeding, plant protection, plant health and bee protection. Within the framework of zonal evaluation procedures as well as EU and national approval procedures, JKI evaluates plant protection products and their active ingredients for application on cultivated plants with regard to their efficacy and phytotoxicity.

The effects on bees, non-target and useful organisms are also assessed. A further task closely related to the evaluation of plant protection products is the testing and listing of plant protection equipment to assess its suitability to meet application requirements. JKI develops early warning systems, analyses and evaluates the risks of introduction, spread and harmful effects of quarantine

pests and invasive alien species. JKI develops measures to prevent their introduction and spread and for their eradication.

As the National Reference Laboratory for the diagnosis of pests on plants, JKI is the central point in the network of EU reference laboratories and diagnostic laboratories in Germany. JKI is involved in the approval procedure for the release and marketing of genetically modified organisms (GMOs). JKI investigates if and how new biotechnological processes should be applied in plant breeding and how they should be integrated into sustainable plant production and what risk potentials and possible need for regulation are associated with this.

### **Max Rubner-Institut(MRI)-Federal Research Institute of Nutrition and Food**

The Max Rubner-Institut (MRI) advises BMEL in the field of consumer health protection in the nutrition sector. Important research priorities are the investigation of the nutritional and health-related value of food, work in the field of food safety, and quality and bioprocess engineering. The effect of nutrition is considered from the molecular and cellular level up to the whole organism. Research on nutritional behaviour and the influence of nutrition on the development of children are also of particular importance. MRI addresses beneficial nutritional effects of food, food constituents as well as novel foods. It advises BMEL in terms of dietary prevention of non-communicable diseases and contributes to the process of conducting benefit assessments of food. Four of the nine departments conduct research on a

specific food category, such as cereals, fats and oils, milk, fish, fruit, vegetables and meat. These departments focus on the entire food chain, from harvesting and production up to consumption. MRI collaborates with the departmental research institutes within the remit of BMEL, especially in the fields of nanotechnology, bacteriophages and pathogens (including zoonoses) in the food chain, trans-fatty acids, mineral oil components, plant toxins and mycotoxins as well as ergot and ergot alkaloids in foods and raw materials, standardization of analytical methods, and development of minimising strategies for undesirable substances in different foods and products. A network of experts in food authenticity as well as the validation of analytical methods relevant for the fight against food fraud is under development.

### **Johann Heinrich von Thünen Institute (TI) – Federal Research Institute for Rural Areas, Forestry and Fisheries**

In general, the Johann Heinrich von Thünen Institute (TI) carries out research and long term-monitoring and provides policy advice with regard to natural resources, protected assets as well as respective production systems and economic and societal issues in agriculture, fisheries, forestry and rural areas (see [www.thuenen.de](http://www.thuenen.de) > TOPICS). EFSA-relevant activities at the TI focus on animal health and welfare, genetically modified

organisms, environmental risk assessments, possible contaminants and their impact on humans (e.g. microplastics in fish and soils) and certain areas of plant health. Several of these activities are embedded in co-operations with FLI, JKI, MRI and other scientific partners in Germany and abroad.

## **REGIONAL AND LOCAL LEVELS**

Germany consists of 16 federal states (Länder) that vary greatly with regard to the size of each state (between approximately 1 and 18 million inhabitants per state). The 16 federal states of Germany are, in principle, responsible for the implementation of laws. Therefore, every state is responsible for the implementation of food and feed safety. The federal government supervises the federal states to ensure correct execution of the federal laws. In this task, the federal states are independent, i.e. not bound by instructions of the federal government. In Germany, the federal states are responsible for food control. In most federal states, food control is divided into three levels: At the uppermost level, the responsible ministry coordinates the food control. Below that, the provincial authorities or the regional government offices are responsible for the supervisory control of the food control authorities in the district or municipal authorities ('Kreise und Kreisfreie Städte'). These local offices for food and veterinary control carry out the investigations locally.

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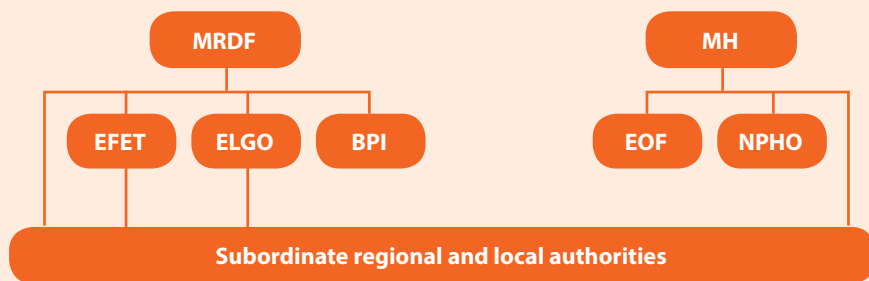
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# GREECE

Regulation (EC) No. 178/2002 is the central legal foundation for food legislation in Greece. 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 assessments. However, the final decision on the legality of governmental measures rests with the courts. In Greece, there is no institutional separation of risk assessment from risk management in any sector.

## FOOD REGULATORY ECOSYSTEM



## FOOD SAFETY AUTHORITIES:

### Ministry of Rural Development and Food (MRDF)

The Ministry of Rural Development and Food (MRDF) is responsible for agricultural policy and safety of agricultural (food) products in Greece. MRDF implements horizontal and vertical legislation in the area of food and feed and is responsible for the coordination of food safety inspections, in cooperation with EFET. The bases for MRDF management measures are the risk assessments undertaken by MRDF itself or its supervised organisations.

MRDF also engages in transparent

communication with consumers on topics of food and feed safety. MRDF is also responsible for feed safety, residues of plant protection products and veterinary medicinal products, genetically modified organisms (GMOs) and zoonoses.

MRDF monitors veterinary inspections by local authorities and is the regulatory authority for pesticides (plant protection products and biocides). The area of work of MRDF extends beyond food safety to include, for instance, plant health, plant protection, animal health, animal welfare and biocides. 62 National Reference Laboratories operate in Greece pursuant to Regulation (EU) No. 2017/625.

## Ministry of Health (MH)

The Ministry of Health (MH) deals with the determination of sanitary conditions and control measures for enterprises subject to public health regulations, the national nutrition policy focusing on health promotion, the surveillance of the quality of water intended for human consumption, and the provision of guidelines regarding:

- a.) quality assurance and surveillance of bottled waters,
- b.) issuance of permits for bottling factories,
- c.) health control of bottling factories.

## Hellenic Food Authority (EFET)

The Hellenic Food Authority (EFET) is a subordinate authority of MRDF. EFET ensures that food produced, distributed or marketed in Greece meets food safety and hygiene standards as described by national and European legislation. EFET supervises food inspections in Greece. EFET's central services monitor and coordinate tasks of regional EFET authorities. Risk assessments are compiled by a scientific advisory body (ESET) established within EFET. Risk assessments are the basis for risk management measures and their corresponding communication. The risk assessment work of EFET is performed in an independent fashion. The area of work of EFET extends beyond food safety to include labelling, nutrition and health claims, nutrition policy, training, communication with stakeholders, etc.

## National Organization for Medicines (EOF)

The National Organization for Medicines

(EOF) is a public entity administratively under MH. The task of EOF is to ensure public health and safety of medicinal products for human and veterinary use. The remit of EOF also includes foodstuffs intended for particular nutritional uses, food supplements, specific product types of biocides, medical devices and cosmetics. EOF is the regulatory authority for veterinary medicinal products and all health-related products in Greece. It monitors the post-marketing product quality, safety and efficacy. EOF proposes and promotes medical and pharmaceutical research. EOF also supplies the public and health professionals with objective information on medicines (for human and veterinary use) and other health-related products to ensure their safe and rational use and to support optimal cost effectiveness.

## Benaki Phytopathological Institute (BPI)

The Benaki Phytopathological Institute (BPI) is a research institute, public sector entity that works independently in the field of science and operates under the supervision of the MRDF. BPI is responsible for the evaluation and risk assessment of plant protection products and specific product types of biocides. Regarding plant health, BPI performs risk assessments for emerging harmful organisms. The research conducted at BPI is aimed to address various needs and requirements of the agricultural sector. The main scientific disciplines covered by BPI are related to phytopathology, entomology & agricultural zoology, pesticide safety for human health, non-target species and the environment.

## **ELGO – Demeter Hellenic Agricultural Organisation**

ELGO – Demeter is a public benefit, independent body under the supervision of MRDF, and is governed by private law. The main objective of ELGO – Demeter is to develop and/or support actions aimed at modernizing and developing the country's agricultural sector, improving production processes, enhancing competitiveness, certifying quality agricultural products and food (e.g. origin and identity of products), establishing and certifying good agricultural practices and implementing controls in the milk and meat production chain in the country. Furthermore, ELGO – Demeter organises and operates vocational educational training and schools.

## **National Public Health Organization (NPHO)**

The National Public Health Organisation

(NPHO) is a legal entity governed by private law under the supervision of MH. It is responsible for the surveillance of food borne and water borne sporadic disease cases and outbreaks, and for the coordination of investigations of food borne and water borne disease outbreaks at the national level.

## **REGIONAL AND LOCAL LEVELS**

Regional and local levels in Greece consist of seven decentralised administrations, 13 regions and 325 municipalities. 13 regional EFET authorities and local authorities are responsible for the implementation of food inspections. MRDF and EFET are responsible for coordinating regional food inspections.

Both the central General Chemical State Laboratory and the regional Chemical Services are under the supervision of the Independent Authority for Public Revenue and are responsible for the laboratory analyses of foodstuffs.

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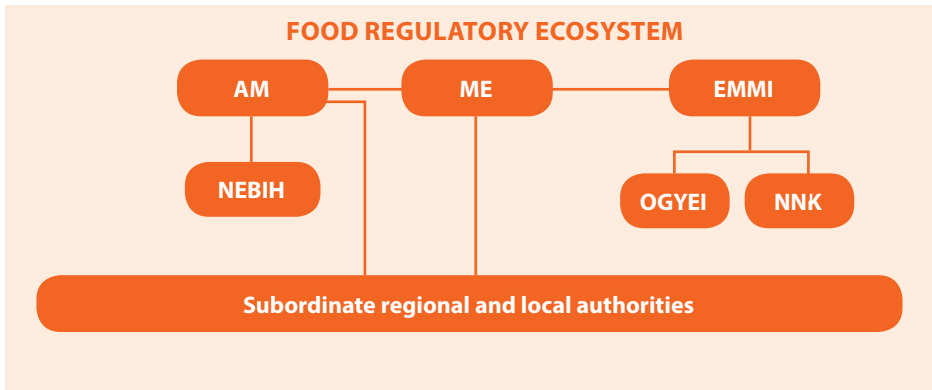
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# HUNGARY

The Food Chain Act is the central legal foundation for food legislation in Hungary. 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

assessments. However, the final decision on the legality of governmental measures rests with the courts. In Hungary, the National Food Chain Safety Office (NÉBIH) is responsible for risk management and risk assessment. Risk assessments are not published on the Internet yet.



## FOOD SAFETY AUTHORITIES:

### Ministry of Agriculture (AM)

The Ministry of Agriculture (AM) has full responsibility for official controls for all food chains. The ministry's core tasks are: international relations, strategic planning and drafting legislation in the fields of food chain safety from farm to table, and supervising the control activities at the county and local levels. In the case of incidents when immediate action is required, the Minister of Agriculture, through the Chief Veterinary Officer (CVO), has the right to give direct orders to the regional/local authorities.

The portfolio of the AM includes soil, plant health, feed, food, genetically modified organisms (GMOs), zoonoses, mineral water and drinking water. The AM also deals with residues of plant protection products and veterinary medicinal products, however the regulatory authority for pesticides and veterinary drugs is the NÉBIH.

The ministry formulates government measures related not only to rural development, but also to the supervision of food chains, environmental protection and the agricultural economy. The ministry's main goals are the sustainable management of natural resources, diversity of rural land use,

rural development and creating conditions for the safe and high-quality production and distribution of food products.

### **Ministry of Human Capacities (EMMI)- State Secretariat for Healthcare**

The State Secretariat for Healthcare is responsible for determining the special rules and for the preparation of legislation related to the direction of healthcare provision on the national level and in higher education institutes. It regulates the national public healthcare tasks. The area of competence of the Ministry of Human Capacities (EMMI) covers legislation in the field of nutritional health (e.g. nutritional health aspects of mass catering) and is primarily responsible for establishing legislation on food supplements, dietetic products, infant and follow-up formulas, health and nutrition claims and nutrition labelling.

### **National Institute of Pharmacy and Nutrition (OGYÉI)**

The National Institute of Pharmacy and Nutrition (OGYÉI) operates under the supervision of the Ministry of Human Capacities (EMMI). Amongst other things, the OGYÉI is responsible for the notification of food supplements, foods for particular nutritional uses (infant formulas, complementary foods, gluten-free foods, etc.), cosmetics and biocides used in the food industry and mass catering, and also conducts investigations on food supplements and foodstuffs with nutrition and health claims.

### **National Public Health Center (NNK)**

The National Public Health Center (NNK) operates under the supervision of the Ministry of Human Capacities (EMMI) and is led by the Chief Medical Officer. NNK is responsible for coordinating the official supervision of food supplements, foods for particular nutritional uses (foods for special medical purposes, infant formulas, follow-on formulas, fortified foods) and mass catering. With regard to infectious diseases, NNK performs the duties of the microbiological National Reference Laboratory, collects and manages data on foodborne diseases and shares them with other relevant parties, e.g. NÉBIH and ECDC

### **Prime Minister's Office (ME)**

Since 2011, the Prime Minister's Office (ME) has been responsible for funding for staffing and infrastructure and for implementation of the operational programmes. Administratively, the County Government Offices (CGOs) are under the Prime Minister's Office. The ME has other, non-professional management powers (for example: employer rights) as regards the CGOs.

### **National Food Chain Safety Office (NÉBIH)**

The National Food Chain Safety Office (NÉBIH) is an independent legal entity with nationwide competence and responsibility operating under the direct supervision of the Minister of Agriculture. Its annual budget is allocated by the government. The NÉBIH has a complex organisational structure with various horizontal and professional directorates and testing laboratories. The

NÉBIH covers the whole food chain, from soil to retail distribution as well as catering, in order to facilitate the safety of food and feed production with respect to animal and plant health and soil conservation.

The NÉBIH is involved in the authorisation of novel foods. The Risk Management Directorate supports the activities of the competent authorities (quick risk assessments, risk communication, risk management supporting activities in the case of crisis situations). The directorate is the single national contact point for the Commission Service ACN (Alert and Cooperation Network: RASFF, AAC common network). The directorate is responsible for general communication and for providing early warning programmes related to public awareness and education.

The System Management and Supervision Directorate coordinates the multi-annual national control plan (MANCP) and is responsible for risk assessments, strategic and risk-based planning of official controls, and for IT system development. As a result of the cooperative preliminary work of the Ministry of Rural Development and the NÉBIH, the Food Chain Safety Strategy 2013–2022 has been accepted by the government. The strategy determines the most important targets and duties connected to food chain

safety, as well as provides guidance on the achievement of these desired goals for the next years.

## REGIONAL AND LOCAL LEVELS

Administratively, Hungary is divided into 19 counties and Budapest. The counties are further subdivided into 174 districts, and Budapest is its own subregion comprised of 23 districts. At the county level, all authorities involved in official controls of the food chain have been merged and integrated into the County Government Offices (CGOs). Since 01 March 2020, the departments responsible for carrying out official controls in relation to food chain safety and animal health have been operating in new structures and under new names.

The ME is responsible for the direction of the CGOs; the AM is responsible for the professional direction of the units responsible for food chain control. Regarding the official food chain controls, the CGOs implement the control plans following the procedures and guidelines that are all provided by NÉBIH and ordered by the AM. As of 2015, there are 197 district government offices (DGOs) at the local level. At the district level, there are 82 Food Chain Safety and Animal Health Units (on average, each unit is responsible for 2–3 DGOs).

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# ICELAND

The Food Act is the central legal foundation for food legislation in Iceland. 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 assessments. However, the final decision on the legality of governmental measures rests with the courts.

Risk assessment and risk management are partly separated. Risk assessments are conducted by a risk assessment committee and with support from Matís Ltd. (Icelandic Food and Biotech R&D).

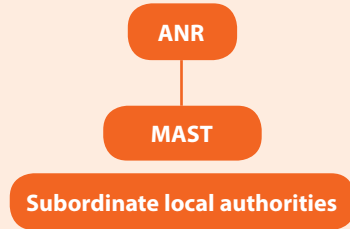
The risk assessment committee reports to the Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Fisheries (MoFAF). The role of the committee is to provide scientific risk assessments in the areas of food, feed, fertilizers, and seed products.

The Minister of Food, Agriculture and Fisheries and the Food and Veterinary Authority (MAST) may request the opinion of the committee. The committee may also, on its own initiative, carry out a risk assessment in consultation with the Minister of Food, Agriculture and Fisheries.

Risk management decisions are made by the Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Fisheries and the Food and Veterinary Authority. Risk assessments from EFSA or national

risk assessment authorities are sometimes used. Risk assessments connected to animal welfare are conducted by the Food and Veterinary Authority.

## FOOD REGULATORY ECOSYSTEM



## FOOD SAFETY AUTHORITIES

### Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Fisheries (MoFAF)

The Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Fisheries (MoFAF) is responsible for food, agriculture and fisheries policy and food safety in Iceland. Risk assessment committee is under the responsibility of MoFAF.

Icelandic food safety legislation is adapted to the relevant European Union (EU) acts related to the production of foodstuffs and fish farming within the European Economic Area (EEA) of which Iceland is a member. The ministry prepares legislation in the area of food, agricultural and fish products, foods of animal and plant origin and other food and feed, and is responsible for official controls. The portfolio of MoFAF includes drinking water, plant health, animal health, feed, animal welfare, seeds, fertilizers and fishing catches.

## **Icelandic Food and Veterinary Authority (MAST)**

The Icelandic Food and Veterinary Authority consists of a head office, an office for import and export control, and regional offices. MAST supervises the food control activities of the municipalities. MAST is subordinate to MoFAF and is the central competent authority in the field of food safety and feed, animal health and animal welfare. MAST is involved in risk communication as well as preparatory work for EU legislation and other national legislation (in support of MoFAF activities). MAST is responsible for inspections and controls during the import and export of food, feed, plants and live animals. In the area of food of animal origin, MAST carries out controls and inspections in primary production of livestock, in slaughterhouses in establishments producing food of animal origin (fish, meat, milk, eggs) and in feed- and animal byproducts processing plants. .

Matís Ltd. provides to the authorities scientific advice and support in the area of chemical and microbiological food safety, monitoring of food safety risks as well as laboratory diagnostic services in the field of chemical and microbiological risks.

MAST cooperates with the Institute for Experimental Pathology at Keldur, University of Iceland, with regard to risk assessment in the area of animal disease. The Institute for Experimental Pathology at Keldur also

provides scientific advice and support in the areas of animal and human disease, monitoring human health, as well as laboratory diagnostic services in the field of animal disease.

MAST also cooperates with several other scientific and governmental institutions within Iceland, e.g. the Chief Epidemiologist of the Directorate of Health on topics regarding communicable diseases and food borne outbreaks, the Directorate of Customs regarding import and export, and the Icelandic Medicines Agency regarding the evaluation and registration of veterinary medicinal products.

## **Food Science and Biotechnology (Matís Ltd.)**

Matís Ltd is an independent research institute owned by the Icelandic government. Matís Ltd. provides laboratory services as well as risk assessments in the area of food safety. Matís is designated as a National Reference Laboratory in 10 fields covering chemical and microbiological analysis in food and feed.

## **REGIONAL AND LOCAL LEVELS**

Iceland is divided into four veterinary districts, each with a regional office of MAST. Nine independent municipal Environmental and Public Health Offices are responsible for food safety controls in establishments producing food of non animal origin and at the retail level and are supervised by MAST.

## FOOD TESTING FACILITIES:

| Sector   | Laboratories  | Risk assessment, scientific advice   |
|--|---|--|
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| 3. Imports of animal and food of animal origin   | Matís Laboratory<br>The Institute for experimental pathology at Keldur  | MAST   |
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| MoFAF  | Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Fisheries                                     | <a href="http://www.stjornarradid.is/raduneyti/matvaelaraduneytid/">www.stjornarradid.is/raduneyti/matvaelaraduneytid/</a>   |
| MoEEC  | Ministry for the Environment, Energy and Climate                                | <a href="http://www.umhverfisraduneyti.is">www.umhverfisraduneyti.is</a>   |
| MoH  | Ministry of Health  | <a href="http://www.velferdarraduneyti.is">www.velferdarraduneyti.is</a>   |
| MAST   | Icelandic Food and Veterinary Authority   | <a href="http://www.mast.is">www.mast.is</a>   |
| UST  | The Environment Agency  | <a href="http://www.ust.is">www.ust.is</a>   |
| DoH  | Directorate of Health   | <a href="http://www.landlaeknir.is">www.landlaeknir.is</a>   |
| IMA  | Icelandic Medicines Agency  | <a href="http://www.lyfjastofnun.is">www.lyfjastofnun.is</a>   |
| DoF  | Directorate of Fisheries  | <a href="http://www.fiskistofa.is">www.fiskistofa.is</a>   |
| IRC  | Icelandic Revenue and Customs   | <a href="http://www.tollur.is">www.tollur.is</a>   |
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In India, **the Food Safety and Standards Act (FSS Act) established in 2006** consolidate the laws relating to food and under this act, **Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)** established in 2008 under the aegis of the **Ministry of Health & Family Welfare** for laying down science based standards for articles of food and to regulate their manufacture, storage, distribution, sale and import, to ensure availability of safe and wholesome food for human consumption. The FSS Act is enforced through State Commissioners of Food Safety along with Designated Officers and Central Food Safety Officers for domestic food. For Imports, the food is regulated at the ports by Authorized Officers and also customs officials who are notified as authorized officers. Under the Food Safety Act, various food safety and standards regulations have been formulated which include Food Products Standards and Food Additives, Contaminants, Toxins and Residues, packaging, labelling & display, advertising & claims, Vegan foods, Ayurveda Aahara, fortification of food, import, Approval for Non-Specific Food and Food ingredients, laboratory and sampling analysis, nutraceuticals, organic food, alcoholic beverages etc. The safety and quality of food (domestic & import) is being looked after by the established standards and quality assurance, i.e. testing facilities across the country (Primary, Referral & Reference labs). Also, a mobile food testing van, i.e. "Food safety on wheels" is part of the

testing facility which can be accessed by the public for testing of food to instill confidence amongst consumers that food is safe to eat. The "Food Safety on Wheels", conducts simple tests for common adulterants in milk, water, edible oil and other items of food of daily consumption, and also these mobile units are used to build awareness around food safety, hygiene and promoting healthy eating habits in citizens at large and for conducting training and certification programme for food handlers and supervisors in food businesses, particularly petty food businesses.

For the setting up of food standards, risk based approach is carried out. In FSSAI, there are 21 Scientific Panels, a Scientific Committee which assist the food authority in formulating food product standards by providing scientific opinions and inputs based on their risk assessment.

Food Testing and analysis is an essential part of the food safety ecosystem to assure that the food is safe to consume. FSSAI notified NABL accredited food laboratories under Section 43 of FSS Act, 2006. FSSAI approved notified laboratories as National Reference Laboratories (NRLs) and as ancillary facility of NRLs (ANRLs) for specific purpose.

Referral food laboratories: The Food Authority recognizes referral food laboratories for the purposes of carrying out analysis of appeal samples.

National Reference Laboratories: FSSAI has recognized National Reference laboratory (NRL) to set up a country wide standard for routine procedures, validation of such standard procedure / testing methods, development of new methods and ensuring proficiency in testing across the food laboratories with special reference to the risks or food categories. Either a primary food laboratory or a referral food laboratory can be considered for declaration as a NRL.

Food lab details can be referred at:

<https://www.fssai.gov.in/cms/food-laboratories.php>

**Ministry of Commerce and Industry:** The mandate of the Department of Commerce under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry is to regulate, develop and promote India's international trade and commerce through formulation of appropriate international trade & commercial policy and implementation of the various provisions thereof. The basic role of the Department is to facilitate the creation of an enabling environment and infrastructure for accelerated growth of international trade. The Department formulates implements and monitors the Foreign Trade Policy (FTP) which provides the basic framework of policy and strategy to be followed for promoting exports and trade. the Department is also entrusted with responsibilities relating to multilateral and bilateral commercial relations, Special Economic Zones, state

trading, export promotion and trade facilitation, and development and regulation of certain export-oriented industries and commodities.

Under the Ministry, following authorities are important with regard to export, trade of food products:

## 1. EXPORT PROMOTION COUNCILS AND EXPORT CERTIFICATION AUTHORITIES

### (1.a) Export Inspection Council

The Export Inspection Council (EIC) was set up by the Government of India under Section 3 of the Export (Quality Control and Inspection) Act, 1963 (22 of 1963), in order to ensure sound development of export trade of India through Quality Control and Inspection and for matters connected thereof. EIC is an advisory body to the Central Government, which is empowered under the Act to: Notify commodities which will be subject to quality control and/ or inspection prior to export, Establish standards of quality for such notified commodities, and Specify the type of quality control and / or inspection to be applied to such commodities.

The Export Inspection Council (EIC) is the official export –certification body of India which ensures quality and safety of products exported from India. EIC is the Competent Authority for export of various food items namely fish & fishery products, dairy products, honey, egg products, meat

and meat products, poultry meat products, animal casing, Gelatine, Ossein and crushed bones and feed additive and pre-mixtures, rice etc.

**Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT):** DGFT is responsible for implementing Foreign Trade Policy with the main objective of promoting smooth trade. DGFT has been involved in the regulation and promotion of foreign trade through regulation. Keeping in line with liberalization and globalization and the overall objective of increasing of exports, DGFT has since been assigned the role of “facilitator”. The shift was from prohibition and control of imports/exports to promotion and facilitation of exports/imports, keeping in view the interests of the country.

#### **(1.b) Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA)**

The Agricultural and Processed Food products Export Development Authority (APEDA) is an export promotion organization under the Ministry of Commerce & Industries, Government of India. It is mandated with the responsibility of promotion and development of the export of its scheduled products. Also, APEDA is responsible for carrying out inspection of meat and meat products in slaughter houses, processing plants, storage premises, conveyances or other places where such products are kept or handled for the purpose of ensuring the quality of such products; improving of packaging of the

Scheduled products; improving of marketing of the Scheduled products outside India; Promotion of export oriented production and development of the Scheduled products.

**(1.c) Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA):** MPEDA is under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry with a mandate to promote the marine products industry with special reference to exports from the country. MPEDA is the nodal agency for the holistic development of seafood industry in India. It is also empowered to carry out inspection of marine products, its raw material, fixing standards, specifications, and training as well as take all necessary steps for marketing the seafood overseas.

#### **(1.d) Tea Board India**

Tea board India under Ministry of Commerce & Industry has been established to promote the cultivation, processing, and domestic trade as well as export of tea from India. It is responsible for assignment of certification numbers to exports of certain tea merchants and approval of Inspection Agencies. This certification is intended to ensure the teas' origin, which in turn would reduce the amount of fraudulent labelling on rare teas such as the ones harvested from Darjeeling tea estates. Export certification from the Tea Board is mandatory for exports to take place. The Tea Board provides Export License, distribution license and permanent exporter's license under Tea (Distribution & Export) Control Order 2005. Laboratories under the

Tea Board, or accredited by the Board have the authority to conduct conformity of standards. It also provides financial support to research organisations and the monitoring of advances in tea packaging as it relates to health benefit aspects. The Tea Board has developed Good Agricultural Practices, and for addressing pesticides it developed a Plant protection Code for proper use of pesticides.

### **(1.e) Coffee Board**

The Coffee Board of India under Ministry of Commerce & Industry has been established to promote coffee production in India. The Coffee Board's duties include promotion of the sale and consumption of coffee in India and abroad, conducting coffee research, registration of exporters, issue of registration-cum-membership Certificate (RCMC), financial assistance to establish small coffee growers, safeguarding working conditions for labourers, managing the surplus pool of unsold coffee and issue export permits under Rule 44(2) Coffee Act 1942. Export certification from the Coffee Board is mandatory for exports to take place.

### **(1.f) Spices Board India**

Spices Board India under Ministry of Commerce and Industry is the Indian government's regulatory and export promotion agency for Indian spices. The main functions of Spices Board India is Research, Development and Regulation of domestic marketing of Small & Large Cardamom, post-harvest improvement of all spices, promotion

of organic production, processing and certification of spices, provision of quality evaluation services, export promotion of all spices, registration of exporters, promotion of exports of spices and spice products. The Spices Board has a state-of-the-art testing laboratory at its headquarters in Kochi. There are also regional laboratories at Mumbai, Chennai, Tuticorin, Kandla, Delhi, and Guntur. Through the laboratories, the Spices Board makes mandatory quality checks for spices exported from India.

### **(1.g) Coconut Development Board**

Coconut Development Board (CDB) is a statutory body established by the Government of India under Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare for the integrated development of coconut production and utilization in the country with focus on productivity increase and product diversification. The Board is responsible for quality testing for the products, adopting measures for the development of the coconut industry and imparting technical advice to those engaged in coconut cultivation and industry, providing financial and other assistance for the expansion of the area under coconut and encourages the adoption of modern technologies for processing of coconut and its products, recommending measures for improving the marketing of coconut and its products and measures for regulating imports and exports of coconut and its products.

### **(1.h) CHEMEXCIL**

Basic Chemicals, Cosmetics & Dyes Export Promotion Council popularly known as CHEMEXCIL has been set up by the Government of India with the objective of promoting exports of dyes and dye intermediates, basic inorganic & organic chemicals including agrochemicals, cosmetics, soaps, toiletries & essential oils, lubricants and castor oil from India to various countries abroad. CHEMEXCIL is the nodal agency designated by the Ministry of Commerce & Industry for compliance of REACH legislation of the European Union. It has been authorized by the Ministry of Commerce & Industry to issue No preferential Certificates of Origin to its member-exporters for export of their products to various countries on the condition that the said items are covered are manufactured in India.

### **(1.i) CAPEXIL**

CAPEXIL was setup by the Government of India to promote the export of chemical and allied products from India. It is the Competent Authority to support, protect, maintain, increase and promote the exports of all chemicals, pharmaceutical and other allied products including fertilizers and manures, Crushed Bones, Ossein and Gelatin (under EIC Act).

### **(1.j) SHEFEXIL**

Shellac Export Promotion Council (SEPC) was established by the Government of India to

facilitate India's exports of shellac and lac-based products. SEPC's role was enhanced as the Nodal EPC for India's Non-Timber Forest Produce, to facilitate exports of Vegetable Saps & Extracts, Guar Gum, Sesame seeds, Herbs, Niger. Seeds, Other Vegetable materials, Fixed Vegetable Oil, Cakes and more. Subsequently, SEPC was renamed as SHEFEXIL (Shellac & Forest Products Export Promotion Council) SHEFEXIL was declared as the nodal EPC for the North Eastern Region of India, to facilitate all exports from the states of Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Nagaland, Meghalaya, Tripura, Mizoram & Sikkim.

### **(1.k) IOPEPC**

Indian Oilseed and Produce Export Promotion Council (IOPEPC) is concerned with the promotion of various Oilseeds and Oils. IOPEPA is engaged in the development and promotion of exports of oilseeds, oils and oilcakes. Besides focusing on exports, the Council also works towards strengthening of domestic supply chain by encouraging farmers, shellers, processors, surveyors and exporters to enhance the quality of oilseeds in India. IOPEPC serves as the common forum for the Indian oilseeds/ vegetable oils exporters, foreign buyers, the Indian Government, R & D agencies for oilseeds and vegetable oils in India, international agencies and many other official bodies and authorities globally.

### **(1.I) Directorate of Plant Protection, Quarantine and Storage**

The Directorate of Plant Protection Quarantine & Storage is an apex organization for advising the Government of India and state governments on all matters related to Plant Protection. It is an attached office of the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare. Plant protection activities encompasses those aimed at minimizing crop losses due to pests through integrated pest management, plant quarantine, regulation of pesticides, locust warning and control and training in desert areas besides training and capacity building in plant protection. Its main functions cover both export and import. The mandate of Directorate of Plant Protection, Quarantine and Storage is that it draws and tests samples from export and import consignments for the presence of exotic pests inimical to Indian agriculture and the issue of phytosanitary certificates for export consignments, to prevent introduction of exotic pests inimical to Indian agriculture by implementation of Destructive Insects and Pests Act, 1914 supported by Plant Quarantine Order (Regulation of Import into India), 2003, export and import Certification of plants and plant products for safe global trade in agricultural commodities (certifying that standards relating to pests and diseases are met; pesticide certification is from other agencies), to advise and assist

the Union Government on all matters including international obligations related to plant protection, to popularize adoption of integrated pest management (IPM) through training and demonstration in crops inter-alia promotion of biological control approaches in crop protection technology, to ensure availability of safer and effective pesticides through regulatory measures under the Insecticides Act, 1968, to keep watch and control over locust in scheduled desert area, human resource development in plant protection technology, monitoring pesticides' residues at national level.

#### **Animal Quarantine & Certification**

**Services:** The purpose and scope of setting up of Quarantine Stations is to prevent the ingress of dangerous exotic diseases into the country through imported livestock and livestock products. Increased and faster international trade and travel has exposed every country to the danger of infiltration of known and unknown transmissible diseases which have the potential of very serious and rapid spread with adverse socio-economic and human/animal health consequences. Its functions include "Implementation of the provisions of the Livestock and Livestock Products Importation Act and Central Government orders in force on the importation and exportation of livestock and livestock products.

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<https://www.fssai.gov.in/cms/food-safety-and-standards-regulations.php>  
<https://www.fssai.gov.in/advisories.php>  
<https://www.fssai.gov.in/index.php?page=businesses.php>  
[https://www.fssai.gov.in/upload/uploadfiles/files/Compendium\\_Food\\_Import\\_Regulations\\_05\\_06\\_2022.pdf](https://www.fssai.gov.in/upload/uploadfiles/files/Compendium_Food_Import_Regulations_05_06_2022.pdf)  
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# INDONESIA

The Government of the Republic of Indonesia released the Law no 18/2012 on food with the objective to increase production of food, provide diverse food and fulfil safety, quality and nutrition requirements for consumption, achieve food sufficiently level, especially staple food with reasonable and affordable prices according to the necessity of the people, facilitate or improve food access for the people, especially people with food insecurity and malnutrition, increase added value and competitiveness of food commodity in domestic and foreign market, increase knowledge and awareness of the people concerning food safety, quality and nutrition for consumption, improve welfare for farmers, fisherman, fish farmers, and food businesses and protect and develop the rich resources of national food. The quality of food is specifically governed by Government Regulation No. 28/2004 on

Food Safety, Quality, and Nutrition ("GR 28"). GR 28 regulates the sanitation of food, additional ingredients that can be added to food, genetically modified foods, food irradiation, food packaging, food guarantees, laboratory analysis, contaminated food, food quality, food quality certification, food nutrition, importation of food, exportation of food, supervision of food, and public participation in the supervision of food. Law No. 33/2014 on Halal Assurance ("Halal Law") requires halal certification for consumer products in general, including foods and beverages. The Rapid response particularly in emergency situation is dealt by Indonesia Rapid Alert System for Food and Feed (INRASFF). The implementation of the National Standardization Agency in the field of accreditation is conducted by the Indonesia National Accreditation Committee (KAN).

## FOOD REGULATORY ECOSYSTEM

**Foods & Drugs  
Supervisory Agency  
(BPOM)**

**Ministry of Marine  
Affairs and Fisheries:**

**Ministry of Agriculture**

## FOOD SAFETY AUTHORITIES

### **Foods & Drugs Supervisory Agency (BPOM):**

The National Agency of Drug and Food Control of Republic of Indonesia or NADFC

or BPOM is responsible for protecting public health through the control and supervision of prescription and over-the-counter pharmaceutical drugs (medications), vaccines, biopharmaceuticals, dietary supplements, food safety for processed food sector and cosmetics. BPOM deals with

the registration of products in the market, labelling requirements. The importation of foods is specifically regulated under Head of BPOM Regulation 4 of 2017 (“Supervision of Import Food Regulation”). Under this regulation, the only processed food that can be imported into Indonesia is food that already has a Market Authorization Permit. In addition to this, the importer must obtain an approval from the Head of BPOM in the form of an Import Information Letter (“SKI”). BPOM requires the registration of domestically produced processed foods and imported processed foods. Imported processed foods can specifically be registered by their relevant importers or distributors, provided that they satisfy the following conditions: must be in possession of the relevant food import or distribution licenses; must be in possession of a designation letter (in the form of an agreement), as drawn up by the relevant exporting companies in the countries of origin; and must comply with good distribution practices that meet the requirements of the relevant foods.

### **Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries:**

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### **Ministry of Agriculture:**

Realizing food and nutritional security, Ministry of Agriculture is working in order to increase the availability, affordability and utilization of food as a fulfilment of food consumption and community nutrition. Also, increasing the Added Value and Competitiveness of Agricultural Commodities is to encourage agricultural commodities to have competitive advantages and better value from the results of production, storage, processing and distribution. In addition to this, the Ministry of Agriculture is improving the welfare of farmers by protecting and empowering farmers. This is a food safety authority for Fresh Food.

According to the Law no.18 year 2012 and government regulation no.28 year 2004 all of the bodies which is responsible for food safety sector must coordinate with each other in order to ensure the national Food Control System works well in Indonesia.

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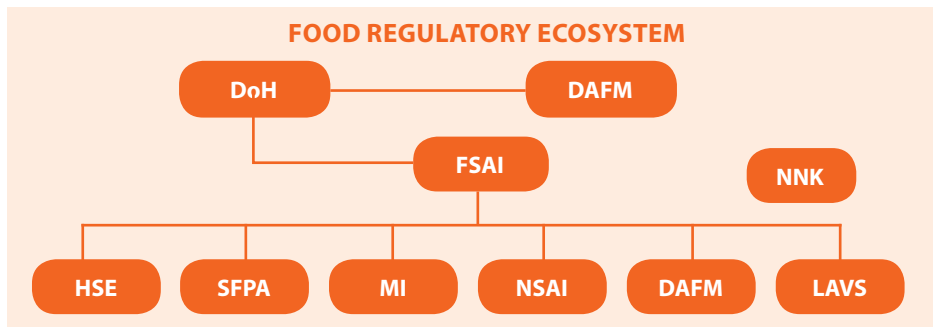
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INDONESIA

# IRELAND

The Food Safety Authority of Ireland (FSAI) established by the Food Safety Authority of Ireland Act, 1998. The Act includes food safety, standards, enforcement, food inspection etc. Under the Act, FSAI ensures that (a) food produced in the State (whether or not distributed or marketed in the State), and (b) food distributed or marketed in the State, meets the highest standards of food

safety and hygiene reasonably available and it shall, in particular, take all reasonable steps to ensure that such food complies (i) with food legislation in respect of food safety and hygiene standards, or (ii) where appropriate, with the provisions of generally recognised standards or codes of good practice aimed at ensuring the achievement of high standards of food hygiene and food safety.



## FOOD SAFETY AUTHORITIES

### Department of Health (DoH)

The Department of Health (DoH) is responsible for policy issues in the area of food safety, for formulating and transposing EU regulations and for reviewing national legislation. It provides the governance oversight function for the Food Safety Authority of Ireland on behalf of Government. Its remit covers the retail sectors for food and non-retail processing and distribution of foods of animal and non-animal origin.

### Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM)

The Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM) is responsible for policy development, negotiation at the EU level, implementation in national law of EU rules and official controls in the areas of primary production of food, animal health and welfare, feed safety, plant health, fisheries, slaughtering of animals and processing of foods of animal origin up to but not including the retail level.

DAFM carries out risk assessments in the

field of animal feed and pesticides. DAFM personnel also enforce food law and conduct risk management of food under contract with the FSAI. DAFM's enforcement of feed law and associated risk management activities are standalone functions. Eight National Reference Laboratories are attached to DAFM pursuant to Regulation (EC) No. 882/2004. The remit of DAFM extends beyond food safety to include, for instance, plant health, animal health, animal welfare, feed, genetically modified organisms (GMOs) and zoonoses. DAFM is the regulatory authority for pesticides and veterinary drugs. DAFM national veterinary service is subdivided into four regional animal health and welfare inspectorates with 28 District Veterinary Offices. There are six regional veterinary public health inspectorate regions.

### **Food Safety Authority of Ireland (FSAI)**

The Food Safety Authority of Ireland (FSAI) is a statutory, independent and science-based body dedicated to protecting public health and consumer interests in the area of food safety and hygiene. Established in 1999, its principal function is to protect consumers and improve compliance through partnership, science, and food law enforcement.

It is an independent agency under the aegis of the Minister of Health. The FSAI enforces food legislation in Ireland. It does this by managing official control activities through service contract arrangements with other bodies – namely, the Health Service Executive (HSE), the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM), the Sea-Fisheries Protection Authority (SFPA), local authorities,

the Marine Institute (MI) and the National Standards Authority of Ireland (NSAI) – as well as scientific and technical support to other bodies through publications and training, and conducting risk assessments to underpin risk management decisions and actions.

The FSAI runs the national RASFF contact point and the Administrative Assistance and Cooperation (AAC) national contact point as well as the national EFSA Focal Point. The FSAI has a remit to carry out risk assessments, risk management and risk communication relating to food safety.

### **Health Service Executive (HSE)**

The Health Service Executive (HSE) was established by the DoH as part of the provisions of the Health Act, enacted in 2004. The Environmental Health Service is part of the HSE and provides a range of food safety and food control services on behalf of the FSAI. It is responsible for official controls at retail level and on foods of non-animal origin. The HSE has nine food laboratories which are official laboratories pursuant to Regulation (EC) No. 882/2004.

Two of these laboratories have been appointed as National Reference Laboratories. The HSE is divided into four geographical regions: Southern Region, Western Region, Dublin Mid-Leinster Region and Dublin North Eastern Region. There are between seven and nine environmental health sections in each region and 39 nationally.

### **Sea-Fisheries Protection Authority (SFPA)**

The Sea-Fisheries Protection Authority (SFPA)

is responsible for the implementation and enforcement of national and EU legislation that deals with health conditions for the production and placing on the market of fish, shellfish and fishery products. Its remit extends from harvesting and catching through to fish and fish products being placed on the market, but excluding products for retail sale, which are supervised by the HSE. The SFPA has six offices in the major ports around the coast.

### **Marine Institute (MI)**

The Marine Institute (MI) is responsible for implementation of aquatic animal health legislation under EU and National legislation and monitors the movement of finfish and shellfish into and within Ireland. The MI is the National Reference Laboratory for finfish, molluscs and crustacean disease. It provides scientific advice and support services to both the FSAI and SFPA.

### **National Standards Authority of Ireland (NSAI)**

The National Standards Authority of Ireland (NSAI) is responsible for the development of Irish standards, representing Irish interests in the work of the European and international standards bodies CEN and ISO, the recognition of natural mineral waters and controls on suppliers of food contact materials.

### **Local Authority Veterinary Service (LAVS)**

The Local Authority Veterinary service is a collective of veterinary inspectors based in local authorities and subject to 25 service contracts with FSAI. They act independently and locally in their work enforcing food law in small slaughter establishments and meat processing plants.

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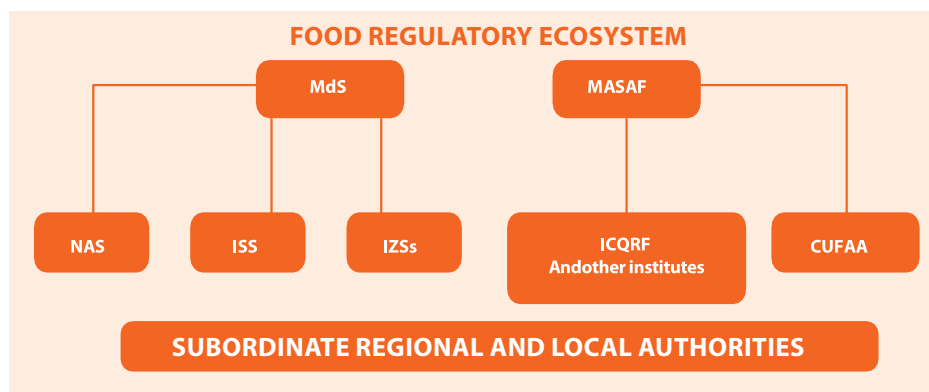
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Regulation (EC) No. 178/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 28 January 2002 laying down the general principles and requirements of food law is the central legal foundation for food legislation in Italy. Infringement of food regulations can lead to measures under criminal law and

consumer damage claims under civil law, whereby the final decision rests with the courts. Government measures concerning food safety are based on scientific evidence and, more particularly, on scientific risk assessments. In Italy, risk assessment and risk management are institutionally separated.



## FOOD SAFETY AUTHORITIES

### Ministry of Health (MdS)

In Italy, most of the mandates for food and feed safety, animal health and animal welfare are assigned at the national level to the Ministry of Health (MdS) (reorganised by the Decree of the President of the Council of Ministers No. 59 of 11 February 2014), and, in particular, to the:

- Directorate General for Food Hygiene, Food Safety and Nutrition: The Directorate-General for Hygiene and Food Safety and Nutrition performs the following functions:
  - hygiene and safety of food production and marketing,

including primary products

- integrated national plan, food chain control plans and operational guidelines on food import controls
- risk management in the field of expertise, management of the warning system and emergency management in the field of food and feed safety
- foodborne zoonoses
- exercise of state powers in the field of nutrition, foods for specific population groups, fortified foods, functional foods, food supplements, herbal products for food use, nutritional labeling, food and

nutrition education

- health aspects related to food technologies and novel foods, genetically modified foods, additives, enzymes, food flavourings, biological, chemical and physical contaminants of the food chain, materials and objects intended to come into contact with food
- phytosanitary products and related production, marketing and use authorization activities
- animal by-products
- investigations, audits and inspections in the areas of competence
- organization of the audit system for the verification of the prevention systems concerning food safety and veterinary public health in conjunction with the general directorate of animal health and veterinary drugs
- export promotion and connected activity of certification
- hygiene and safety of food for export
- research and experimentation in the alimentary
- coordination with food control laboratories
- operational activity in relations with the institutions and bodies of the European Union and international institutions.

may represent a danger to public health, criminal charges will also be brought. All control activities performed by the central and local competent authorities are integrated in a multi-annual national control plan (MANCP) developed in compliance with the principles and guidelines laid down in Regulation (EC) No. 882/2004, according to which plans shall be based on risk assessment (Regulation (EC) No. 178/2002) and risk categorisation (Regulation (EC) No. 882/2004).

The MANCP is developed in collaboration with all competent authorities: the Istituto Superiore di Sanità (ISS – National Institute of Health), the Experimental Zooprophyllactic Institutes (IZSs), the Ministry of Agricultural, Food and Forestry Policies (MiPAAF), the Ministry of Environment, the regions and autonomous provinces, the Customs Agency, the Carabinieri for Health Protection (NAS), the State Forestry Corps (CUFAA), the port authorities, and the Ministry of Finance's Police Force.

### **Ministry of Agriculture, Food Sovereignty and Forests (MASAF)**

Within the Ministry of Agriculture, Food Sovereignty and Forests (MASAF) the Department of International and EU Policies and Rural Development is responsible for the coordination of activities related to the quality of agricultural products and food. The Directorate General of EU and International Policies and Rural Development is responsible for plant health, seeds, propagation material, fertilisers and some aspects of the field of plant protection products, as well as for husbandry and products of animal origin.

In cases where an identified nonconformity

The Central Inspectorate for Fraud Repression

and Quality Protection of the Agri-food Products and Foodstuffs (ICQRF) is the law enforcement body of the MASAF responsible for fraud prevention. It carries out controls on labelling and quality of food, agricultural products, feed, fertilisers and plant protection products via its own laboratory network.

### **National Institute of Health (ISS)**

At the national level, the National Institute of Health (ISS) is a technical and scientific public body of the Italian National Health Service. The ISS (which is under the remit of MH) supervises the laboratories of the Italian National Health Service engaged in food and feed control and performs confirmatory analyses.

Its activities include research, control, training and consultation in the interest of public health protection. One of the activities carried out by the institute consists in supporting inspections and quality controls of food products and packaging at the request of the Ministry of Health or the regions.

### **Experimental Zooprophyllactic Institutes (IZSs)**

The 10 Experimental Zooprophyllactic Institutes (IZS) are official laboratories operating at the local and national level as technical and scientific public sector bodies of the Italian National Health Service, within the remit of the competent authorities (Ministry of Health and regions). One of the activities carried out by the IZSs consists in supporting inspections and quality controls of food products and packaging, at the request of the Ministry of Health or the regions. All the official laboratories, including those mentioned in the 'Regional and local levels' section, are accredited for specific

activities by the National Accreditation Body (ACCREDIA), nominated by the government under Regulation (EC) No. 765/2008 and operating under the supervision of the Ministry of Economic Development.

## **FOOD TESTING FACILITIES**

The IZSs are veterinary public health institutes which provide a network of public laboratories at national and regional level. There are 10 IZS, with approximately 85 field diagnostic units at provincial level. Each IZS covers one or more Regions. Each IZS can be National Reference Laboratory (NRL) for one or more animal diseases or for food safety issues.

At the international level some IZS has been acknowledged as FAO or O.I.E. or WHO Reference Laboratory

## **REGIONAL AND LOCAL LEVELS**

Except for the matters explicitly reserved to the central government, responsibility for controls has been devolved to the regional level. The 19 regions and 2 autonomous provinces have responsibility, within their territories, for planning, coordination, guidance, authorisation, and verification, while the operational implementation of controls is handled at the local level by 99 local units with a high degree of managerial autonomy.

Local units are responsible for local controls on animal health, animal welfare and food both of animal and non-animal origin. The analyses are conducted by official laboratories: the network of the 10 IZSs, the network of 27 Regional Agencies for Environment Protection (ARPA) and the network of 16 public health laboratories.

## NATIONAL REFERENCE LABORATORIES



## INTERNATIONAL REFERENCE LABORATORIES



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# JAPAN

In Japan, food safety is to protect the health of the public through the strengthening measures for the assurance of food safety. The work is carried out under the Food Safety Basic Law, 2003, and related laws including the Food Sanitation Law, the Abattoir Law, and the Poultry Slaughtering Business Control and Poultry Inspection Law. In addition, other related laws are necessary, including the

Law of Temporary Measures for Enhancing the Control Method of the Food Production Process and the Health Promotion Law. The work includes various responsibilities. These include the regulation of the manufacture, import, and sale of food, food additives, and food apparatus and containers/packages. They also include the provision of related information to consumers and businesses.

## FOOD REGULATORY ECOSYSTEM

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Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF)

Food Safety Commission

Consumer Affairs Agency (CAA)

## FOOD SAFETY AUTHORITIES

### Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (MHLW):

The general requirements and standards are set by MHLW and apply to all types of foods including imported foods. The work in MHLW includes various responsibilities like regulation of the manufacture, import, and sale of food, food additives, and food apparatus and containers/packages. They also include the provision of related information to consumers and businesses.

### Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF):

MAFF is dealing with development of Japanese Agricultural Standards (JAS). Under JAS, there is a JAS LAW, "The Law Concerning

Standardization, etc. of Agricultural and Forestry Products". JAS Law is concerning to the "JAS System" which ensures that the foods and drinks, etc. have a certain quality and are produced by specific method. Also, MAFF is looking after Animal and Plant Quarantine.

### Food Safety Commission:

The Food Safety Commission of Japan (FSCJ) is a risk assessment organization for science-based assessment of food safety risks to human health. It is responsible for "risk communication" through which the information on risk assessments is to be provided correctly in an easy-to-understand manner. Through risk communication, FSCJ provides people with the knowledge and wisdom of consuming food safely.

MHLW, MAFF are working as Risk Manager and Food Safety Commission work as Risk Assessor.

**Consumer Affairs Agency (CAA):** CAA is responsible for proper food labelling, for informed food choices, promoting consumers understanding of food safety, Promoting the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) etc.

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In Korea, there are number of food safety laws functioning. The Food Sanitation Act, Meat and Poultry Products Processing Act, Dietary Health Supplements Act and its Ministerial Ordinances and Enforcement Decrees, and associated by-laws are in force at both central and local government levels. The provisions contained in these Acts cover requirements for prohibition of harmful, adulterated foods and the use of other hazardous substances

in food, requirements for the safe use of food additives and packaging materials, requirements for food manufacturing facilities and employees, food imports and inspection procedures, recall and inspection guidelines, labeling regulations, and so forth. These standards and regulations are developed in line with other international standards and guidelines including Codex.

## FOOD REGULATORY ECOSYSTEM

Ministry of Food and Drug Safety (MFDS)

Ministry of Agriculture, Food, and Rural Affairs (MAFRA)

Animal and Plant Quarantine Agency (APQA)

## FOOD SAFETY AUTHORITIES

### Ministry of Food and Drug Safety (MFDS):

The Ministry of Food and Drug Safety (MFDS), formerly known as the Korea Food & Drug Administration (KFDA), is responsible for promoting the public health by ensuring the safety and efficiency of foods, pharmaceuticals, medical devices and cosmetics as well as supporting the development of the food and pharmaceutical industries. The main goal is to offer people safe foods and drugs through formulating policies, setting up specific criteria and standards for food products. MFDS established a food safety management system to provide safer food.

Domestic foods are managed through three stages: manufacturing, distribution, and consumption. In the manufacturing stage, the business operator must first submit a food manufacturing and item manufacturing report, there is self-quality inspections which are conducted to ensure safety of products, and the HACCP system is applied to protect food from any hazardous risk in a pre-emptive manner. In the distribution stage, food products are collected and inspected to strengthen safe food distribution, and the food traceability system is operated to trace the distribution routes of harmful foods, along with the operation of the Hazardous Food Sales Prevention System. In the consumption stage, false or exaggerated

advertisements are monitored and consumer food sanitation guard system is operated.

### **Ministry of Agriculture, Food, and Rural Affairs (MAFRA):**

The MAFRA has established three core agricultural administrative pillars: income increase for farmers, welfare enhancement for rural areas, and agricultural competitiveness improvement. The MAFRA is responsible for areas including crop insurance, land reclamation, agricultural statistics and the development of agricultural technology including genetically modified crops and environmentally friendly agriculture. It is also responsible for direct payments to rice farmers and for aspects of preparedness for natural disasters.

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### **Animal and Plant Quarantine Agency (APQA):**

APQA deals with Animal disease control and Quarantine, Plant quarantine, Animal and Plant Health research.

MFDA is responsible for Foods and Drugs and APQA is responsible for Testing animals and Plants.

## **FOOD TESTING FACILITIES**

National Institute of Food and Drug safety Evaluation, Osong, Cheong Ju. The National Institute of Food and Drug Safety Evaluation (NIFDS) is a leading institute for the science-based safety evaluation of food and drugs.

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The legal framework for food safety in Kosovo is the Law on Food 03/L-016. Infringement on the provisions of the Law on Food and other legal food safety acts can lead to measures under criminal law and consumer damage claims under civil law, in which case the final decision rests with the courts.

In Kosovo, risk assessment is still being developed. There is no institutional separation between risk assessment and risk management, and risk assessments are not published on the Internet.

## FOOD REGULATORY ECOSYSTEM

FVA

MAFRD

MoH

Subordinate local  
authorities

## FOOD SAFETY AUTHORITIES

### Food and Veterinary Agency (FVA)

The Food and Veterinary Agency (FVA) is an executive agency under the auspices of the Prime Minister's Office. Within the Law on Food 03/L-016, the FVA is referred to as the competent authority for food safety, veterinary and phytosanitary issues. The FVA develops, coordinates and implements food and feed safety, veterinary and phytosanitary policies in order to protect public health, animal health, plant health and the environment.

The FVA's activities also include approval

and registration of food business operators and ensures that official controls are conducted within the scope of risk-based annual planning. Risk-based assessments are used for controls at border inspection posts when food and feed is imported from other countries. The Media Relations Unit of the FVA deals with risk communication on a regular basis and in emerging crisis situations as well.

The Food and Veterinary Laboratory (FVL) is part of the FVA, and performs laboratory tests for food, feed and animal diseases.

### Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Development (MAFRD)

The Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Development (MAFRD) is responsible for the development of agricultural policy, legislation and programming for agriculture, food and feed safety. MAFRD prepares legal bases for establishing infrastructure, development and strategic planning for implementing safety of food and feed measures, plant protection and aquaculture.

Additionally, MAFRD prepares planning for rural development related to food security and environmental protection. Within MAFRD, the Agency for Rural Development is responsible for financial support for farmers and producers in order to increase production capacities and implement food safety standards.

MAFRD also comprises the Kosovo

Agriculture Institute (KAI) and the Wine Institute. These institutes are accredited under ISO 17025, which ensures high quality standards in laboratory analyses of plant, feed, soil and wine.

### **Ministry of Health (MoH)**

The Ministry of Health (MoH) is responsible for matters of public health and healthcare. This includes drafting legislation for foodborne and waterborne diseases. The MoH actively participates in the harmonisation

between Kosovo's national legislation and EU legislation. MoH is authorised by the National Institute for Public Health (NIPH) to perform laboratory analysis of samples collected during official controls conducted by the FVA.

NIPH laboratories are accredited according to ISO17025:2006 and cover the areas of microbiology, biology and biochemistry, in particular the analysis of food products, beverages and water.

### **Weblinks to access Food Act/ Regulations/ Standards:**

<http://www.auv-ks.net>

<http://www.mbpzhr-ks.net>

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<https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/about-codex/members/detail/en/c/15700/>

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In LAOPDR, Food and Drug Department (FDD) established in 1994, is a division of social structure consisting of the Ministry of Health, as the role of Deputy Chief of Staff and assisting the Minister of Health in administering the State Administration of Food and Drug Administration. FDD is responsible to protect the health of the people from the consumption of health products (food, medicine, traditional medicine and health care products, medical equipment, control chemicals, household chemicals and medical products, cosmetics), ensuring that these health products are safe and secure, promoting proper consumption behaviour by providing information.

## FOOD REGULATORY ECOSYSTEM

Ministry of Health (MOH)

Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MAF)

## FOOD SAFETY AUTHORITIES

### Ministry of Health (MOH):

Under the MOH, there is National Food Safety Policy, 2009, which covers processed foods. Further, production, export, imported of safe food is also regulated by MOH.

### Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MAF):

MAF is responsible for primary production.

MOH is responsible for processed foods and

MAF is responsible for Primary Produces.

The control of domestic food product is multidisciplinary activity which requires the involvement and cooperation of all concerned. Food quality is the responsible of Food and Drug Department of Ministry of Health. Therefore, the issue of release certificates of quality and analysis for domestic foods product is related to some sectors such as Department of Industry, Department of Agriculture, Department of Livestock and Fishery Laboratories.

## FOOD TESTING FACILITIES

Food Testing Lab- FDQCC, Vientiane

Plant Protection centre- Vientiane CoP.

Animal Health Lab- Vientiane Cop.

These three main laboratories located in Vientiane which are responsible to analyze food samples collected by food inspectors. Food and Drug Quality Center, Ministry of Health has been carried out a physical, chemical and microbiological analysis of food samples. This is the main laboratory to issue certificate of analysis for food processors and conduct quality assessment for the FDD. Food and Drug Analysis Center of Vientiane Municipality also operates a food analysis especially microbiological analysis. Laboratory of Livestock and Fishery Department have been carried out of animal parasites and diseases and certify a sanitary of meat products.

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# LATVIA

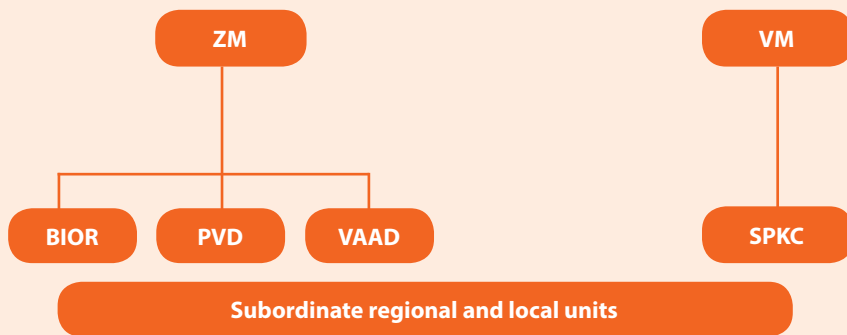
Food businesses have to follow both the EU food safety legislation and the national legal acts in the area of food safety and quality. The Law on the Supervision of the Handling of Food is the central foundation for food legislation in Latvia. Infringement of food safety regulations concerning routine checks of food establishments, consumer complaints and outbreaks of foodborne diseases can lead to measures under civil law and, if necessary, under criminal law.

Official controls in the area of food safety are carried out on the basis of the risk assessment approach. However, the final decision on the legality of governmental measures rests with the courts. In Latvia, there is clear

institutional separation with regard to the implementation of risk assessment and risk management functions in the area of food safety.

Risk assessments are conducted by the Institute of Food Safety, Animal Health and Environment (BIOR), while risk management rests with the Food and Veterinary Service of Latvia. Urgent information with regard to risk assessment and risk management activities, as well as other relevant information for food business operators and consumers is published on the Internet homepage of the competent authorities on a case-by-case basis unless there are statutory provisions that prohibit it.

## FOOD REGULATORY ECOSYSTEM



## FOOD SAFETY AUTHORITIES

### Ministry of Agriculture (ZM)

The Ministry of Agriculture (ZM) is responsible for the development and implementation of policy in agricultural and food and feed

safety sectors, including drafting national legal acts for the sectors mentioned above. The ZM cooperates with BIOR as the risk assessment body and with the Food and Veterinary Service and State Plant Protection Service as risk management bodies to decide

on necessary measures for risk management purposes. The ZM is constantly involved in risk communication activities at different levels. In general, the portfolio of the ZM covers topics such as food safety and quality, plant health and plant protection, animal health and animal welfare.

The ZM's responsibilities include legal regulation of novel foods, food supplements, genetically modified organisms (GMOs), mineral water, as well as development and implementation of monitoring and control programmes in the area of zoonoses, pesticide residues, residues of veterinary drugs and other food and feed contaminants.

### **Ministry of Health (VM)**

The main task of the Ministry of Health (VM) is to develop and implement national policy to safeguard public health and to promote disease prevention by encouraging healthy lifestyles, as well as to create conditions for citizens to receive cost-effective, accessible and quality health care services. The VM is responsible for the development, coordination and updating of nutrition policy, analysis of the results of foodborne disease monitoring, as well as the preparation of scientific opinions in relation to solving nutrition problems and providing the public with information on current nutrition topics.

The VM is responsible for elaborating recommendations for nutrient and energy intake for different population groups in Latvia and for the development of standards for nutrient and energy intake for children in preschool and school, as well as for residents of social care houses and patients in hospitals.

The VM is involved in the monitoring of the safety and quality of drinking water, with the exception of internal water supplies for food establishments. The Nutrition Council under the VM was set up to support the activities in the field of nutrition. The VM is constantly involved in risk communication activities at different levels.

### **Institute of Food Safety, Animal Health and Environment (BIOR)**

The Institute of Food Safety, Animal Health and Environment (BIOR) carries out scientific activities in the food, veterinary, environmental and fishery sectors, as well as in other sectors related to biology. BIOR provides expertise, scientific substantiation and risk assessments in the sectors mentioned above. BIOR implements projects to assess the risk in the field of food safety and animal infectious diseases, ensuring cooperation with institutions and organisations performing activities in these areas.

BIOR performs functions of the National Reference Laboratory in the areas defined in the legislation and conducts laboratory and diagnostic investigations related to state monitoring and food movement control, animal health protection, animal feed and veterinary medicine movement. BIOR is Latvia's designated National Focal Point for the EFSA.

### **Food and Veterinary Service (PVD)**

The Food and Veterinary Service (PVD) operates under the supervision of the Ministry of Agriculture. The PVD is responsible for the realisation of the state's surveillance and control function in the area of food safety and quality, as well as in the area of food

labelling throughout the entire food chain, including surveillance and border controls of food (“from the field to the table” concept).

The PVD is also in charge of the registration and approval of food establishments. If there is a threat to human life or health, the state’s chief food and veterinary inspector is entitled to specify restrictions or prohibitions on the distribution of food in the territory of Latvia. The PVD is nominated as the official RASFF contact point in Latvia.

### **State Plant Protection Service (VAAD)**

The State Plant Protection Service (VAAD) operates under the supervision of the Ministry of Agriculture. The VAAD is responsible for official surveillance and controls in the area of free movement of plant products, fertilisers, plants and plant protection products, plant varieties, seed and planting material.

The VAAD collaborates with international organisations and exchanges information with other countries on issues concerning plant protection, plant quarantine, movement of seeds and variety protection rights. The VAAD is responsible for the control of GMOs within seeds and other propagating material.

### **Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (SPKC)**

The Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (SPKC) conducts epidemiologic surveillance and monitoring and maintains related databases, as well as takes the necessary measures to prevent and localise infectious diseases. It carries out public health monitoring, maintains the related reporting system and advises and informs the public on health and healthy lifestyle issues.

The SPKC is responsible for the Early Warning and Response System for communicable diseases in the EU (EWRS), performs the tasks of the coordinator of The European Surveillance System (TESSy) and is designated as a Focal Point for WHO and the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control.

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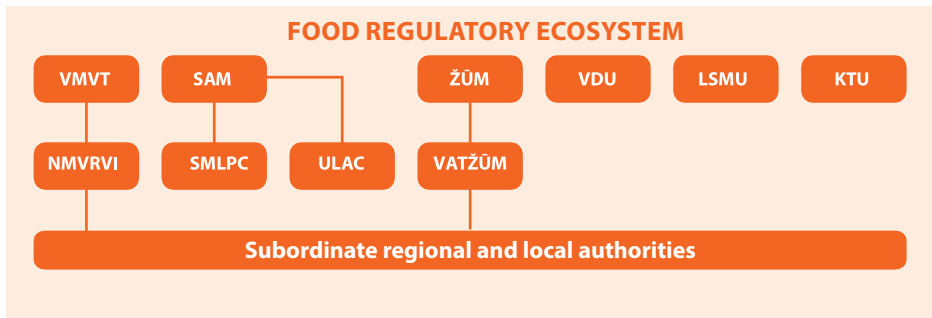
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# LITHUANIA

The Lithuanian Law on Food is the central legal foundation for food legislation in Lithuania. It covers requirements for food placed on the market, handling of food, competencies of public authorities in the area of food safety, duties and liability of food producers, food operators and the food trade. 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 assessments. However, the final decision on the legality of governmental measures rests with the courts. In Lithuania, risk assessment and risk management are institutionally separated.



## FOOD SAFETY AUTHORITIES

### State Food and Veterinary Service (VMVT)

The State Food and Veterinary Service (VMVT) is accountable to the Government of the Republic of Lithuania, and prepares and implements regulations in the area of food quality, food safety as well as animal health and welfare. Activities of the VMVT are usually based on scientific opinions from the National Food and Veterinary Risk Assessment Institute (NMVRVI).

The VMVT monitors and controls animal health, including outbreaks of zoonoses and other contagious animal diseases. It

is the aim of the VMVT to ensure that all necessary biological measures are applied to prevent the introduction of zoonoses and other contagious animal diseases into the territory of Lithuania and the EU. The VMVT is responsible for official controls of the entire food chain, according to the principle “from farm to fork”. The VMVT monitors food on the Lithuanian market, as well as food intended for export with respect to safety compliance, labelling and other mandatory legal requirements

### National Food and Veterinary Risk Assessment Institute (NMVRVI)

As a subordinate specialist authority of the

VMVT, the National Food and Veterinary Risk Assessment Institute (NMVRVI) is responsible for science-based risk assessments, identification of new health risks and recommendations for risk reduction. The remit of the NMVRVI includes assessment of biological, chemical and other risk factors in food and feed, zoonoses, and animal health. One National Reference Laboratory is an integral part of the NMVRVI in accordance with Regulation (EU) No. 2017/625 and performs laboratory tests in the areas of food and feed safety, quality and animal health.

### **Ministry of Health (SAM)**

The Ministry of Health (SAM) is responsible for health policy and food safety in Lithuania. The SAM prepares draft legislation in the area of food and food safety, taking into account scientific assessments of risks to human health. The SAM's portfolio includes food additives, food supplements, maximum permitted concentrations of contaminants in food, addition of vitamins, minerals and other substances to foods, foods for particular dietary uses, irradiated food, genetically modified food, novel food and food contact materials.

The SAM also stipulates mandatory requirements to protect the consumer, i.e. food labelling and use of nutrition and health claims. It also stipulates mandatory requirements with regard to the health of persons handling food, required health examination procedures and obligatory hygiene training. The National Public Health Surveillance Laboratory (NVSPL) is attached to SAM in accordance with Regulation (EU)

No. 2017/625.

### **Center for Health Education and Diseases Prevention(SMLPC)**

The Center for Health Education and Diseases Prevention (SMLPC) is a specialist authority within the portfolio of SAM. The SMLPC organises and implements nutrition and food safety education for residents, communities and professionals. The SMLPC carries out regular monitoring of food consumption in Lithuania.

### **Centre for Communicable Diseases and AIDS(ULAC)**

The Centre for Communicable Diseases and AIDS (ULAC) is a specialist authority within the portfolio of SAM. The ULAC is responsible for organising and implementing communicable disease prevention and control in order to reduce the morbidity, mortality and disability of the Lithuanian population. The ULAC also focuses on the prevention and control of food and waterborne diseases and zoonoses at the national level.

### **Ministry of Agriculture(ŽŪM)**

The Ministry of Agriculture (ŽŪM) is responsible for food quality and food safety in Lithuania. This includes regulation of food labelling, handling of food, cultivation of crops for human consumption, use of plant protection products as well as organic farming. In collaboration with the Ministry of the Environment and the Ministry of Health, the ŽŪM is involved in the regulation of the use of genetically modified organisms (GMOs).

## **State Plant Service under the Ministry of Agriculture (VATŽŪM)**

The State Plant Service (VATŽŪM) is a competent authority under the Ministry of Agriculture. The VATŽŪM implements the strategic goal of the Ministry of Agriculture – to enhance public health and consumer protection with regard to food safety and quality, to ensure plant and animal health controls. The VATŽŪM is responsible for the implementation and the control of the safe application of plant protection products and phytosanitary (plant health) measures.

The VATŽŪM is responsible for the assessment of active substances at the EU level and the national authorisation of plant protection products and for post-registration control (import, storage, sale, labelling, package and use of plant protection products). The VATŽŪM also controls the cultivation of GM plant crops and the use of propagating materials (including GMOs). In these areas, the VATŽŪM monitors and coordinates the tasks of the 10 regional divisions and 5 border checkpoints with 13 functioning phytosanitary posts (divisions).

## **Vytautas Magnus University (VDU)**

The Vytautas Magnus University (VDU) is a state institution of higher education and research, awarding diplomas and degrees at the PhD, MSc and BSc levels in a wide range of interdisciplinary programmes: from neurotechnologies to bioeconomics, from creative industries to digital humanities, from law and finance to neurotechnologies, and from smart animal husbandry to

agrobiotechnologies.

## **Lithuanian University of Health Sciences (LSMU)**

The Lithuanian University of Health Sciences (LSMU) is one of the largest universities in Lithuania specialized in health, veterinary and agricultural sciences with integrated studies, research and clinical practice. Different levels of studies (BSc, MSc, PhD) are offered to about 7,000 students each year. Integration of fundamental and applied research is aimed to create new knowledge for the improvement of both human and animal health and life quality.

## **Kaunas University of Technology (KTU)**

The KTU Food Institute is a research unit of Kaunas University of Technology. Its task is to conduct internationally recognised research in food science as well as to solve the main problems of the Lithuanian food industry and provide scientific, practical and methodical services.

The KTU Food institute is working to expand knowledge and innovative technological solutions for the wellbeing of humans within preventive and sustainable food systems, while also developing food supply capabilities for the growing needs of the world. Scientific activities: development and improvement of balanced and healthy food and food technologies, development of sustainable food systems, ensuring the effectiveness of interaction between consumers and food producers.

## FOOD TESTING FACILITIES

State Food and Veterinary Service (SFVS) authorized National Food and Veterinary Risk Assessment Institute (NFVRAI) to carry out the analysis of samples taken for official control.

NFVRAI is designated as NRL for animal disease diagnostic and food safety testing according the order of SFVS Director 22 July 2008 No. B1-395 "Confirmation of Laboratory of National Food and Veterinary Risk Assessment Institute as National control (reference) laboratory" (OG. 2008, No. 86-3444).

National Food and Veterinary Risk Assessment Institute is located in J. Kairiūkščio 10, LT-08409 Vilnius, Lithuania.

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2. Panevėžys branch, Veterinarijos St.2, Pažagieniai village, LT-36222, Panevėžys district;
3. Šiauliai branch, Ragainės St. 80, LT-78109 Šiauliai;
4. Klaipėda branch, Kretingos St. 62, LT-92325 Klaipėda;
5. Telšiai branch, Luokes St. 99, Paežerės village, LT-88400, Telšiai district.

NFVRAI laboratory is designated as National reference laboratory and represents Lithuania in all food and animal health sectors. The NFVRAI provides diagnostic and scientific support to the SFVS.

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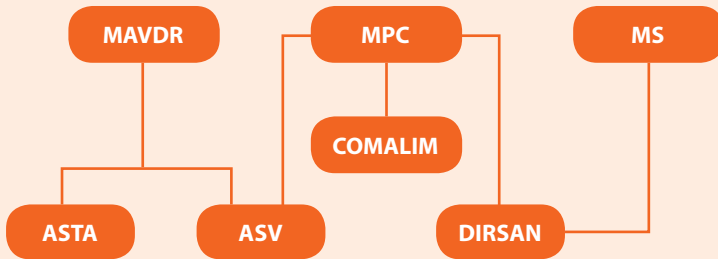
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# LUXEMBOURG

Regulation (EC) No. 178/2002 and the national law from 28 July 2018 introducing the control systems and sanctions related to food safety are the central legal foundations for food legislation in Luxembourg. 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 assessments. However, the final decision on the legality of governmental measures rests with the courts. In Luxembourg, there is no institutional separation of risk assessment from risk management.

## FOOD REGULATORY ECOSYSTEM



## FOOD SAFETY AUTHORITIES

### Ministry of Agriculture, Viticulture and Rural Development (MAVDR)

The Ministry of Agriculture, Viticulture and Rural Development (MAVDR) deals with agricultural policy and prepares draft legislation in specific areas of food and feed safety and food quality. As with all ministries, the MAVDR is supported by competent authorities, such as the Agricultural Technical Services Administration (ASTA) and Veterinary Service Administration (ASV).

The portfolio of the MAVDR extends beyond the area of food and feed safety to include

plant health, plant protection products, animal health and welfare, and food quality (EU quality schemes, national labels and marketing standards).

### Ministry for Consumer Protection (MPC)

The newly created Ministry for Consumer Protection (MPC) deals with general consumer protection policy and food safety and is in charge of the legislation in these areas. It is supported in its work by the Government Commissariat for Quality, Fraud and Food Safety (COMALIM), which manages the budgets of the ASV and the Directorate of Public Health (DIR SAN) related to food

safety. MPC has the task of regrouping food control activities into one administration.

### **Ministry of Health (MS)**

The Ministry of Health (MS) deals with health policy. Official food safety inspections are conducted by subordinate authorities of the MS (SECUALIM, ASV) but are monitored by the MPC. The MS is supported by competent authorities such as Directorate of Public Health (DIR SAN). The portfolio of the MS extends beyond the field of food safety to include, for instance, cosmetics, medical devices and pharmacological substances.

### **Commissariat for Quality, Fraud and Food Safety (COMALIM)**

The Commissariat for Quality, Fraud and Food Safety (COMALIM) is an administration under the MPC. It is the task of the COMALIM to ensure optimal cooperation between all authorities in the area of food and feed safety. Policy and management measures of all the ministries active in food safety are based on risk assessments prepared by the COMALIM (as well as the ASTA, ASV, and DIR SAN).

The COMALIM is responsible for the coordination of official food and feed inspections in the framework of the Multi-Annual National Control Plan (MANCP). It is the contact point for RASFF, AAC, and the Food Fraud Network. In addition, the COMALIM provides training for these authorities, as described in Regulation (EU) No. 2017/625.

The remit of COMALIM focuses on food safety, including novel foods, residues of

plant protection products and veterinary medicinal products, food supplements, genetically modified organisms (GMOs), zoonoses, mineral waters and drinking water.

### **Agricultural Technical Services Administration (ASTA)**

The Agricultural Technical Services Administration (ASTA) is a subordinate authority within the portfolio of the MAVDR and responsible for risk assessments and implementation of state inspections of feed, plant protection products, the EU quality labels PDO, PGI and TSG, organic farming and marketing standards.

The ASTA is the regulatory authority for the approval of plant protection products. The ASTA is responsible for the control of primary production and the import of food of non-animal origin and plants.

### **Veterinary Service Administration (ASV)**

The Veterinary Service Administration (ASV) is a subordinate authority within the portfolio of the MAVDR and MPC. The ASV is responsible for risk assessments and the implementation of official inspections in the field of food of animal origin as well as animal health and welfare.

### **Directorate of Public Health (DIR SAN)**

The Directorate of Public Health (DIR SAN) is subordinate to the MS. The Division of Food Safety (SECUALIM) within DIR SAN operates under the MPC and is responsible for risk assessments and the implementation of state food safety controls in the area

of food hygiene, HACCP, microbiological agents, contaminants, pesticide residues, GMOs, novel food, food supplements, food additives, special dietary food, food labelling, food contact material, irradiation, import of food and beverages of non-animal origin.

In the area of food hygiene, SECUALIM closely collaborates with the customs administration. Common procedures and checklists are in place for inspection and control activities. The Division of Pharmacy and Medicines (DPM) within DIR SAN is responsible for risk assessments and the implementation of state food safety controls in the area of medicated feed and medicinal products. DPM is one of the regulatory authorities for the approval of veterinary medicinal products.

## REGIONAL AND LOCAL LEVELS

Feed, food and other types of inspections are implemented by central authorities.

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# MALAYSIA

The regulation of food quality and integrity in Malaysia is governed primarily by the Food Act 1983 and its subsidiary legislation, the most pertinent of which is the Food Regulations 1985. All the matters related to food are regulated by the Food Safety and Quality Division of the Ministry of Health Malaysia (FSQD).

Product recalls, falls under the Food Act 1983, where any food is found to have contravened, or reasonably suspected to have contravened, any provision of the Act or any regulations made under the Act, the Director or any officer authorized by the Director may, by notice in writing, order that food be recalled, removed, or withdrawn from sale from any food premises within such time

as may be specified in the notice. The Act also imposes a duty on any person who prepares, packages, labels, advertises or sells any food to recall, remove or withdraw from sale any such food if such person knows or has reason to believe that any such food imported, manufactured, packed, farmed, prepared or sold by him: contains substances injurious to health; is unfit for human consumption; or has been adulterated.

Food Analysts Act 2011 intended to provide for the establishment of the Malaysian Food Analysts Council, to provide for the registration of persons practising as food analysts and to regulate the practice of food analysts.

## FOOD REGULATORY ECOSYSTEM

Ministry of Health  
Food Safety and Quality Division  
(FSQD)

Ministry of Agriculture and Agro  
based Industry

## FOOD SAFETY AUTHORITIES

### Ministry of Health:

Under the Ministry of Health, there is FSQD which regulate law enforcement; certification on food is basically established to protect the public against health hazards and fraud on storage, preparation, packaging processing, transportation, sale and consumption of food; as well as facilitating food trade. All food imports are subject to random checking

and sampling by the Malaysia Quarantine and Inspection Service (MAQIS) to ensure all products comply with the prescribed national standards and regulations.

### Ministry of Agriculture and Agro based Industry:

The Ministry of Agriculture and Agro-based Industry is responsible for agriculture, agro-based industry, agri-tourism, livestock, veterinary services, fisheries, quarantine,

inspection, agricultural research, agricultural development, agricultural marketing, pineapple industry, agribusiness, botanical garden, food security, food sovereignty. Under the Ministry there is department of Veterinary Services which is responsible for control of feed products and department of fisheries is responsible for control on the fish and fisheries. The Department of Veterinary Services (DVS), under the Malaysian Ministry of Agriculture, is responsible for ensuring foods of animal origin are clean and fit for human consumption. All red meat, poultry, pork, egg, and dairy imports into Malaysia must come from DVS registered and/or approved facilities. DVS also regulates the importation of livestock into Malaysia and requires import licenses and health certificates to facilitate the trade of live animals. In accordance with Malaysia's Standard for Halal, all meat (except pork) and livestock products (e.g. beef, poultry, dairy, and eggs) imported into the country must be halal certified by the Department of Islamic Development Malaysia (JAKIM).

## FOOD TESTING FACILITIES

There are 15 Food safety Laboratories which is located in every state in Malaysia.

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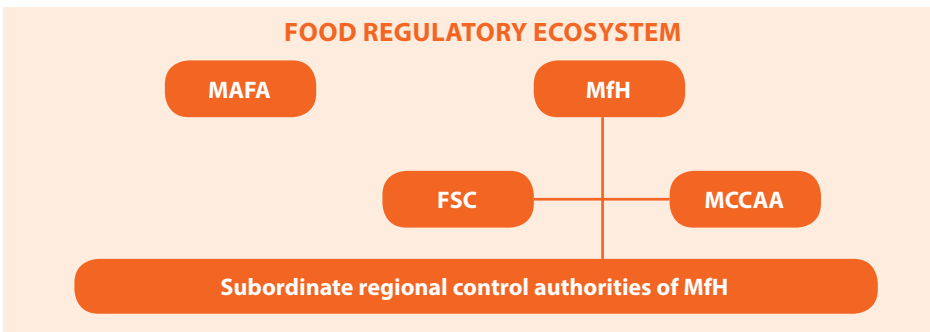
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# MALTA

The Food Safety Act is the central legal foundation for food legislation in Malta. 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 assessments. However, the final decision on the legality of governmental measures rests with the courts.

In Malta, risk assessment is institutionally

separated from risk management. Risk assessments are not published. Generally speaking, Malta has a national centralised system. Due to the small scale of the services, the offices at the central level are responsible not only for policy and coordination, but also for direct implementation of controls. Further, Food inspections are implemented by seven regional control bodies which are subordinate to the Ministry for Health (MfH). Coordination of food and feed inspections is carried out at the Food Safety Commission (FSC) level.



## FOOD SAFETY AUTHORITIES

### Ministry for Agriculture, Fisheries and Animal Rights (MAFA):

The Ministry for Agriculture, Fisheries and Animal Rights (MAFA) deals with agricultural policy and, more particularly, food and feed safety in Malta. It is the competent authority for controls of food of animal origin. The MAFA is responsible for guidance, approval and inspection of all types of establishments for food of animal origin and for import controls on food of animal origin and feed.

The portfolio of the MAFA includes feed, genetically modified organisms (GMOs), zoonoses, and residues of plant protection products and veterinary medicinal products. The MAFA is the regulatory authority for veterinary medicinal products in Malta. The MAFA's area of work extends beyond food safety to include, for instance, plant health, animal health and animal welfare.

### Ministry for Health (MfH):

The Ministry for Health (MfH) deals with social policy, health policy and food safety in Malta.

It is responsible for controls of foodstuffs and food hygiene as well as for supervising and coordinating the implementation of controls. The actual controls are carried out by seven regional bodies. The portfolio of the MfH includes hygiene, novel foods, food supplements, mineral water and drinking water. The MfH's scope of work extends beyond food safety to include, for instance, nutrition.

### **Food Safety Commission (FSC):**

The Food Safety Commission (FSC) is an independent government coordinating body which reports to the MfH. The FSC is responsible for risk management and risk communication. The FSC is the coordination office for issues related to food safety and provides a forum for cooperation between the MAFA, MfH and the Malta Competition and Consumer Affairs Authority (MCCAA), as well as other entities involved in food safety. The FSC is responsible for the registration of all food establishments.

### **Malta Competition and Consumer Affairs Authority (MCCAA):**

The Malta Competition and Consumer Affairs Authority (MCCAA) is a government-appointed authority within the portfolio of the Ministry for Tourism and Consumer Protection. The Food Safety Act assigns specific responsibility for risk assessments to the MCCAA. MCCAA risk assessments are used by the MAFA and MfH as the basis for management measures in the field of food safety.

The MCCAA assesses risks, identifies new

health risks and prepares risk reduction recommendations. The MCCAA provides technical and scientific advice to the FSC. The remit of the MCCAA includes novel foods, food supplements, health and nutrition claims and natural mineral water. The MCCAA is the regulatory authority for plant protection products in Malta. The scope of work of the MCCAA extends beyond food safety to include, for instance, cosmetics, biocides and consumer products.

### **FOOD TESTING FACILITIES:**

In Malta, the Public Health Laboratory is the National Reference Laboratory pursuant to Regulation (EC) No. 882/2004. It draws on the services of National Reference Laboratories in other EU Member States. Below is the list of some accredited testing laboratories in Malta:

| <b>Organisation</b>                 | <b>Activities</b>  |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| Water Services Corporation          | Chemical testing of waters, Microbiological testing of waters, Sampling. |
| BioDNA                              | DNA testing, Forensic, Microbiology and Drugs of Abuse Analysis          |
| Malta Dairy Products Ltd Laboratory | Testing of dairy products  |
| National Veterinary Laboratory      | Microbiological testing, Parasitology and Chemistry                      |
| Sunlab Group Ltd                    | Environmental testing  |

Full list of accredited testing laboratories in

Malta can be accessed from the link <https://nabmalta.gov.mt/directory-of-accredited-testing-laboratories/>

Some other testing laboratories in Malta that offer food testing services are as follows:

- Assure Malta - <https://www.assuremalta.com/en/home.htm>
- Tanti & Mallia - <https://www.tantiandmallia.com/>
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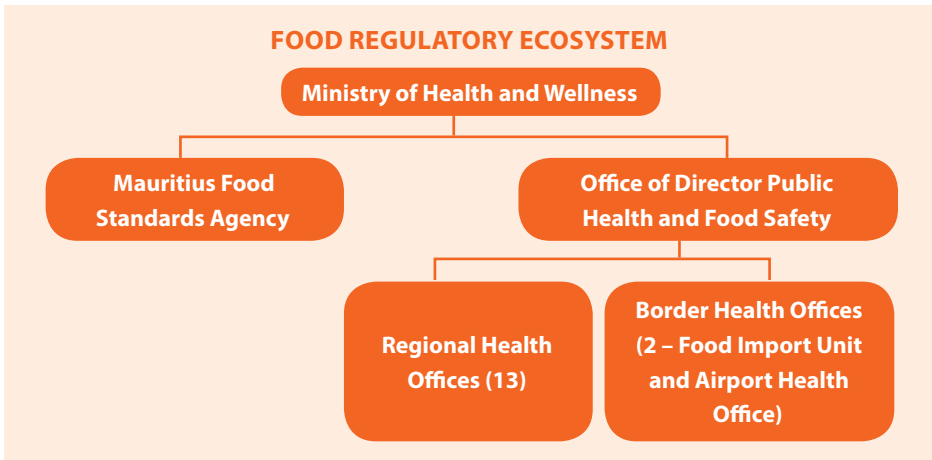
## **Weblinks to access Food Act/ Regulations/ Standards:**

1. EFSA – Maltese Focal Point:  
<https://mccaa.org.mt/Section/Content?contentId=3665>
2. Food regulations in Malta:  
Canned Food Regulations - <https://legislation.mt/eli/sl/449.9/eng>  
Additives in Food Regulations - <https://legislation.mt/eli/sl/449.16/eng>  
Hygiene of Food Regulations - <https://legislation.mt/eli/sl/449.31/eng>  
Quick-Frozen Food Regulations - <https://legislation.mt/eli/sl/449.33/eng>  
Food Safety Act - <https://legislation.mt/eli/cap/449/eng/pdf>  
Information about food and feeding stuff regulations in Malt can be accessed from <https://legislation.mt/>

# MAURITIUS

In Mauritius, the core responsibility for ensuring safe food in the market rests with the Public Health and Food Safety Inspectorate (PHFSI) of the Ministry of Health & Wellness. The different food laws and the responsible Ministry in Mauritius is summarised below:

| Law  | Ministry responsible          |
|--|-------------------------------|
| Food Act 1998 (Act No. 1 of 1998) (The Food Act 2022 has been enacted in parliament and necessary arrangements would be made for its proclamation)                   | Ministry of Health & Wellness |
| Food Regulations 1999 (GN 173 of 1999) made under the Food Act 1998 (The Food Regulations 2023 made under the Food Act 2022 (Act No. 16 of 2022) are being drafted.) |                               |
| Mauritius Food Standards Agency Act 2022   |                               |



## FOOD SAFETY AUTHORITIES

### Public Health and Food Safety Inspectorate

The Public Health and Food Safety Inspectorate (PHFSI) of the MOHW has the core responsibility for enforcement of the Food Act 1998 and Food Regulations 1999 for market surveillance and border control. The PHFSI has 13 regional Health Offices located all over the island of Mauritius to

carry out regular market surveillance to ensure compliance with the food laws. In addition, there is surveillance at border level, with the Food Import Unit at the port and Airport Health Office at the airport, to ensure that imported food complies with our regulations. The total number of officers involved in market surveillance activities and border control is 165. Market surveillance activities include regular inspection of

food as well as the premises where they are manufactured, sampling of food to verify compliance with standards in the regulations and legal actions in case of non-compliance such as seizure, contravention and prosecution. At border level, the activities include inspection and sampling of imported food to verify compliance with standards in the regulations prior to health clearance to access the domestic market. In case of non-compliance with standards in the regulations health clearance is not granted.

### **Mauritius Food Standards Agency**

The MFSA is responsible for implementing the MFSA Act 2022 by drafting and approving standards, guidelines, procedures, methods, regulatory requirements and systems related to food safety and food nutrition. It is also responsible for providing advice and guidance on food safety and nutritional quality issues to stakeholders such as government officials, food businesses and consumers.

### **FOOD TESTING FACILITIES**

The MOHW has 2 government owned laboratories for the testing of food.

#### **1. Government Analyst Division**

The Government Analyst Division is the Chemistry laboratory of the MOHW and is responsible for analysis of food under the Food Act 1998, Food Regulations 1999, drinking water as per the Environment Protection Act and alcohol and sugar content for excise.

#### **2. Central Health Laboratory**

The Central Health Laboratory of the MOHW is the recognised laboratory for all microbiological examinations under the Food Act 1998 and the Food Regulations 1999.

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# MEXICO

## FOOD SAFETY AUTHORITIES

The FDA and the agencies responsible for food safety regulation in Mexico – the Federal Commission for Protection from Sanitary Risks (COFEPRIS) and the National Service of Agro-Alimentary Health, Safety and Quality (SENASICA) – have a long history of working together.

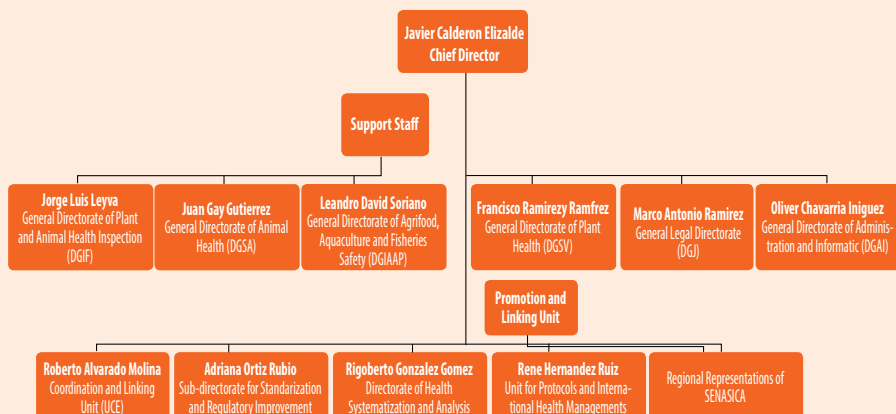
**COFEPRIS** is a decentralized body of the Ministry of Health with technical, administrative and operational autonomy, run by a commissioner appointed by the Mexican President, with competence in matters of sanitary control of products and services, as well as their import and export, including establishments dedicated to the processing of food for human consumption. Sanitary control refers, among others, to the activities of verification, sampling, sanitary promotion and, where appropriate, the application of

security measures and sanctions, in order to guarantee the sanitary quality of products intended for human consumption.

## SENASICA OR THE NATIONAL SERVICE OF HEALTH, FOOD SAFETY, AND FOOD QUALITY

It is a decentralized body of the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Rural Development, Fisheries and Food (SAGARPA), responsible for the regulation of fishery products during primary production. It is aimed at carrying out sanitary actions to protect aquaculture resources from pests and diseases of quarantine and economic importance, as well as regulating and promoting the application and certification of food contamination risk reduction systems and the agri-food quality of these, to facilitate national and international trade in goods of plant and animal origin <http://senasica.gob.mx/>

## FOOD REGULATORY ECOSYSTEM



## FOOD TESTING FACILITIES

SENASICA has two food testing facilities, which are mentioned below:

- **National Center for Animal Health Verification Services (CENAPA)**

It is a laboratory that has established itself as a leader in Latin America due to the techniques it applies. It confirms the presence of toxic residues and contaminants in meat products, honey, eggs and by-products of animal, aquaculture and fishing origin.

Through the analysis of the physical-chemical characteristics of these products, it rules out any health risk and ensures that the food that are exported and marketed nationally are free of these substances. Some of the toxic residues that are determined are veterinary drugs such as anticoccidials, antiparasitics, antibiotics, steroids, tranquilizers, and contaminants such as heavy metals, pesticides, and industrial residues, among others.

In addition, it supports the registration of veterinary pharmaceutical and food products for animal use, verifying, -through the identification and assessment of active ingredients and proximal chemical analysis- what is indicated on the commercial label.

It focuses on diseases that affect animals of economic interest for aquaculture and fisheries production.

Its working methods are developed in four aspects:

Diagnosis of parasitic diseases that affect animals and aquaculture and fishing organisms.

Verification of antiparasitic products under development or for registration purposes.

Production of biological material for diagnosis and verification.

Center for Molecular Biology and High Genomic Sequencing and provider of diagnostic reagents (primers), for the Senasica Network of diagnostic laboratories. In turn, it supports aquaculture and fisheries health and safety with the following actions:

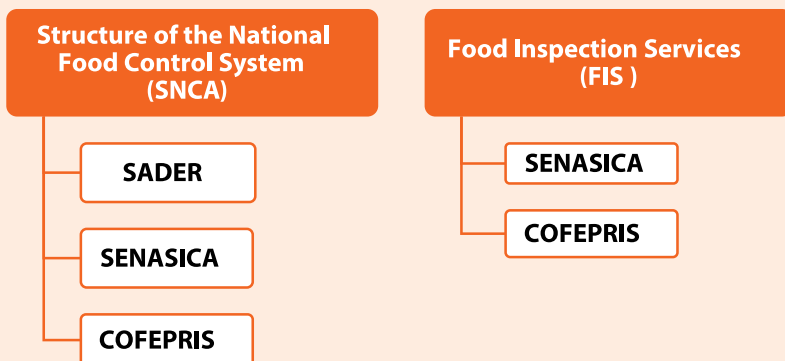
Physical-chemical and biological verification of pharmaceutical products for livestock, aquaculture and fishing use, as well as food and chemicals that require registration with the Mexican Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (SADER).

Microbiological analysis in products and by-products of animal origin, aquaculture and fishing

Diagnosis of the main diseases that affect aquatic species of commercial interest

Support in the declaration of zones free of diseases that affect the production of fish, crustaceans and mollusks.

## FOOD REGULATORY ECOSYSTEM



Support for the maintenance of the health status of our country, regarding Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) known as “mad cows”

Comprehensive support for health contingencies due to the presence of atypical mortalities in fish, crustaceans and mollusks.

- **National Reference Center for Food Safety and Biosafety (CNRIBA)**

This center performs the services of analysis for identification and quantification of pesticide residues and contaminants in foods of plant origin, with samples of all the states of the Mexican Republic with the intention of:

- Assist in the actions monitoring application of reduction systems risks, participating in the analysis of samples of products of plant origin from the programs national

monitoring.

- Satisfy the needs of users, complying with the attributions and official dispositions in the matter.
- Meet the technical performance requirements in the analysis of pesticide residues in vegetables established by the health authorities of the governments with which have trade agreements for the export of products of vegetable origin.
- Assist in the care of health alerts and other notifications about shipments originating from Mexico.
- Carry out genetic sequencing of bacteria found in plant products to determine the presence of bacteria with antimicrobial resistance

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# MONGOLIA

In Mongolia, two important Acts related to Food is “Food Law” and “Food Safety Law”. The Food law ensures food necessities of the population, food safety and to regulate

relations that arise between the government, individuals and legal entities in connection with the food production and services.

## FOOD REGULATORY ECOSYSTEM

Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Light Industry

Ministry of Health

## FOOD SAFETY AUTHORITIES

### Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Light Industry:

The Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Light Industry is responsible for Food Safety, Food Security and Supply Policy. Promoting development of Food and agricultural industry, improving the Sector’s sustainable development and economic growth, to ensure food security. The ministry is involved in regulating the implementation of export and import policy, prohibition of livestock, animals, cultivated plants, food products derived from them, raw materials, animal feed and their supplements; to ensure the food safety of the population, to ensure the supply of nutritious and safe food, to use quality services.

### Ministry of Health:

The Ministry of Health deals with Public Health, Nutrition, and Food Safety. It is responsible for providing conditions for

fair competition among all citizens for the benefit of every citizen to ensure the fair competition, choice, safe and quality health diagnosis, treatment.

## FOOD TESTING FACILITIES

National reference Lab of Food Safety, National centres of Public Health in Ulaanbaatar City

At the country level, there are ministries, agencies and other institutions. At the Local level, there are departments for Food and Agriculture, Health, Specialized in Inspection.

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# MONTENEGRO

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The Law on Food Safety (Official Gazette of Montenegro 57/15) governs the conditions for food and feed safety, duties and responsibilities of food and feed business operators, including traditional products, as well as other issues of relevance for food and feed safety, in order to ensure the protection of human life and health, the environment, consumers and efficient market functioning. Competent authorities for state administration activities in the food and feed safety area are the state administrative authority in charge of food safety, agriculture and veterinary issues (Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development – MARD) and the administrative authority in charge of food safety (Administration for Food Safety, Veterinary and Phytosanitary Affairs – AFSVPA).

Risk assessments are based on the available scientific evidence and conducted in an independent, objective and transparent manner. Risk assessments may be carried out by scientific research institutions in the area of food safety, complying with the requirements in terms of qualified staff and authorised by the MARD. In the case that no scientific research institutions meet the requirements, the MARD may authorise a specialised institution of a European Union Member State to assess food and feed risks.

Risk management is carried out to ensure that the preventive measures, supervision and official controls undertaken in order to reduce, eliminate and avoid risk to human

and animal health caused by the ingestion of food are based on risk assessment results and other factors relevant to risk elimination, and that they are unbiased, efficient and appropriate. Risk management is carried out by the AFSVPA through surveillance, official controls and preventive measures. In the course of risk management, results of risk assessments and/or scientific opinions prepared by scientific research institutions authorised by the ministry and the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) and other safety-relevant factors are taken into account. In the case of a threat where a food or feed may pose a risk to human or animal health, the MARD shall, without delay, through print or electronic media, inform the general public about the type of food and feed, the risk it may pose, as well as the measures undertaken or that are to be undertaken to prevent, reduce or eliminate that risk.

## FOOD AUTHORITIES:

### **Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD)**

The Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD) performs tasks related to the following: agricultural and rural development policies; protection, utilization and promotion of agricultural land; plant production; animal husbandry; organic production; phytosanitary matters; veterinary and food and feed safety policy; beekeeping; freshwater and marine fisheries and mariculture; forestry development policy; hunting; water management;

international cooperation; preparation of regulations in the areas for which the ministry was established; administrative and inspection supervision.

The MARD proposes food and feed safety policy, adopts regulations for the enforcement of the Food Safety Law, implements annual monitoring programmes (residues in food of animal origin and feed, pesticide residues in food, zoonoses, microbiological criteria in food, contaminants in food and feed and other programmes), organizes the implementation of official controls, adopts a multi-annual official control plan for food and feed, submits annual reports on food and feed safety to the Government of Montenegro and the European Commission, cooperates with international organisations and competent authorities of other states in the field of food and feed safety, and performs other activities in accordance with this law.

### **Administration for Food Safety, Veterinary and Phytosanitary Affairs (AFSVPA)**

Administration for Food Safety, Veterinary and Phytosanitary Affairs (AFSVPA) is a single state authority under the supervision of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of Montenegro. Three departments operate within the administration:

**1. Food Safety Department (FSD)** – performs duties within the competence of the AFSVPA established by the laws on food and feed safety, organises and implements official controls and

inspections.

**2. Veterinary Department (VD)** – performs duties within the competence of the AFSVPA established by the laws on veterinary medicine, identification and registration of animals, protection of the welfare of animals, veterinary medicinal products and products of animal origin, and organises and conducts official controls and inspections.

**3. Phytosanitary Department (PD)** – performs duties within the competence of the AFSVPA established by the laws on plant health protection, plant protection products, plant nutrition products, opioid drugs, seed material of agricultural plants, planting material, GMOs, plant variety protection, and plant genetic resources, and conducts official controls and inspections.

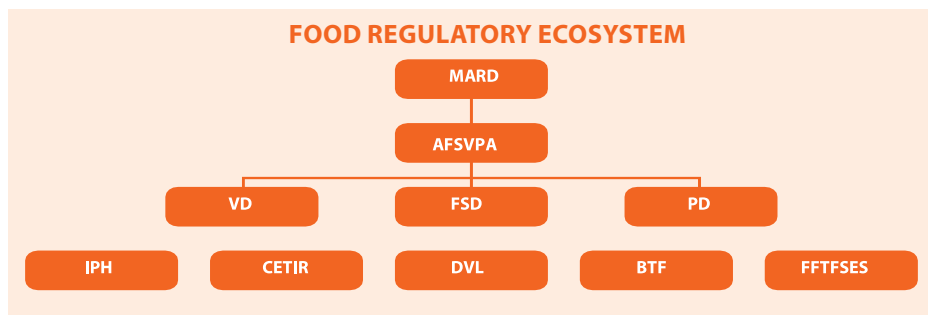
The AFSVPA establishes the compliance with the requirements and issues approvals for conducting business operations in establishments for the production, processing and distribution of food and feed, registers food and feed establishments, sets up and maintains the Central Register of Approved Establishments conducting food and feed business operations, prepares and implements the multi-annual official control plan for food and feed, prepares annual reports on implementation of the multi-annual official controls, prepares the technical basis for adoption of legislation for the enforcement of this law, monitoring programmes, and contingency plans in the area of food and feed safety, cooperates with

the European Commission, and performs other technical and administrative tasks in accordance with the law.

The analysis of samples taken in the course of official controls and monitoring of food and feed and food contact materials is conducted by official laboratories authorised by the Ministry. The authorisation may be granted to a laboratory that operates as a legal entity and is accredited pursuant to ISO/IEC 17025 and ISO/IEC 17011 for methods for which the laboratory can prove that it regularly and successfully participates in inter-laboratory testing programmes. In the case that Montenegro does not have official laboratories to perform specific analyses,

the ministry shall designate an accredited laboratory of a Member State of the European Union.

For specific types of food and specific analyses of food and feed, the ministry shall designate one laboratory as the National Reference Laboratory for such testing purposes. One laboratory may be designated as a reference laboratory for several types of testing. In the case that Montenegro does not have the laboratory for a specific area which complies with the requirements laid down by this law, the ministry may designate a reference laboratory of the Member State of the European Union or of the European Free Trade Association (EFTA).



## LABORATORIES AND FACULTIES

There are three public laboratories in Montenegro: the Institute for Public Health (IPH), the Centre for Ecotoxicological Research (CETI), and the Diagnostic Veterinary Laboratory (DVL).

The IPH conducts analyses of food, materials and items coming into contact with food: microbiological, parasitological, chemical, biological, toxicological, biochemical and

other laboratory analyses, analyses of drinking water, surface and wastewater, etc.

The CETI is an institution authorised for the control and safety of food and objects in general use as of 1998, for the control of agricultural and food products in foreign trade as of 1999, as well as for the examination of physico-chemical properties of pesticides. The Diagnostic Veterinary Laboratory has accredited a larger number of methods in the following fields: Microbiological analyses

of food of animal origin: meat and meat products, milk and dairy products, eggs and egg products; parasitological testing of meat and meat products.

The Biotechnical Faculty of the University of Montenegro (BTF) is a higher education institution that performs scientific research in the field of agriculture. The Biotechnical Faculty accomplishes its mission by improving education and human resources development programmes, modernizing technical capacities, and enhancing interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary research by increasing participation in international programmes in the field of agriculture. The BTF is responsible for plant health control programmes.

The Faculty for Food Technology, Food Safety and Ecology (FFTFSE) was established in 2012 and offers bachelor's and master's degrees in four areas: food technology, sanitary engineering, HoReCa system engineering, and environmental engineering. The FFTFSE conducts research in areas related to the science of food and nutrition, biotechnology and ecology, in order to improve the theoretical knowledge and research methodologies, with an emphasis on interdisciplinary research. Food safety, veterinary and phytosanitary inspections are a part of the AFSVPA. Official controls for the implementation of the Law on Food Safety are carried out by food inspectors, official border veterinarians, and border phytosanitary inspectors.

According to the Veterinary Law, veterinary inspectors are responsible for the control

of trade of live animals, products of animal origin in the territory of Montenegro, checks at the places of dispatch or final destination of consignment, and in quarantine facilities. Currently, border veterinary control in Montenegro is carried out at 10 veterinary Border Inspection Posts (BIPs) (8 at land borders, one in the Port of Bar and one at the airport in Podgorica).

Official controls concerning the placing on the market of food and feed are carried out by food inspectors as well as veterinary and phytosanitary border inspectors, while the control of animal by-products is the responsibility of veterinary inspectors. Official controls with regard to the implementation of laws in the phytosanitary segment are undertaken by phytosanitary inspectors.

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Ministarstvo poljoprivrede, šumarstva i vodoprivrede ([www.gov.me](http://www.gov.me))

results | FAOLEX Database | Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

<https://www.woah.org/en/who-we-are/members/>

<https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/about-codex/members/detail/en/c/15566/>

# MOZAMBIQUE

Mozambican food and agricultural import regulations and standards are developed and administered by three government ministries: Agriculture and Rural Development, Trade and Industry, and Health. Under these ministries, other agencies directly involved in food and agricultural imports include the National Institute for Normalization and Quality and the Mozambique Revenue Authority.

While the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural

Development is primarily responsible for domestic food regulations, the Ministry of Trade and Industry (MIC) is responsible for implementing import regulations. The MIC delegates many of the responsibilities associated with food imports to the National Institute for Normalization and Quality (Instituto Nacional de Normalização e Qualidade -INNOQ). Mozambique's major food regulations include Decree 9/2016 on Food Fortification and Decree 6/2009 regarding Pesticides Management.

## FOOD REGULATORY ECOSYSTEM

Ministry of Health  
(MISAU)

Ministry of Agriculture  
and Rural Development  
(MADER)

Ministry of Industry  
and Commerce (MIC)

INNOQ

Mozambique Revenue  
Authority

## FOOD SAFETY AUTHORITIES

1. Ministry of Health (MISAU): MISAU responsible for Safe Food in the country

- Develops legislation and regulations with mainly Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development,
- Design norms, protocols and guidelines based on the recommendations of CODEX ALIMENTARIUS, develops activities in the field of health surveillance)

2. Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MADER): Accordance with the principles, objectives and tasks defined by the Government, directs, plans and ensures the execution of legislation and policies in the field of agriculture, livestock, agricultural hydraulics, agroforestry plantations, food security and coordination of rural development.

Among the various attributions within the scope of food safety, the following stand out:

- Promote research, extension and technical assistance in agriculture and food security;
- Ensuring the promotion, coordination, monitoring and evaluation of agricultural and food security programmes, projects and plans;

### 3. Ministry of Industry and Commerce

**(MIC):** MIC the mission of ensuring the formulation, elaboration and implementation of sectoral policies and strategies, for the promotion of the growth of industrial production, trade, agricultural marketing and exports.

Authorities responsible for specific subject are following:

1. Organic Food: MADER - National Directorate of Plant and Animal Health and Biosecurity (DNSAB)
2. Genetically Modified Food- Ministry of Science and Technology (MCT)- control GMO (issue certificate) and MADER/DNSAB
3. Food Fortification and Feed- MISAU with collaboration with MIC - National Institute for Standardization and Quality (INNOQ) and MADER (Regulation for Food Fortification with Industrially Processed Micronutrients -Decreto n.º9/2016 de 18 de Abril)
4. MISAU- Department of Environmental Health - responsible

for food safety and focal point of Codex alimentarius and INFOSAN Ministries and/or departments involved in the enforcement / implementation of the food law in the country

1. Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development
2. Ministry of Health.

### FOOD TESTING FACILITIES:

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# NEPAL

The Food Act, 2033 (1967) has been established to maintain purity in foodstuffs, framing legal provisions to maintain proper standard of foodstuffs and to prevent any undesirable adulteration in foodstuffs or prevent from reducing in, or extracting, any natural quality or utility from foodstuffs in order to maintain health and convenience of the general public. The act also includes "prohibition on production, sale or distribution of adulterated foodstuff or sub-standard foodstuff, Prohibition on sale of foodstuff by lying or misleading, License to be obtained for a person intending to produce, sell, distribute, store or process the prescribed foodstuffs shall have to obtain license as prescribed and setting up quality and standards etc". The Food Rules came

into existence in 1970 which comprises of "Provisions for food additives, Contaminants, Inspections, Licensing, Analysis of food, Right and duties of public analyst, the working procedure of the Dept of Food Technology and Quality Control (DFTQC) as food quality control authority, Food Inspector; basic qualification required to be food inspector and his right and duties, Method of sampling and evidential documents to be prepared at sampling, Detention of food if found decomposed or rotten at production or sale, Filing of cases, Food standardization committee and its working procedure, Food labelling, Matters to be observed by food seller, Use of colour and preservative in food, Licence to be obtained by food business operator and its procedure etc".

## FOOD REGULATORY ECOSYSTEM

Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Department  
Department of Food Technology and Quality Control  
(DFTQC)

### FOOD SAFETY AUTHORITY

#### Department of Food Technology and Quality Control (DFTQC):

DFTQC, DFTQC is the apex body responsible for the implementation of food laws and regulations. It is also working for the implementation of Feed Act and Regulations. The main objective is to ensure the quality and safety of food and feed products in the country. Further, the department has a major

role to play in promoting appropriate food processing and post-harvest technologies to promote agribusiness. Similarly, the department has been conducting various activities related to food and nutrition to reduce various types of malnutrition in the country. The main function of DFTQC is food inspection, Licensing of FBO, Food Standardizations and Harmonization, Export/Import Certification, Communication and Consumer awareness.

## FOOD TESTING FACILITIES

One Central Food Laboratory, Babarmahal, Kathmandu.

Five Regional Food Technology & Quality Control Office (RFTQCO) in Biratnagar, Hetauda, Bhairahawa, Nepalgunj and Dhangadhi.

Four Food Quarantine Laboratories ( FQL) in Kakarvitta, Tatopani, Birgunj, Mahendranagar.

## FOOD SAFETY AT REGIONAL AND LOCAL LEVELS

Food safety monitoring can be done at local level by the Municipality. At the Regional (Provincial) level, there is Province level office. At the Centre, DFTQ is involved basically for making rules, regulation safety policy and Coordination.

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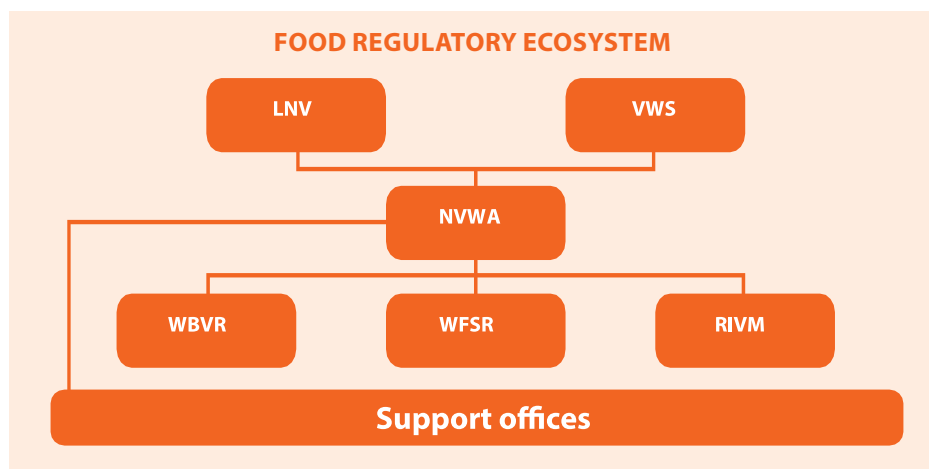
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# NETHERLANDS

European regulations and the Dutch Food and Commodities Act are the central legal foundations for food legislation in the Netherlands. 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 assessments. Based on the Dutch "Independent Risk Assessment Act" from 2006, risk assessment and risk management are largely institutionally separated. Risk assessments are published on the Internet unless there are statutory provisions that prohibit it.



## FOOD SAFETY AUTHORITIES

### Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport (VWS):

The Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport (VWS) pursues a 'good food' policy mainly based on recommendations and guidelines prepared by the Health Council of the Netherlands. VWS is responsible for health policy and safety of food of non-animal origin and prepares draft legislation in this area. VWS bases risk management measures

on risk assessments conducted by the Office for Risk Assessment and Research (BuRO), an independent unit within the Netherlands Food and Consumer Product Safety Authority (NVWA).

The VWS portfolio includes food supplements, novel foods, mineral water, drinking water, botanicals, residues of plant protection products and veterinary medicinal products and genetically modified organisms (GMOs) in the food of non-animal origin segment. Its

area of work extends beyond the field of food safety to cosmetics and consumer products.

### **Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality (LNV):**

The Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality (LNV) is responsible for agricultural policy and safety of food of animal origin (i.e. during primary production by farmers, growers and fishermen). LNV prepares draft legislation in this area and ensures the traceability of food of animal origin. In the Netherlands, it is the responsibility of the food producers to ensure safe foods and to conduct appropriate day-to-day quality controls. The government supervises this self-control system (“supervising the supervisor”).

LNV bases risk management measures on risk assessments prepared by the Office for Risk Assessment and Research (BuRO), an independent unit within the Netherlands Food and Consumer Product Safety Authority (NVWA). The portfolio of LNV includes zoonoses, GMOs and residues of plant protection products and veterinary medicinal products in animal feed. The area of work of LNV extends beyond food safety to plant health, plant protection, animal health and animal welfare. LNV is the regulatory authority for plant protection products and veterinary medicinal products.

### **Netherlands Food and Consumer Product Safety Authority (NVWA):**

The Netherlands Food and Consumer Product Safety Authority (NVWA) is an independent agency in LNV and a delivery agency to VWS. In April 2010, three authorities (VWA,

PD (National Plant Protection Organization, NPPO) and AID) were merged into one authority named NVWA. NVWA has been operating as a single authority since January 2012. The three main tasks of NVWA are the implementation and supervision of food safety control and inspection activities, risk assessment and risk communication.

NVWA is also responsible for incident and crisis management, including technical and scientific support and advising LNV and VWS on risks. Within NVWA, risk management is functionally separated from risk assessment. NVWA has small support offices in the country to provide logistical support to the inspectors. In addition, the number of laboratories has been reduced to two laboratories in Zwijndrecht and Groningen for product safety, and one in Wageningen for plant health (National Reference Centre (NRC) - Plant Health, National Plant Protection Organisation, pursuant to Official Controls Regulation (2017/625/EU)). NRC in NVWA coordinates the European Reference Laboratories (EURLs) for Bacteriology and Virology.

NVWA also has an Intelligence and Investigation Service (NVWA-IOD) that focusses on organised and international crime. NVWA has access to several National Reference Laboratories in the field of food safety, pursuant to Official Controls Regulation (2017/625/EU). The area of work of the NVWA extends beyond the field of food safety to animal health, animal welfare, plant health and non-food consumer products. The independent Office for Risk Assessment and Research (BuRO) conducts risk assessments

and advises the ministers of LNV and VWS on food and consumer product safety and on animal health and welfare.

BuRO is a scientific unit that is independent, and its scientific opinions are free of political, social or scientific interests. BuRO also identifies new health risks, prepares risk reduction recommendations, and recommends preventive measures to ensure food and feed safety. Another main area for BuRO is the transparent communication with the public. BuRO is active in the areas of food safety, novel foods, food supplements, GMOs, zoonoses, animal feed, animal health, veterinary medicinal products, animal welfare, residues of plant protection products, plant health and non-food consumer products.

#### **Wageningen Bioveterinary Research (WBVR):**

Wageningen Bioveterinary Research (WBVR) is an independent research organisation. WBVR operates in the field of veterinary science and contributes to protecting the health of animals and humans by undertaking research and making recommendations on animal diseases (zoonoses). WBVR is part of Wageningen UR.

#### **Wageningen Food Safety Research (WFSR):**

Wageningen Food Safety Research (WFSR) is an independent research institute in the field of food and feed safety and human health. WFSR was established in June 2019 and is a combination of the RIKILT- Institute of Food Safety and the Laboratory for Feed and Food Safety of NVWA. WFSR conducts research on

substances in food of plant or animal origin and animal feed. WFSR is part of Wageningen UR.

#### **Institute for Public Health and the Environment (RIVM):**

The National Institute for Public Health and the Environment (RIVM) is an independent research organisation. RIVM is a recognised leading centre of excellence in the area of health, nutrition and environmental protection. Several National Reference Laboratories and a European Reference Laboratory are hosted by RIVM, WBVR and WFSR.

#### **Implementation of the Act/Standards:**

The Netherlands is divided in 12 provinces and 355 municipalities. The Netherlands Food and Consumer Product Safety Authority (NVWA), under the Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality, provides information on health of animals and plants, animal welfare and the safety of food and consumer products and maintains the legislation in the field of nature. Food and feed inspections are coordinated from the central seat in Utrecht and supported by regional NVWA offices.

#### **FOOD TESTING FACILITIES:**

Wageningen Food Safety Research is the Dutch National Reference Laboratory (NRL) for monitoring residues, contaminants and viruses in food and feed. Additionally, Wageningen Food Safety Research is a European Reference Laboratory for specific domains.

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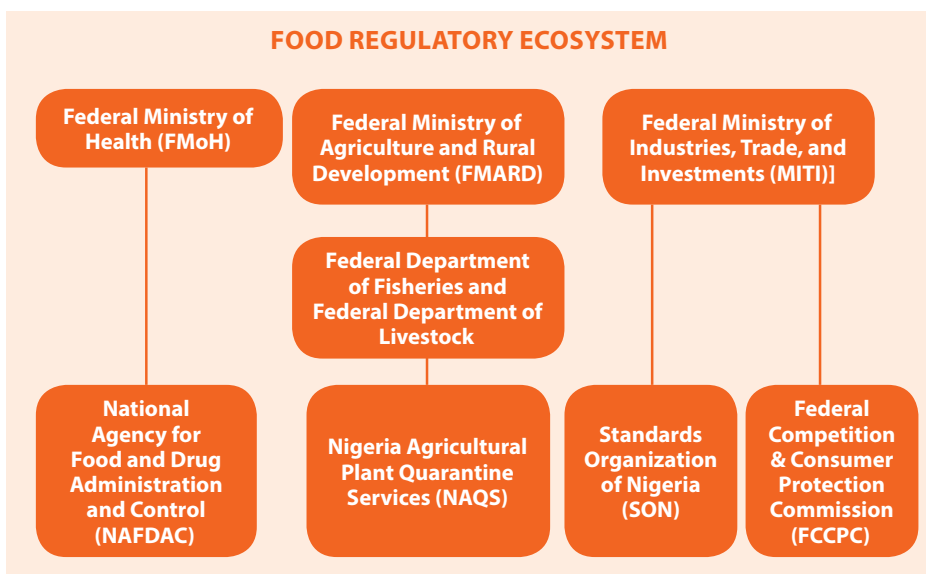
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# NIGERIA

National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control (NAFDAC) is the Government of Nigeria's (GON) main food safety authority under the Federal Ministry of Health responsible for regulating and controlling the manufacturing, importing, exporting, advertising, selling, and distributing of food products in Nigeria. Its

scope covers food, packaged water, drugs, cosmetics, medical devices, chemicals, and detergents (referred to as regulated products) consumed in Nigeria. However, the Standards Organization of Nigeria (SON) is responsible for setting standards on the composition, packaging, and container requirements of imported and locally manufactured foods.



## FOOD SAFETY AUTHORITIES

Under the provisions of the GON laws and the accompanying guidelines, a NAFDAC registration is required for food items imported, manufactured, advertised, sold, or distributed in Nigeria. Major Scope of NAFDAC'S Food Regulation Activities includes Licensing of food manufacturing premises; Registration of food products and issuance

of marketing authorization; Importation and exportation of food; Labeling and Advertisement of food products; Inspection for GMP and GHP of food producing premises of foreign establishments whose products are to be imported into Nigeria; Health control of Quick-service Restaurants; Marketing of Breast milk substitutes, etc.

In Nigeria as per NAFDAC requirement,

certain essential food commodities must be fortified, namely, wheat and maize flour, vegetable oil and sugar consumed with vitamin A and salt with iodine. Further, it also has guidelines for animal feed and veterinary products. In addition, GE products in Nigeria are being regulated by National Biosafety Management Agency (NBMA). As per Bio safety law, import of products of biotechnology/GE food requires certification and mandatory labeling.

Laws enacted to Regulate and Monitor Food Safety Standards and Practices in Nigeria are as follows:

| Law   | Responsible Ministry/Agency                   |
|---|---|
| Counterfeit and Fake Drugs and Unwholesome Processed Food Decree, (Act No. 25 of 1999)                | Federal Ministry of Health                    |
| National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control (Amendment) Decree 1999 (No. 19 of 1999) | Food and Drug Agency                          |
| Food and Drugs (Amendment) Decree 1999 (No. 21 of 1999)   | Food & Drug Administration & Control (NAFDAC) |
| National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control Decree 1993 (No. 15 of 1993)             | Standards Organization of Nigeria (SON)       |
| Public Health Ordinance Cap 164 of 1958   | National Codex Committee                      |

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|---|---|
| The Standards Organisation of Nigeria Decree, No. 56 of 1971  | Standards Organization of Nigeria (SON)     |
| The Animal Disease Control Decree, No. 10 of 1988<br>The Marketing of Breast Milk substitute Decree, No. 41 of 1990 | Federal Ministry of Agriculture             |
| Bio-safety law, 2015 to regulate genetically engineered (GE) food and agricultural products in Nigeria              | National Biosafety Management Agency (NBMA) |

### Implementation of Law/Standards:

NAFDAC operates at the Federal and State levels along with the state government agencies. At the local government levels, there are primary healthcare agencies responsible for street food vending and traditional markets, although they refer to the agency for all cases that affect health. The main strategy employed by the Agency for enforcing Nigeria's food laws is product registration. Contravention of the provisions of existing food laws is subject to prosecution and punishment as specified in the regulation. The agency collaborates with other Government Agencies and Civil Society Organizations such as SON, FCCPC, Nigeria Police Force (NPF), Nigeria Custom Service (NCS) to enforce Nigeria's food laws.

**Import:** Importers of food products must first apply to the Trademarks, Patents and Designs Registry under Nigeria's (MITI) to register the product's Trademarks, Patents or Designs ([www.iponigeria.com](http://www.iponigeria.com)). After trademark registration, the prospective importer

representing a foreign manufacturer applies for registration with NAFDAC on a prescribed form to the Directorate of Registration and Regulatory Affairs, stating the name of the manufacturer, name (brand name where applicable) of the product. This form, labeled "NAFDAC Automated Product Administration and Monitoring System (NAPAMS)" is available online at NAFDAC's website for download (<https://www.napams.org/>).

**NAFDAC Registration Process for Importers** involves Documentation separately for each products; Inspection of manufacturing facilities; Review of the GMP inspection report; Laboratory analysis for assessment of wholesomeness and quality (15 product samples (20 in the case of dairy products) depending on pack size must be provided to NAFDAC for physical/ laboratory analysis and vetting which takes about four to eight weeks); Vetting of labels to confirm compliance with NAFDAC's labeling regulations; Control to ensure that it is not deceitful, fraudulent, or misleading; Advertisement (optional); rejection/ issuance of a NAFDAC Registration certificate with unique Number with validity period of five years.

### **FOOD TESTING FACILITIES:**

The Laboratory Services Directorate is the arm of the NAFDAC that investigates and pronounces on the quality, safety, efficacy and wholesomeness of regulated products both imported and locally manufactured. The Laboratory Services Directorate is headed by two Directors (for food and drug) who supervises its functions through enhanced

facilities, maintenance and capacity development of personnel in the Seven functional laboratories. Out of those 7 labs, 3 laboratories are dedicated to food sector, namely, Central Laboratory, Oshodi, Lagos; Zonal Laboratory, Agulu; Area Laboratory, Port Harcourt.

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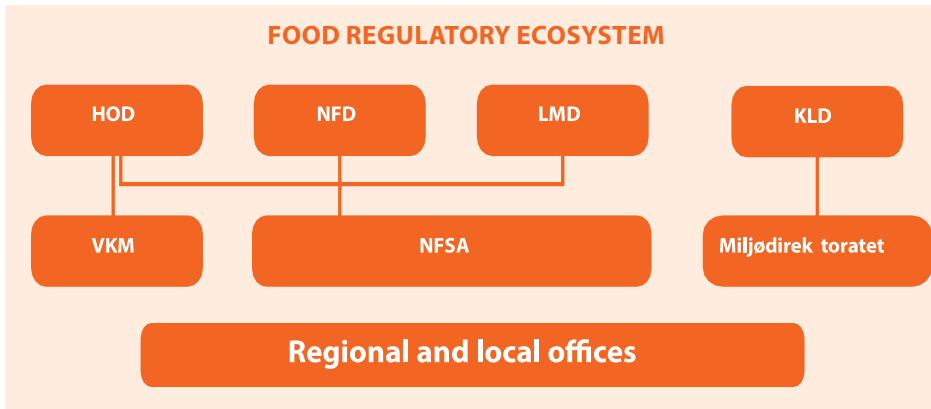
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# NORWAY

In Norway, the central legal foundation for food legislation is the Food Act. The EU Food Law is incorporated in the Norwegian Food Act. 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 assessments. In Norway, risk assessment and risk management are institutionally separated. Risk assessments conducted by the Norwegian Scientific Committee for Food and Environment (VKM) are published on the Internet unless there are statutory provisions prohibiting it.



## FOOD SAFETY AUTHORITIES

In Norway, the Ministry of Agriculture and Food (LMD), the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Fisheries (NFD), and the Ministry of Health and Care Services (HOD) share responsibility for shaping food policy and for the management of foodstuffs from production to the consumer. Mattilsynet (Norwegian Food Safety Authority, NFSA) is a joint subordinate agency under these ministries.

The Ministry of Climate and Environment (KLD) bears special responsibility for environmental policy issues. The Miljødirektoratet (Norwegian Environment Agency, NEA) is a subordinate

agency under KLD.

## Ministry of Health and Care Services

**(HOD):** The Ministry of Health and Care Services (HOD) deals with health policy, including nutrition and food safety. It is responsible for legislation in the field of health protection, food safety and food, except for primary production. HOD's responsibilities include drinking water and cosmetics. HOD is responsible for the Norwegian Directorate of Health, which deals with public health, including nutrition, as well as for the Norwegian Institute of Public Health. HOD finances and appoints the otherwise independent Norwegian Scientific

Committee for Food and Environment (VKM).

### **Ministry of Trade, Industry and Fisheries (NFD):**

NFD is responsible for legislation in the area of primary production in aquaculture, both wild and farmed fish and shellfish as well as fish feed. NFD's portfolio also includes feed for marine animals, fish health and welfare, and sustainable use of marine resources.

### **Ministry of Agriculture and Food (LMD):**

LMD is the main ministry in charge of Mattilsynet (NFSA). It deals with agricultural policy in Norway. It is responsible for drafting legislation concerning the primary (agricultural) production of food and feed. The area of work of the LMD extends beyond food safety to include, for instance, plant health as well as animal health and welfare.

### **Ministry of Climate and Environment (KLD):**

KLD has the main responsibility for ensuring integrated governmental climate and environmental policies. In addition to initiating, developing and implementing its own measures and actions, KLD also acts as a promoter and coordinator to ensure that the authorities in the various sectors implement the environmental policies in their particular areas. KLD is the ministry in charge of Miljødirek toratet.

### **Norwegian Environment Agency (Miljødirek toratet):**

Miljødirek toratet is KLD's advisory and executive body in the field of nature

management. The agency's primary tasks and responsibilities are reducing greenhouse gas emissions, preserving nature and preventing pollution.

### **Norwegian Scientific Committee for Food and Environment (VKM):**

VKM is an independent risk assessment body consisting of a secretariat and a scientific committee. 100 experts constitute the committee, which is organised into a Scientific Steering Committee and eleven Scientific Panels, similar to the EFSA structure. The secretariat is organised as an independent unit within the Norwegian Institute of Public Health. VKM is financed and appointed by the Ministry of Health and Care Services. VKM conducts risk assessments at the request of Mattilsynet (NFSA) across the authority's field of responsibility.

Furthermore, on behalf of the Miljødirektoratet (Norwegian Environment Agency), VKM carries out environmental risk assessments of genetically modified organisms (GMOs), microbiological products and alien organisms, as well as endangered species assessments related to the CITES regulations. VKM is the Norwegian Focal Point for EFSA. The director of VKM's secretariat is a member of the EFSA Advisory Forum. VKM is the Norwegian Scientific Authority under the CITES Convention.

### **Norwegian Food Safety Authority (NFSA (Mattilsynet)):**

NFSA is a governmental body whose aim is to implement regulations and controls to ensure that food and drinking water are as

safe and healthy as possible for consumers, and to promote plant, fish and animal health. The NFSA's regulations cover ethical animal husbandry and encourage environmentally friendly production. It also regulates and controls cosmetics and animal health personnel.

The NFSA's role is to draft and provide information on legislation, perform risk-based inspections, monitor food safety as well as plant, fish and animal health, provide updates on developments within its area of responsibility, and plan for emergencies. The NFSA advises and does preparatory work

for legislation under the three main food ministries: LMD, NFD and HOD.

The NFSA is the regulatory authority for pesticides, and it is responsible for residues of veterinary medicines. However, the Norwegian Medicines Agency is responsible for the approval of veterinary medicines.

The NFSA is organised into two administrative levels: the head office in Oslo and 5 regions: Northern region, Central region, Southern and Western region, Eastern region, and Greater Oslo region. The regional level includes 32 district offices.

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Ministry of Agriculture and Food website - <https://www.regjeringen.no/en/dep/lmd/id627/>

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Norwegian Environment Agency website - <https://www.environmentagency.no/>

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Royal Decree No.84 of 2008 issuing the Food Safety Law which aims at ensuring the safety and quality of food products in Oman. The law consists of IV Chapters. Chapter I deals with hygienic rules for food circulation; promotion of food stuffs; aspects of distribution and transportation of food products and related permits; storage; and compliance with conditions and the standard specifications approved by the competent authority. Further, the food establishment official is obligated to install cameras inside the establishment before engaging in any food handling activity; (ii) the licensee must facilitate the inspectors the enter the food establishment, view everything related to the electronic control system, and provide with everything necessary to perform their work; and (iii) it is prohibited to stop the electronic monitoring system or to take any action that would affect it. Chapter II deals with the import and export of food products; permits for the release of food shipments; the Committee in charge of issuing conditions for issuing permits regarding food safety and quality in compliance with approved standards; respect of OIE and SPS recommendations. Chapter III deals with controls on food circulation including all means of food transport; inspections; possible withdrawal from the food market; registration. Art.21 emphasizes the need to coordinate the main laboratories of the concerned authorities, each in its specialization, in charge of submitting to the Committee reports on the analysis results for tested samples. Chapter IV deals with the

penalties for violating the provisions of this Law. They include imprisonment for a period not exceeding one year and pecuniary punishments.

Ministerial Decree No. 2 of 2010 issuing the Regulations on food safety. The Regulations provide rules relevant to the quality and hygiene of food in Oman. The Regulations prohibit the food handling in absence of a licence certifying the compliance with the hygiene standards. The food processing establishments shall be far away from sources of environmental pollution. The hygiene standards are specified in the text. The Regulations also concern the sewerage system, safety of food handling, self inspection in the food processing establishment, tracking and retrieving the food, import/export, and the procedures to be done in cases of offences.

On Labelling requirements, Oman requires slaughtering according to Islamic Halal procedures for meat and poultry products. Packaged fresh or frozen meat and poultry must also carry in Arabic, the country of origin; production (slaughtering or freezing) and expiry dates; shelf life of the product; metric net weight; and product identification.

## FOOD REGULATORY ECOSYSTEM

**Minister of Agricultural,  
Fisheries wealth and Water  
Resources ((MAFWR)**

Pre-packaged processed meat and poultry must bear production and expiry dates, as well as the net weight of the product.

## FOOD SAFETY AUTHORITY

### Minister of Agricultural, Fisheries wealth and Water Resources (MAFWR):

The ministry is involved in the management and sustainable development of agricultural, fisheries and water resources, ensuring food safety and quality through innovative methods and technologies, an advanced legislative system, community partnership, and an effective contribution from the private sector to enhance food and water security and maximize economic return. Further, the ministry is responsible for the management and development of agricultural (plant and animal), fisheries and water resources to ensure their sustainability and contribution to the gross domestic product, strengthening the food and water security system through effective policies, controls, legislation and programmes, optimal utilization of agricultural, fisheries and water resources with modern technologies and an integrated research system based on innovation and capacity building, Managing and ensuring food and water stocks to ensure its abundance, ensuring food safety and quality in accordance with regulations and legislation and following up on their implementation, increasing investment opportunities in agricultural fields (plants and animals), fisheries and water resources, and enhancing their added value and related services, preserving the knowledge and material heritage and appropriate traditional

practices related to agricultural, fisheries and water resources and striving to develop them. The quarantine section in the ministry inspects imports, exports, and domestic production of plants and animals.

## FOOD TESTING FACILITIES

1. Minister of Agricultural, Fisheries wealth and Water Resources (MAFWR)
2. Food Safety & Quality Center
3. Central Laboratory for Food Safety

## FOOD SAFETY AT REGIONAL AND LOCAL LEVELS

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Ministry of Justice and Legal Affairs:

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# PHILIPPINES

The Food Safety Act, otherwise known as Republic Act 10611 was enacted in 2013 with mandate strengthen the food safety regulatory system in the country to protect consumer health and facilitate market access of local foods and food products, and for other purposes". The Food Safety Act of 2013 shall be the framework for implementing the farm to fork Food Safety Regulatory System. It designates the department of Agriculture

(DA) and the Department of Health (DoH) in regulating FBOs to ensure Food Safety.

There are eleven Food Safety Regulatory Agencies (FSRAs) in the Philippines, 8 from the DA and 3 from the DoH. The DA is responsible for primary and postharvest commodities, while the DoH is responsible for processed and pre-packaged food.

## FOOD REGULATORY ECOSYSTEM

Department of Agriculture (DA)

Department of Health (DOH)

## FOOD SAFETY AUTHORITIES

### Department of Agriculture (DA):

The DA is the executive department of the Philippine Government responsible for the promotion of agricultural and fisheries development and growth. The promotion of agricultural development will be by providing the policy framework, public investments, and support services needed for domestic and export-oriented business enterprises. The primary concern of the Department is to improve farm income and generate work opportunities for farmers, fishermen and other rural workers.

### Department of Health (DOH):

The DOH is the executive department of

the Philippine Government responsible for ensuring access to basic public health services through the provision of quality health care and the regulation of all health services and products. It is the government's over-all technical authority on health as it is a national health policy-maker and regulatory institution. The DOH has three major roles in the health sector: (1) leadership in health; (2) enabler and capacity builder; and (3) administrator of specific services. Its mandate is to develop national plans, technical standards, and guidelines on health. Aside from being the regulator of all health services and products, the DOH is the provider of special tertiary health care services and technical assistance to health providers and stakeholders

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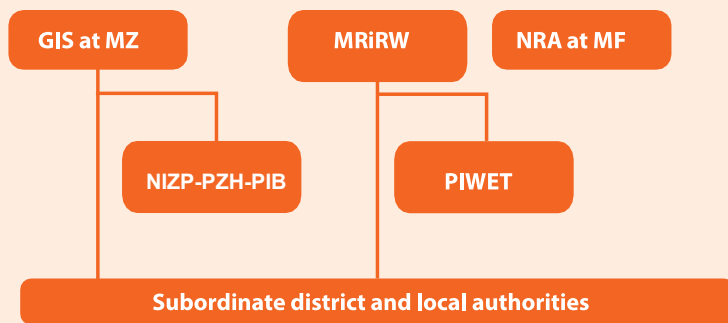
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# POLAND

The central legal foundation for food legislation in Poland is the Food and Nutrition Safety Act of 25 August 2006. 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 science-based risk assessments. However, the final decision on the legality of governmental measures rests with the courts. In Poland, risk management and risk assessment are institutionally separated. Risk assessments are not published.

## FOOD REGULATORY ECOSYSTEM



## FOOD SAFETY AUTHORITIES

### Chief Sanitary Inspectorate (GIS) at the Ministry of Health (MZ) [GIS at MZ]:

The Ministry of Health (MZ) is responsible for public health policy and food safety. The MZ prepares draft legislation in the area of food safety in order to introduce regulations allowing for the correct application of EU law and draft regulation on some issues not covered by EU regulations with regard to food supplements, addition of vitamins and minerals to food, and other special kinds of food.

The portfolio of the MZ extends beyond food safety to include, for instance, medicinal products. The Office for Registration of Medicinal Products, Medical Devices and Biocidal Products at the MZ is the regulatory authority for veterinary drugs in Poland.

The Chief Sanitary Inspectorate (GIS) is subordinate to the MZ and is the competent authority for food safety in Poland. It cooperates with the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MRiRW) on matters regarding food safety and with both the MRiRW and the Ministry of Climate and Environment (MC&A) on matters regarding

genetically modified organisms (GMOs).

The GIS coordinates and supervises the activities of the State Sanitary Inspectorates (PIS), which are responsible for official control of all aspects of food safety, i.e. food hygiene, pesticide residues, contaminants, import of food of non-animal origin, food contact materials, food additives, GMOs in food, food supplements, food for special groups and novel foods. The main responsibility focuses on production and import of food of non-animal origin, and placing on the market of all kind of foodstuffs.

The PIS are also responsible for monitoring contaminants in food of non-animal origin and prepacked food introduced to the market. GIS/PIS risk management measures are based on scientific risk assessments conducted by the National Institute of Public Health – National Institute of Hygiene – National Research Institute (NIZP-PZH-PIB).

The GIS is also the competent authority that monitors foods being introduced to the market for the first time covering food supplements, food for specific groups, food with added vitamins and minerals.

### **Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MRiRW):**

The Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MRiRW) is responsible for agricultural policy and the safety of food of animal origin and prepares draft legislation in this area. The MRiRW is supported by three competent specialist authorities responsible for control and inspection: the Veterinary Inspection (GIW), the State Plant

Health and Seed Inspection (GIORIN), and the Agricultural and Food Quality Inspection (GIJHARS). The FAO/WHO Codex Contact Point for Poland is located at GIJHARS. The work of the MRiRW is mainly focused on risk management on food of animal origin and is based on scientific risk assessments prepared by the National Veterinary Research Institute – State Research Institute (PIWET).

The portfolio of the MRiRW includes safety of feed, residues of veterinary medicinal products, GMOs (only GM seeds and GM feed scope) and zoonoses. In these areas, the MRiRW monitors the activities of the district and local authorities. The MRiRW is the regulatory authority for plant protection products. In the area of food safety, the MRiRW cooperates with the MZ, and for GMOs with both the General Sanitary Inspectorate (GIS) and the Minister of Climate and Environment, for example. The portfolio of the MRiRW extends beyond food safety to animal health and animal welfare. The MRiRW is also responsible for the monitoring of contaminants in food of animal origin.

### **National Revenue Administration (NRA) at the Ministry of Finance (MF) [NRA at MF]:**

The National Revenue Administration (NRA) is a merger of the tax administration, fiscal control and customs service. The NRA is subordinate to the Ministry of Finance (MF) and is responsible for the border control of food. The NRA cooperates with three specialist authorities: the GIW on controls of export and import of animals, food of animal origin and feed; the GIORIN on controls of export and import of regulated plants and

plant material, and the GIS on controls of export and import of food of plant origin.

**National Institute of Public Health – National Institute of Hygiene [NIZP-PZH-PIB]:**

The National Institute of Public Health – National Institute of Hygiene – National Research Institute (NIZP-PZH-PIB) prepares scientific risk assessments on food contaminants, food additives, biological risks, added chemical substances, residues of plant protection products, nutrition, novel foods and drinking water. The NIZP-PZH-PIB also conducts active research in this area. On 1 February 2020, the Institute merged with the National Food and Nutrition Institute (IZZ). Website of NIZP PZH - PIB: <https://www.pzh.gov.pl/>

**National Veterinary Research Institute (PIWET):**

The National Veterinary Research Institute – State Research Institute (PIWET) prepares scientific risk assessments on feed, residues of veterinary medicinal products and zoonoses. The PIWET also conducts active research.

In Poland, there is a three-tier division in the public administration: 16 regions (voivodships), 379 districts (powiats) and 2,478 local authorities (gminas). At the district and local levels, the specialist authorities of the GIS and MRiRW are responsible for enacting food laws and carrying out food inspections. They are instructed and monitored by the GIS and MRiRW in their respective areas of activity.

**Food testing facilities:**

16 integrated Official National Laboratories belong to the GIS in accordance with Regulation (EU) No. 2017/625. 16 Regional Veterinary Laboratories belong to the GIW in accordance with Regulation (EU) No. 2017/625. Link to 16 Voivodeship Sanitary Epidemiological Stations (WSSEs), where the above mentioned laboratories are located – are available on the website of GIS, <https://www.gov.pl/web/gis/stacje-sanitarno-epidemiologiczne>

Reference laboratories in the area of food safety under the authority of the Minister of Health include, apart from the above-mentioned NIZP PZH PIB, the Institute of Nuclear Chemistry and Technology in Warsaw and the laboratories of WSSE in Warsaw, WSSE Bydgoszcz and WSSE Rzeszów (Tarnobrzeg).

The Institute of Nuclear Chemistry and Technology has a reference laboratory for detecting food irradiation (website: <http://www.ichtj.waw.pl/>), while the laboratories:

- located in the WSSE Warszawa functions as a reference laboratory for pesticide residues in food;
- located in the WSSE in Bydgoszcz functions as a reference laboratory for viruses in food;
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**Act on food and nutrition safety** of 25 August 2006

<https://isap.sejm.gov.pl/isap.nsf/DocDetails.xsp?id=wdu20061711225>;

**Act on Veterinary Inspection** of 29 January 2004 (Ustawa z dnia 29 stycznia 2004 r.

o Inspekcji Weterynaryjnej <https://dziennikustaw.gov.pl/DU/rok/2022/pozycja/2629>

**Act on animal products** of 16 December 2005 (Ustawa z dnia 16 grudnia 2005 r. o

produktach pochodzenia zwierzęcego)

<https://dziennikustaw.gov.pl/DU/rok/2023/pozycja/872>

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**European Legal Acts** are available on the

website: <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/homepage.html>.

**Regulation (EC) No 178/2002** of the European Parliament and of the Council of 28 January 2002 laying down the general principles and requirements of food law, establishing the European Food Safety Authority and laying down procedures in matters of food safety:

<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A02002R0178-20220701>

**Regulation (EC) No 852/2004** of the European Parliament and of the council of 29 April 2004 on the hygiene of foodstuffs:

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**Regulation (EU) 2017/625** of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 March 2017 on official controls and other official activities performed to ensure the application of food and feed law, rules on animal health and welfare, plant health and plant protection products:<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A02017R0625-20220128>

**Commission Regulation (EU) 2023/915** of 25 April 2023 on maximum levels for certain contaminants in food and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1881/2006: [https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legalcontent/PL/TXT/?toc=OJ%3AL%3A2023%3A119%3ATOC&uri=uriserv%3AOJ.L\\_2023.119.01.0103.01.POL](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legalcontent/PL/TXT/?toc=OJ%3AL%3A2023%3A119%3ATOC&uri=uriserv%3AOJ.L_2023.119.01.0103.01.POL)

**Regulation (EC) No 396/2005** of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 February 2005 on maximum residue levels of pesticides in or on food and feed of plant and animal origin and amending Council Directive 91/414/EEC:

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**Regulation (EC) No 396/2005** of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 February 2005 on maximum residue levels of pesticides in or on food and feed of plant and animal origin and amending Council Directive 91/414/EEC: <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A02005R0396-20230413>

**Commission Regulation (EC) No 2073/2005** of 15 November 2005 on microbiological criteria for foodstuffs: <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A02005R2073-20200308>

**Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008** of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2008 on food additives: <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A02008R1333-20230322>

**Regulation (EU) No 1169/2011** of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2011 on the provision of food information to consumers(...): <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A02011R1169-20180101>

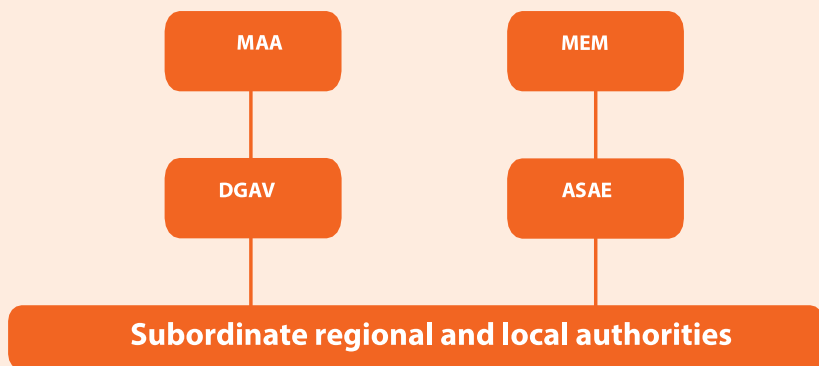
# PORTUGAL

Together with European food laws, Decree-Law No. 113/2006 is the central legal foundation for food legislation in Portugal. 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 assessments. However, the final decision on the legality of governmental measures rests with the courts.

In Portugal, there is no institutional separation of risk assessment and risk communication from risk management. Risk assessments are not published.

## FOOD REGULATORY ECOSYSTEM



## FOOD SAFETY AUTHORITIES

### Ministry of Agriculture and Food (MAA):

Within the Ministry of Agriculture and Food (MAA), the Directorate-General for Food and Veterinary (DGAV) is in charge of coordinating legislation, apply public policies preparing the multi-annual national control plan. It is also responsible for the implementation of food safety controls for food. Most activities in the area of food safety and food inspections are supervised by the MAA.

The MAA's work extends beyond the field of food safety to include, for instance, plant health, animal health, animal welfare, veterinary medicinal products and biocides. The National Institute for Agrarian and Veterinarian Research (INIAV) is subordinate to the MAA. INIAV ensure the functions of National Reference Laboratory, namely, in the areas of food safety, animal health and plant health as well as other entities that are designated as National Reference Laboratories for the various categories, , pursuant to Regulation (EC) 2017/625 whose

list is published at DGAV web page.

### **Ministry of Economy and Maritime Affairs (MEM):**

The Ministry of Economy and Maritime Affairs (MEM) deals with economic and consumer policy, as well as with food safety in Portugal. The Economic and Food Safety Authority (ASAE) is the competent specialist authority that supports the work of the MEM.

### **Economic and Food Safety Authority (ASAE):**

As a subordinate specialist authority of the MEM, the Economic and Food Safety Authority (ASAE) is responsible for risk assessments, risk communication and risk management (food inspection) in the field of food safety. ASAE is the National Focal Point of EFSA-European Food Safety Authority. The ASAE is advised by an independent Scientific Council supported by 6 specialised thematic panels (1. Additives and Contaminants in the Food Chain; 2. Feed, Health and Animal Welfare; 3. Biological Hazards; 4. Plant Health and Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs); 5. Nutrition and Food Allergies, and 6. Risk Communication).

The ASAE is a criminal police body that operates as the national authority responsible for carrying out inspections to prevent and combat fraud in all economic areas, including food and feed, and National Focal Point of the EU Food Fraud Network (FFN). It is also responsible for risk assessments and risk communication in relation to food and feed. This is handled by a department that coordinates EF-SA-related activities.

The organic structure of the ASAE covers the whole country with one central and several regional control services. The remit of the ASAE includes the commercialisation chain of plant and animal products, including fishing products (aquaculture, factory ships, vessels, stores, warehouses and wholesale markets). The ASAE competencies also include food supplements, contaminants in meat, fish, plant products and mineral water. The safety of tap water lies within the responsibility of the regulatory authority for water and waste.

### **Directorate-General for Food and Veterinary Issues (DGAV):**

The Directorate-General for Food and Veterinary (DGAV) is the subordinate specialist authority of the MAA. Based on scientific risk assessments, the DGAV implements public food policy and conducts controls/inspections. As regards the operation of control systems for the safety of food and feed, animal health and animal welfare, plant health and veterinary public health, activities are carried out by five regional directorates that report directly to the DGAV's central management. This directorate also controls an inspection network.

The powers of the DGAV comprise the areas of genetically modified food, zoonoses, veterinary and plant protection product residues, and food contact materials. The DGAV is the regulatory body for veterinary and plant protection products in Portugal and residues of plant protection products, including pesticide residues in plants. As the national plant protection authority, the DGAV supports the development of

regulations on plant protection products and implements the national waste control programs, including pesticides.

The DGAV is also responsible for developing the multi-annual national control plan in compliance with the principles and guidelines laid down in Regulation (EU) No. 2017/625. The DGAV's area of work goes beyond food safety to include, for example, animal health, animal feed, transmissible spongiform encephalopathies, animal by-products, veterinary medicinal products and animal welfare.

### **Implementation of Law/Standards:**

Continental Portugal is administratively divided into 18 districts (308 counties) and two autonomous regions (Azores and Madeira). The Azores and Madeira regions each have an elected assembly with decentralised powers to pass legislation. The evaluation, management and communication of risk in the autonomous regions are dependent on the regional governments; in Madeira it is the ARAE (Regional Authority for the Economic Activities) and in Azores, the IRAE (Regional Inspection Economic Activities), which have the same competencies as the ASAE.

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### **Food testing facilities:**

The approved laboratories for official control analyses are included in a list published in the DGAV portal and updated twice a year.

### **The National Institute for Agrarian and Veterinarian Research (INIAV):**

INIAV ensure the functions of National Reference Laboratory, namely, in the areas of food safety, animal health and plant health as well as other entities that are designated as National Reference Laboratories for the various categories. Pursuant to Regulation (EC) 2017/625 whose list is published at DGAV web page (<https://www.dgav.pt/>).

Pursuant to Regulation (EC) No.2017/625, the Economic and Food Safety Authority (ASAE), through Food Safety Laboratory, ensure the functions of National Reference Laboratory, in the areas of food safety. This functions are carried out in 3 laboratory units accredited by the national accreditation body (IPAC) according to NP EN ISO/IEC 17025:2018, namely in the following areas, mycotoxins in food, dioxins in food and feed, and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) in food (oils and fats).

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The competent authority for food safety in the Republic of North Macedonia is the Food and Veterinary Agency. Other administrative bodies involved in the food safety system are the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Economy represented by the Phyto-sanitary Directorate and the State Agricultural Inspectorate. The basic legal act is the Law on Food Safety (LFS), which regulates the control over the safety of food at all stages (production, processing, storage, transport, distribution, retail and catering). Infringement provisions of food safety legislation are defined in the LFS.

Serious infringements are qualified as criminal offences covered under criminal law and consumer damage claims under civil law, whereby the final decision rests with the courts. Governmental measures with regard to food safety are often based on scientific risk assessments.

The official controls are performed on the basis of previously conducted risk assessments and are based on the provisions laid down in the Law on Food Safety. As regards risk assessment, in 2015, a National Council for Food and Feed Safety (National Council) was established by the Government of the Republic of North Macedonia. The council consists of members that represent relevant universities and scientific institutions in the country. The role of the National Council is to provide scientific advice and scientific and technical support in relation to the policies in fields that have direct or indirect effects and

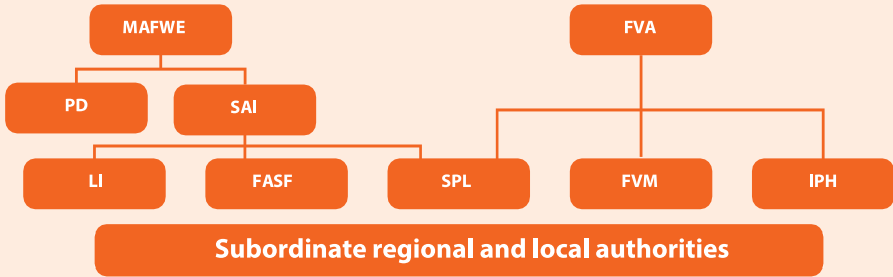
influence on food and feed safety and animal health and welfare.

In addition, the National Council is responsible for providing independent opinions and recommendations and for sharing information related to risks in order to increase consumer confidence and improve the harmonisation between risk assessment and risk communication. The functioning and operation of the National Council is organised into several dedicated Scientific Panels (SP):

1. SP for animal health and welfare
2. SP for biological hazards
3. SP for contaminants in the food chain
4. SP for dietetic foodstuffs, nutrition and allergies
5. SP for additives and food enrichment products
6. SP for plant protection products and residues thereof
7. SP for plant health
8. SP for feed additives or substances used in the animal feeding stuffs
9. SP for food contact materials, enzymes, flavours and technological aids
10. SP for genetically modified organisms.

In addition, the Department for Risk Assessment and Communication operates within the organisational structure of the Food and Veterinary Agency and serves as the secretariat of the National Council. In the Republic of North Macedonia, there is a functional separation of risk assessment and risk management.

## FOOD REGULATORY ECOSYSTEM



### FOOD SAFETY AUTHORITIES

#### Food and Veterinary Agency (FVA):

FVA is the central competent authority responsible for performing tasks related to:

1. Food and feed safety;
2. Implementation, control, surveillance and monitoring of veterinary activities in the field of animal health and welfare;
3. Veterinary public health, including veterinary medicinal products, animal feedstuffs and animal by-products;
4. Control of National Reference Laboratories and authorised laboratories supporting the needs of the FVA; control of the quality of food, except for primary agricultural production of food of non-animal origin;
5. Official controls of feed and food of animal and non-animal origin – during production, processing, storage, transport, trade, import and export.

The FVA is the policy-making authority responsible for coordination of the legislation

and control systems in the field of food and feed safety between the relevant institutions in the Republic of North Macedonia, as well as the competent institution for communication with the European institutions responsible for food and feed safety, veterinary and phyto-sanitary policy.

#### Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Economy (MAFWE):

MAFWE is responsible for the development and implementation of agricultural policy and safety of food and feed of plant origin during primary production. As part of the MAFWE, the State Agriculture Inspectorate (SAI) is responsible for the control of primary production of food of plant origin, plant health, and implementation of measures for the prevention and containment of harmful organisms, as well as for control of the use of plant protection products in primary production and associated operations.

The Phyto-sanitary Directorate (PD) within the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Economy is responsible for the national phytosanitary policy and for drafting legislation in the area of plant health and

plant protection products (PPPs).

### **Faculty of Veterinary Medicine (FVM):**

FVM is a public institution for higher education that operates within Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje, and is the leading national diagnostic, research and scientific institution in the field of veterinary medicine and food safety in the Republic of North Macedonia. The Faculty of Veterinary Medicine is authorised to perform laboratory analyses of samples collected during official controls conducted by the FVA. The FVM is also involved in the FVA's risk assessment activities.

### **Institute of Public Health (IPH):**

IPH is a national health institution in the field of preventive health care. The aim of the institute is to promote the health and general welfare of the human population through scientifically-based knowledge, best practices, information and organisational partnerships and sustainable impact on public health policies. The institute is authorised to conduct laboratory analyses of food and feed samples collected by state food inspectors. The IPH is accredited according to ISO/IEC 17025. The IPH also supports the FVA and risk assessment activities.

### **State Phytosanitary Laboratory (SPL):**

SPL conducts laboratory activities (analysis of pesticides formulation and residues of PPPs, seeds, and diagnosis of samples for harmful plant organisms) in accordance with annual phyto-sanitary monitoring programmes and monitoring programmes for plant protection

products and residues of plant protection products in primary agricultural products, as well as testing of seed and seedling materials.

### **Livestock Institute (LI):**

LI an integral part of Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje, conducts scientific and applied research and is involved in educational activities. The scientific and research nature of the institute aims towards upgrading the livestock production and related fields in the Republic of North Macedonia. The institute is involved in the coordination and implementation of the identification, control of the production and reproduction features, testing, evaluation and control of the quality of feed for all domestic animal species.

### **Faculty of Agricultural Sciences and Food (FASF):**

FASF is an integral part of Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje. The faculty is responsible for educational activities for the first, second and third cycles of study, scientific and research activities in the field of biotechnical sciences, soil and hydrology, plant protection, plant production, apiculture, fruit production, livestock production, fishery, forestry, biotechnology, food technology, production of animal products and other fields related to the faculty's scope of work.

Ten regional independent public health centres/laboratories perform chemical, toxicological and microbiological analyses of food and water. Control and inspection activities are coordinated and supervised by

the FVA's central headquarters.

### **Implementation of Law/Standards:**

28 regional offices of the FVA operate at the regional and local level to inspect food of non-animal and animal origin, animal health and welfare. Official veterinarians based at 11 Border Control Points (BCPs) perform import controls on food and live animals.

**Food testing facilities:** The Faculty of Veterinary Medicine is authorised to perform laboratory analyses of samples collected

during official controls conducted by the FVA. The FVM laboratories are accredited according to MKC ISO/IEC 17025:2006. The organisational structure of the FVM-Food Institute consists of the following laboratories:

1. Laboratory for microbiology of food and feed
2. Laboratory for quality control of food and feed
3. Laboratory for residues and contaminants
4. Laboratory for raw milk quality

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Faculty of Veterinary Medicine website - <https://fvm.ukim.edu.mk/en/>

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# ROMANIA

Law No. 150/2004 (with amendments) is the legal foundation for food and feed legislation in Romania. Infringement of food and feed regulations can lead to measures under criminal law and consumer damage claims under civil law, where- by the final decision

rests with the courts. Government measures with regard to food safety are often based on scientific risk assessments. In Romania there is no institutional separation of risk assessment and risk management. Not all risk assessments are published on the Internet.

## FOOD REGULATORY ECOSYSTEM

MADR

MS

ANSVSA

MMAP

ANPC

Subordinate local authorities

## FOOD SAFETY AUTHORITIES

### Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MADR):

The Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MADR) deals with agricultural policy and food safety in Romania. It prepares draft legislation in the area of food and feed of non-animal origin, residues of plant protection products and cultivation of genetically modified organisms (GMOs). MADR also conducts risk assessments in these fields. Activities of MADR with regard to plant protection products are supported by the National Environmental Protection Agency and the Ministry of Health.

### Ministry of Health (MS):

The Ministry of Health (MS) is responsible for health protection and partially for food safety in Romania. The MS prepares draft legislation in the field of food safety and is

partially responsible for official controls in the area of food safety. The portfolio of the MS includes novel foods, food supplements, food for populations with special nutritional requirements, food additives, enzymes and flavourings, treatment of food with ionising irradiation, food contact materials as well as mineral water. The MS is also responsible for risk assessments in these areas.

### National Sanitary Veterinary and Food Safety Authority (ANSVSA):

The National Sanitary Veterinary and Food Safety Authority (ANSVSA) is subordinate to the Romanian Government, and the activities of the ANSVSA are coordinated by the Prime Minister. The ANSV-SA manages all matters in the area of food safety from raw materials to consumer issues. The ANSV-SA is responsible for official controls, preparation of draft legislation as well as preparation of risk assessments in the areas of food and feed safety, contaminants, residues of plant protection products, import

and export of animals and plant products, traceability and labelling of genetically modified food and feed, zoonoses, veterinary medicinal products and their residues, feed, animal health and welfare, and antimicrobial resistance. The ANSVSA ensures that HACCP and hygienic requirements are implemented in food production and catering businesses.

### **Ministry of Environment, Water and Forests (MMAP):**

The Ministry of Environment, Water and Forests (MMAP) deals with environmental policy and is the main competent authority for plant protection products and GMOs. The MMAP authorises and controls the use of GMOs and plant protection products and monitors their impact on the environment. In this area, the MMAP is supported by the National Protection Agency and the National Environmental Guard. Authorisation of plant protection products in Romania requires the approval of three ministries, the MADR, MS and MMAP. The MMAP is also responsible for the management of obsolete pesticides.

### **National Authority for Consumer Protection (ANPC):**

The National Authority for Consumer Protection (ANPC) monitors whether food, food advertising, and food labelling conforms

to legal requirements. The ANPC also handles consumer complaints.

### **Implementation of Law/Standards:**

Romania has a unitary government structure with decentralised regional administration offices. The regional level (42 administrative districts) has certain autonomous competencies. The regional administration supervises the work of local authorities. All authorities (MADR, MS, ANSVSA, MMAP and ANPC) have regional offices that carry out inspections and control in the area of food and feed safety, plant protection and plant health as well as veterinary inspections.

### **Food testing facilities:**

Two National Reference Laboratories are part of MADR pursuant to Regulation (EU) No. 2017/625. In addition, there are 3 National Reference Laboratories pursuant to Regulation (EU) No. 2017/625 that are attached to ANSVSA: the Institute for Diagnosis and Animal Health, the Institute for Hygiene and Veterinary Public Health, and the Institute for Control of Biological Products and Veterinary Medicines. The ANSVSA also has its own network of 42 official county sanitary veterinary and food safety laboratories.

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Ministry of Environment, Water and Forests website - <http://www.mmediu.ro/>

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# RUSSIAN FEDERATION

In Russian Federation, Federal Law FZ-29 on food quality and food safety ensures the quality of food products and their safety for human health. The law covers Quality and safety of foodstuffs, materials and products shall be ensured by: (a) application of measures of state regulation in the field of ensuring quality and safety of foodstuffs, materials and products, including implementation of state supervision in the field of assurance of food quality and food safety, materials and products; carrying out production control over quality and safety of foodstuffs, materials and products, the conditions of their production (manufacturing), packaging, sale, storage, transportation, including laboratory studies (tests) in accordance with the legislation of the Russian Federation; application of quality management systems for foodstuffs, materials and products, including the use of a system of critical control points related to hazard analysis; carrying out production control over quality and safety of foodstuffs,

materials and products, the conditions of their production (manufacturing), packaging, trade, storage, transportation, including laboratory studies (tests) in accordance with the legislation of the Russian Federation; development of measures in the field of standardization in order to improve quality of foodstuffs, materials and products, processes and technologies for their production; encouraging manufacturers to produce foodstuffs, meeting quality criteria and principles of healthy nutrition; rationing food supply depending on the age category of persons, their physiological needs, health status, quality indicators of foodstuffs; establishing sanitary and epidemiological requirements for the organization of food processing control related to quality and safety of foodstuffs. New food products, materials and articles manufactured in the Russian Federation and food products, materials and articles being first imported into the territory of the Russian Federation shall be subject to state registration.

## FOOD REGULATORY ECOSYSTEM

Ministry of Agriculture of the Russian Federation

Federal Agency for Fishery

Federal Service for Veterinary and Phytosanitary Supervision

## FOOD SAFETY AUTHORITIES

### Ministry of Agriculture of the Russian Federation:

The Ministry of Agriculture is responsible for

agricultural production, soil conservation, rural development, agricultural market regulation, and financial stabilization of the farm sector. The Ministry is also involved in drafting policies/ regulations

in livestock farming (including breeding of domesticated fish species included in the State Register of Protected Breeding Achievements), veterinary services, including pharmaceuticals, crop production, phytosanitary control, regulation of the farm produce, raw materials and foodstuffs markets, the food and food processing industry, the production and distribution of tobacco products.

**Federal Agency for Fishery:** This is a federal body that exercises oversight over fishing and marine life in waters under the territory of the Russian Federation.

**Federal Service for Veterinary and Phytosanitary Supervision:** This is a federal body that exercises oversight over veterinary medicine and agricultural production and by products in the Russian Federation.

Food Import-Animal origin: In accordance with Article 9 of the Law No. 4979-1 "On Veterinary Practices" of the Russian Federation of 14 May 1993 import (export, transit) into/ from the territory of the Russian Federation of products of animal origin as well as of feeds, feeds additives and medicines for animals (hereafter, the regulated cargo) requires a written Permission of the Chief State Veterinary Inspector of the Russian Federation.

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# SAUDI ARABIA

The Food Act & Regulation of Kingdom of Saudi Arabia aims at ensuring food safety and quality, Protecting consumer's health through minimizing food-related risks and spreading sound nutritional awareness, Protecting consumers from harmful,

adulterated, or otherwise implicated foodstuff, Preventing any barriers to food trade. this Act shall apply to all the stages of food chain. Under this act the SFDA shall set technical standards and regulations for food, food establishments and employees.

## FOOD REGULATORY ECOSYSTEM

Saudi Food and Drug Authority (SFDA)

Ministry of Health (MoH)

## FOOD SAFETY AUTHORITIES

### Saudi Food and Drug Authority (SFDA):

The vision of SFDA is protecting the community through regulations and effective controls to ensure the safety of food, drugs, medical devices, cosmetics, pesticides and feed. SFDA establishment is to regulate, oversee, and monitor food, drug, medical devices, as well as to set mandatory standard specifications thereof, whether they are imported or locally manufactured. The authority responsible for monitoring and/or testing activities in the SFDA or other agency's laboratories. Moreover, the SFDA is in charge of consumer's awareness on all matters related to food, drug and medical devices and all other products and supplies. Observe the safety, security, and effectiveness of food and drug for humans and animal. Observe the safety of complementary biological and chemical substances, cosmetics and pesticides. Observe the safety of medical devices and its impact on public health.

Ensure accuracy and safety of medical and diagnostic devices. Launch clear policies and procedures for food and drug, and plan to achieve and implement these policies. As well as setting a scientific base that can be used for educational purposes, advisory services and executive programs in the fields of food and medicine. Conduct research and applied studies to identify health problems, their causes, determine its impact on public, with the consideration of methods for research / studies evaluation. The authority shall establish scientific bases for awareness and consulting services and executive programs in the fields of food and drug. Control and supervise licenses procedures for food, drugs and medical devices factories. Disseminate and exchange information with local and international scientific and legal agencies, and setting up a database for food and drug.

### Ministry of Health (MoH):

The Ministry is overseeing the health care and health policy of Saudi Arabia. The

ministry is tasked with formulating strategies to ensure public health in the country, while also managing crucial health infrastructure. Nutrition labeling, Center for Disease Prevention and Control etc are some of the areas being covered by MoH.

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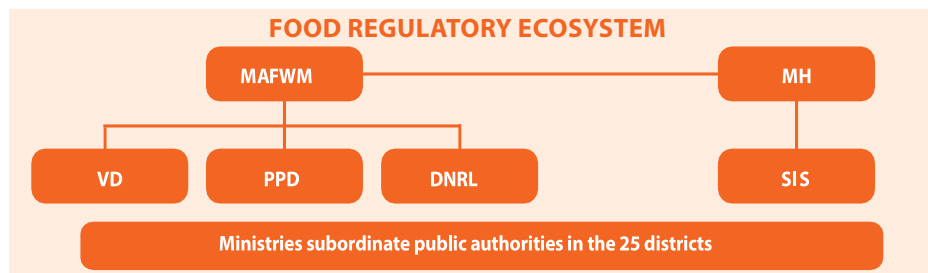
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The Law on Food Safety is the central legal act which prescribes the rules on food and feed safety, responsibilities of food and feed business operators, the rapid alert system, emergency measures and crisis management. This Law is harmonised with Regulation (EC) No. 178/2002.

The food safety bylaws are mostly in line with the EU Hygiene package. Two ministries and their related services share the overall responsibility for food safety: the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management (MAFWM) and the Ministry of Health (MH), mainly in terms of risk management.



## FOOD SAFETY AUTHORITIES

MAFWM prepares draft legislation and issues ordinances in the area of food and feed safety, animal health and welfare, and plant health. MH is responsible for public health, potable water, certain areas of food safety (infant formula, dietetic food, diet supplements, salt, food contact materials, novel food).

The Expert Council for Risk Assessment in Food Safety Area (CRA) is responsible for scientific risk assessments and the development of scientific studies in the field of food and feed safety. CRA provides expert opinions on issues related to the placing on the market of novel foods, nutrient-rich foods, foods for special nutritional needs, animal feed, genetically modified food and animal feed, animal health and welfare, plant which prescribes the rules on food and feed safety,

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CRA provides expert opinions on issues related to the placing on the market of novel foods, nutrient-rich foods, foods for special nutritional needs, animal feed, genetically modified food and animal feed, animal health and welfare, plant health, as well as the identification and characterization of risks. There is no clear separation between risk assessment and risk management. MAFWM and MH established the Expert Council for Risk Assessment in Food Safety Area with members from all relevant institutions, faculties, and institutes which serve to provide risk assessments on request.

### **Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management (MAFWM):**

MAFWM is the central competent authority for policy and legislation on the enforcement of laws on food safety, veterinary and phyto-sanitary matters. Veterinary Directorate (VD), Plant Protection Directorate (PPD), and Sector of Agricultural Inspection (SAI) with in MAFWM have the overall responsibility for animal health, animal welfare, food and feed safety, and phyto-sanitary matters. The official controls, depending on the delegated tasks, are performed by three inspection divisions: Veterinary Inspection, Phyto-sanitary Inspection and Agricultural Inspection – each of them covering the responsibilities within their remit in accordance with the Law on Food Safety.

The portfolio of MAFWM also encompasses other regional research institutions – veterinary and plant health institutes, public health institutes.

### **Veterinary Directorate (VD):**

VD is responsible for the safety of food of animal origin throughout all stages of production, processing and distribution, including import and export. It is also responsible for animal health, animal welfare, animal reproduction, animal feed, veterinary medicinal products and residues, as well as animal by-products. Legislation and cooperation with other relevant competent authorities in these fields are in the remit of VD. VD is the central point for coordinating activities related to OIE, EFSA and RASFF.

The Veterinary Inspection division is an integral part of VD and veterinary inspectors carry out official controls on holdings and in establishments dealing with food of animal origin and feed. VD implements all necessary measures to protect the spread of animal diseases and zoonoses, foodborne diseases and antimicrobial resistance. The Veterinary Institutes located throughout the whole country support the work of VD and the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine.

The scientific and expert support to VD is provided by the Scientific Veterinary Institutes (SVI) in Belgrade, Novi Sad and Kraljevo for certain animal diseases – as well as by the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, which performs diagnostic tests related to animal health, food and feed testing, and participates in scientific work and training. The National Reference Laboratory for VMP

(veterinary medicinal product) residues is the Institute for Meat Hygiene and Technology in Belgrade.

Besides these institutions, there are designated state and private laboratories involved in the official testing of food of animal origin.

### **Plant Protection Directorate (PPD):**

PPD of MAFWM is the competent authority for phyto-sanitary matters, including plant health (harmful organisms), seed and propagating material, plant breeders' rights, genetically modified organisms (GMOs), plant protection products (PPPs), plant nutrition products and soil improvers. PPD is responsible for establishing test methods for residues of PPPs in food and feed of plant and animal origin, the control of residues of PPPs in food of plant and composite origin, and the control in the area of the safety of non-processed and processed food of plant origin upon import, and feed of plant origin upon import.

PPD monitors the implementation of legislation and the enforcement of official controls in these areas. The Phyto-sanitary Inspection division is an integral part of PPD. Phyto-sanitary inspectors are in charge of official controls on plant origin products in primary production. Plant protection institutes and agricultural services throughout the country support the work of PPD.

### **Ministry of Health (MH):**

MH is the competent authority for drafting policy and the adoption and implementation

of regulations for enforcement of legislation in the area of novel food, dietary products, infant formulas, dietary supplements and salts for human consumption, additives, flavourings and enzymatic preparations and supplements of non-animal origin, food contact materials, drinking water and public water supply systems. The Sector for Inspection Supervision (SIS), the Department for Sanitary Inspection within MH, carries out official controls within designated food safety tasks and in the case of food outbreak/epidemiology investigations. Public health institutes are tasked with the official testing of food and water.

The portfolio of MH also encompasses other research institutions – National Institutes for Public Health “Batut” (ECDC Focal Point), the Institute of Virology, Vaccines and Sera (“Torlak”), and regional public health institutes.

## **FOOD TESTING FACILITIES**

Directorate for National Reference Laboratories (DNRL) was established for the purpose of performing tasks within the area of food safety, plant health, residues of pesticides, milk hygiene and quality, and plant gene banks. DNRL has co-operations with the reference laboratories in other countries. It also establishes uniform criteria and methods, implements standards for the operation of authorised laboratories, and provides training for authorised laboratory staff. It is responsible for the testing of pesticides, certain plant diseases and plant gene banks, milk hygiene and certain foodborne pathogens.

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# SINGAPORE

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The "Sale of Food Act -1973, aims for regulating food to ensure that food for sale is safe and suitable for human consumption and to promote public health, for ensuring the provision of information relating to food to enable consumers to make informed choices and for preventing misleading conduct in connection with the sale of food.

## FOOD REGULATORY ECOSYSTEM

Singapore Food Agency (SFA)

Key food safety Authorities in Singapore

## FOOD AUTHORITIES

**Singapore Food Agency (SFA):** As Singapore's lead agency for food-related matters, the Singapore Food Agency (SFA)'s mission is to ensure and secure a supply of safe food for Singapore. To safeguard Singapore's food security, SFA adopts a multi-pronged approach which includes diversifying food import sources and increasing local production. SFA works closely with government agencies, businesses, and consumers to manage food security risks, and transform the agri-food sector to be more productive, climate resilient and resource efficient.

As there is no food security without food safety, SFA has in place an integrated farm-to-fork food safety system which adopts a risk-based approach that is guided by science and aligned with international standards. SFA also keeps abreast of the latest scientific developments to further strengthen food

safety capabilities and ensure that food for sale in Singapore is safe for consumption. As food safety is a joint responsibility between the government, food industry, and consumers, SFA continuously strives to foster an enabling environment that supports all stakeholders to play their part.

### Food testing Facilities

The Food testing facilities in Singapore is Veterinary Public Health Laboratories, Health Science Authority and Environmental Health Institute.

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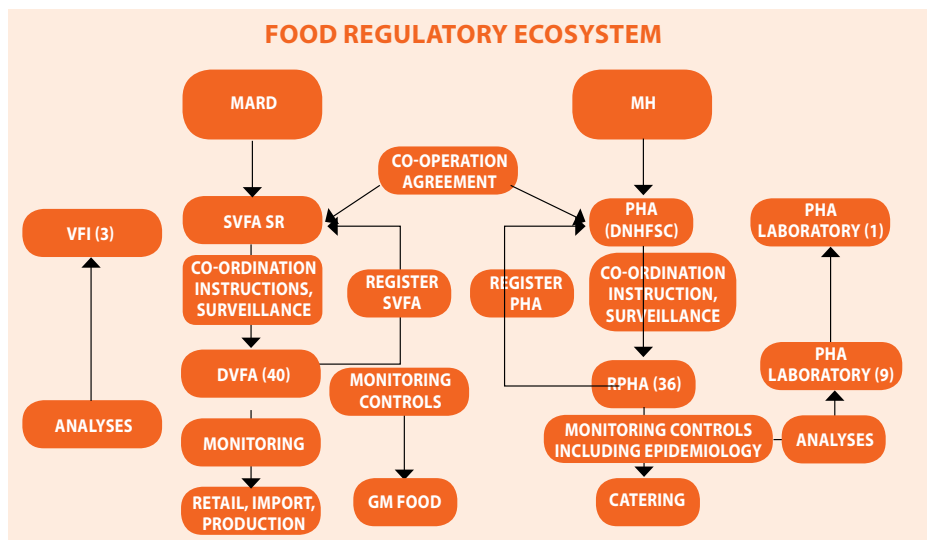
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# SLOVAK REPUBLIC

Slovak national legal law in the field of food is the Act on Foodstuffs (No. 152/1995 Coll.). 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 assessments. However, the final decision on the legality of governmental measures rests with the courts. In Slovakia, risk assessment and risk management are institutionally separated. Risk assessments are published on the Internet.



## FOOD SAFETY COMPETENT AUTHORITIES

### Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of the Slovak Republic (MARD SR):

MARD, through the Food Safety and Nutrition Department (FSND), within the Section for Food and Trade, manages and co-ordinates the activities of official control bodies in the area of food safety.

The Animal Production Department is

responsible for feeding stuffs, animal health and animal welfare policy, while the Plant Production Department is responsible for plant health policy and plant protection products and organic production (both Departments within the Section for Agriculture).

FSND co-ordinates the preparation of the Multi Annual Control Plan (MANCP) and related reports, co-ordinates the use of laboratory capacity for official control purposes, authorizes national reference

laboratories (NRLs), delegates specific control tasks to particular control bodies, co-ordinates risk assessment through the National Expert Scientific Groups (NESG) and acts as the contact point for communication with the European Commission, the European Food Safety Authority, the Consumers, Health, Agriculture and Food Executive Agency, the Codex Alimentarius, the International Food Safety Authorities Network – INFOSAN and other Member States. FSND is accredited to ISO EN ISO 9001:2015, with validity of the current certification up to 23 April 2024.

Two competent authorities, the State Veterinary and Food Administration (SVFA) and the Central Control and the Testing Institute in Agriculture (CCTIA), operate under MARD.

### **Ministry of Health of the Slovak Republic (MH SR):**

MH is the central competent authority for official food controls that come under the responsibility of the Public Health Authority (PHA) and Regional Public Health Authorities (RPHA) under Act No 152/1995 on food, as amended. These cover catering facilities, including the production of confectionery products, ice cream and the preparation of ready meals, epidemiologically risky activities of staff involved in production, handling and placing the food on the market, food supplements, food contact materials, infant formulas, follow-up formulas, processed cereal-based foods, baby food, foods for special medical purposes and total diet replacement for weight control, novel food, the use of sources of ionizing

radiation to irradiate foodstuffs and to control compliance with the ban on adding radioactive substances to foodstuffs and food additives.

### **State Veterinary and Food Administration of the Slovak Republic (SVFA SR):**

SVFA is responsible for the official control of animal health and welfare; food of animal and non-animal origin at all stages of production, processing and distribution, except in the catering sector, which remains the responsibility of the MH SR under Act No 152/1995 on food, as amended; feeding stuffs - feed materials of animal origin, feeding stuffs used directly at farm level and medicated feeding stuffs; veterinary medicines and their residues; and animal by-products (ABP).

SVFA also manages and co-ordinates the activities of the State Veterinary and Food Institute in Dolný Kubín (SVFI DK), the Institute for State Control of Veterinary Preparations and Medicaments (ISCVBM), and the Institute of Postgraduate Study for Veterinary Surgeons (IPSVS).

The SVFI DK has three institutes – Veterinary and Food Institute Bratislava (VFI BA), Veterinary and Food Institute Dolný Kubín (FI DK), Veterinary and Food Institute Košice (FVI KE) and Veterinary Institute (VI ZV) Zvolen.

Routine laboratory testing of food of animal origin and non-animal origin is performed by VFI BA, FI DK and FI KE.

### **Central Controlling and Testing Institute in Agriculture (CCTIA):**

CCTIA is responsible for official controls and testing in the agricultural sector. Its activities cover the areas of seeds and propagating material, plant varieties, plant protection products, plant health, feeding stuffs and animal nutrition, organic production and fertilizers. CCTIA is responsible for drafting legislation in the areas of its competence. It also provides advisory services and professional guidance to primary agricultural sector.

CCTIA performs official controls in the area of feeding stuffs – feed material of plant origin, genetically modified organisms (GMO) in feeding stuffs and in seeds and plant propagating material, plant health, plant protection products (PPP) and organic farming of registered operators and authorized control bodies production. CCTIA is the competent authority for the organic production in Slovakia.

The laboratory testing of the samples taken by the CCTIA inspectors is performed by the Department of Laboratory Activities (DLA). All laboratories are accredited in accordance with ISO/IEC 17025:2005 by the Slovak National Accreditation Service (SNAS). In case of need to perform analyses, which are not accredited at the DLA, the samples are forwarded to another appointed official laboratory.

### **National Agricultural and Food Centre - Food Research Institute (NAFC-FRI):**

Food Research Institute is the one of the seven institutes of the National Agricultural and Food Centre based in 2014 as a MARD

base of science and research, is engaged in co-ordination and research activities, such as risk assessment and development of new analytical methods and techniques. The Institute acts as part of the Rapid Alert System for Food and Feed (RASFF) in Slovakia and gives scientific opinions on contaminants and pesticides in food. It also takes part in preparing food legislation, is active in food education and information technology, and provides training for both businesses and official authorities. FRI does not carry out official controls.

### **Public Health Authority of the Slovak Republic (PHA SR):**

PHA is managed and its activity falls under the responsibility of the Chief Public Health Officer of the Slovak Republic. The Department of Nutrition, Hygiene, Food Safety and Cosmetic Products (DNHFS) coordinates all food safety activities, including the preparation of control programmes and related reports, the organization of laboratory capacity, and co-operation with MARD and SVFI on consumer-protection issues. PHA manage and coordinate the 36 Regional Public Health Authorities (RPHA). Laboratory analyses for food are carried out by 11 official laboratories. All these laboratories are accredited to ISO/IEC 17025:2017.

The Slovak Republic consists of eight regions and 79 districts. MARD coordinates SVFA and CCTIA in the areas of food, feed, veterinary and phytosanitary care. MH coordinates PHA in the area of food. Food inspections are conducted by the SVFA SR and ÚVZ SR. Feed inspections are conducted by the SVFA SR

and CCTIA. The veterinary care is conducted by SVFA and phytosanitary care is conducted by CCTIA. The SVFA SR is supported by eight regional and 40 district veterinary and food authorities, as well as four laboratories and three border inspection posts. The ÚVZ SR is supported by 36 regional authorities and 11 laboratories.

### **Food testing facilities - SVFA**

Also manages and co-ordinates the activities of the State Veterinary and Food Institute in Dolný Kubín (SVFI DK). The SVFI DK has three institutes – Veterinary and Food Institute Bratislava (VI BA), Veterinary and Food Institute Dolný Kubín (VFI DK), Veterinary and Food Institute Košice (VI KE) and Veterinary Institute (VI ZV) Zvolen. The VFI in Bratislava, VFI Dolný Kubín, VFI Košice and the VI Zvolen are designated as NRL by MARD. Routine laboratory testing of food of animal origin and non-animal origin is performed by VFI BA, VFI DK and VFI KE.

Samples taken by RPHA inspectors are analyzed in 10 RPHA laboratories and one PHA laboratory in Bratislava. All 11 laboratories are accredited according to EN ISO/IEC 17025:2017. Analyses related to food contact materials are conducted by the National reference laboratory for materials and articles intended to come into contact with food in Poprad. The PHA laboratory in Bratislava is responsible for examinations of ionizing radiation.

CCTIA Bratislava has the NRL for GMO testing in plants, plant commodities and feeding stuffs. It is accredited according to EN ISO/IEC 17025:2017 by SNAS. The accreditation covers

qualitative and quantitative testing of GMO, molecular identification of plant varieties and molecular detection of plant pathogens. The laboratory is a member of the European Network of GMO Laboratories (ENGL) and a member of BCH Network of LMO Detection and Identification Laboratories. The CCTIA laboratory takes part in various proficiency tests and validation trials. CCTIA laboratory carries out analyses using official microscopic methods for detection, identification or estimation of constituents of animal origin in feed.

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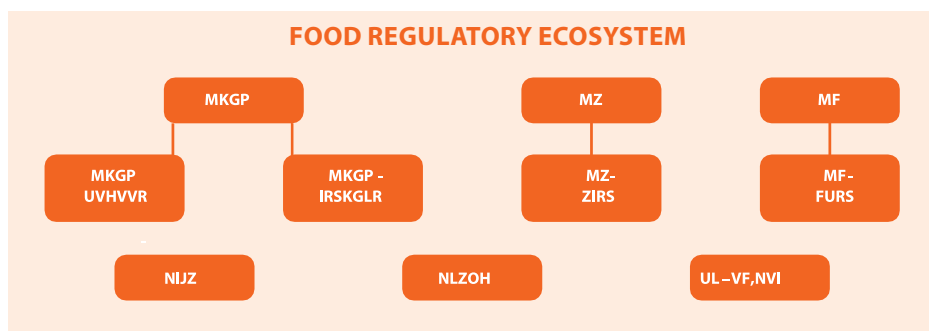
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# SLOVENIA

Several national laws and governmental regulations represent the legal foundation for food legislation and official controls. Infringement of these regulations can lead to administrative and/or penalty measures being taken by the Administration for Food Safety, Veterinary Sector and Plant Protection (UVHVVR), the Health Inspectorate of the Republic of Slovenia (ZIRS), the Inspectorate of the Republic of Slovenia for Agriculture, Forestry, Hunting and Fisheries (IRSKGLR), and the Financial Administration (FURS).

Measures can also be taken under criminal law (Public Prosecution Office) and civil law (civil claims).

The above measures are based on legal requirements or on risk analyses in cases where no EU or national legal requirements exist. The final decision on the legality of measures taken rests with the courts. The processes of risk assessment and risk management are institutionally separated.



## FOOD SAFETY AUTHORITIES

### Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Food (MKGP):

The Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Food (MKGP) is responsible for the policy and legislative framework in the areas of agriculture, fisheries and forestry, including food and feed quality, e.g. marketing standards for food, protected designation of origin, protected geographical indication, traditional speciality guaranteed, and indication of products of higher quality.

### Administration for Food Safety, Veterinary Sector and Plant Protection (UVHVVR):

The Administration for Food Safety, Veterinary Sector and Plant Protection (UVHVVR), a body within the MKGP, is the principal competent authority for food and feed safety, animal health and welfare, and plant health. It is responsible for the preparation and implementation of the legislative framework, risk monitoring, managing the public, animal and plant health risks, as well as for official inspection and controls along the entire food and feed chain.

The competencies of the UVHVVR comprise administrative, technical and inspection tasks in the area of the safety, quality and labelling of food (including genetically modified organisms (GMOs), natural mineral waters) and feed; food safety in the catering sector, animal health and welfare, zoonoses, use of veterinary medicinal products, animal by-products, plant health protection, registration and use of plant protection products, and residues of pesticides.

The UVHVVR requests analyses of official samples and risk assessments from appointed scientific institutions and research organisations, such as:

1. University of Ljubljana, Veterinary Faculty National Veterinary Institute
2. National Laboratory of Health, Environment and Food
3. National Institute of Public Health
4. Agricultural Institute of Slovenia
5. National Institute of Biology
6. Slovenian Institute for Hop Research and Brewing
7. Slovenian Forestry Institute

Within international trade, the UVHVVR is responsible for market access with regard to food safety, veterinary and phytosanitary requirements. Import and export controls in these sectors are implemented in close cooperation with the customs authority of FURS.

### **Inspectorate of the Republic of Slovenia for Agriculture, Forestry, Hunting and Fisheries (IRSKGLR):**

The Inspectorate of the Republic of Slovenia

for Agriculture, Forestry, Hunting and Fisheries (IR-SKGLR) is responsible for official controls (on-the-spot checks) with regard to the identification and registration of animals.

### **Ministry of Health (MZ):**

The Ministry of Health (MZ) is responsible for the policy and legislative framework in the area of healthcare, including public health and health insurance. The portfolio of the MZ includes safety of food and drinking water and drafting and implementing a general policy on nutrition. Within the food safety area, the MZ is specifically responsible for the preparation of legislation and overseeing its implementation with regard to food for specific groups, food supplements and food contact materials. The MZ requests risk assessments from appointed scientific institutions, such as the National Institute of Public Health (NIJZ) and the National Laboratory of Health, Environment and Food (NLZOH).

### **Health Inspectorate of the Republic of Slovenia (ZIRS):**

The Health Inspectorate of the Republic of Slovenia (ZIRS) is responsible for the official control of food supplements, food for specific groups, food contact materials and drinking water.

### **Ministry of Finance (MF) and Financial Administration (FURS):**

The Financial Administration (FURS) is subordinate to the Ministry of Finance (MF). The FURS is responsible for official import controls regarding:

1. Products of animal origin for personal consumption
2. Foodstuffs of non-animal origin (except for the increased level of controls)
3. Documentary and identity checks on animal feedstuffs of non-animal origin
4. Wooden packaging materials
5. Detection of illegal imports

#### **National Institute of Public Health (NIJZ):**

The National Institute of Public Health (NIJZ) is a national scientific organisation responsible for chemical, nutritional, microbiological and novel food risk assessments and risk communication. The NIJZ works in close collaboration with national and international organisations in the field of food safety.

#### **University of Ljubljana - Veterinary Faculty, National Veterinary Institute (UL – VF, NVI):**

The National Veterinary Institute conducts official sampling of food of animal origin for microbiological testing, conducts diagnostic

tests for rabies, and performs tasks in the field of animal health. The NVI is designated as the NRL for residues of veterinary medicinal products and contaminants in food of animal origin, and antimicrobial resistance (AMR).

#### **Implementation of Law/Standards:**

The Republic of Slovenia consists of 212 municipalities and has a centralised structure. The food supervision activities come under the responsibility of the UVHVVR, which comprises a head office, ten + regional offices and two Border Inspection Posts (BIPs), and the ZIRS, which has a head office and seven regional offices.

#### **FOOD TESTING FACILITIES**

National Laboratory of Health, Environment and Food (NLZOH) serves as a National Reference Laboratory pursuant to Regulation (EU) No. 2017/625 and is responsible for sampling, analysis and risk assessment of the official control samples.

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Ministry of Health website - <https://www.gov.si/drzavni-organi/ministrstva/ministrstvo-za-zdravje/>

Ministry of Finance (MF) and Financial Administration website - <https://www.fu.gov.si/>

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University of Ljubljana - Veterinary Faculty, National Veterinary Institute website - <https://www.vf.uni-lj.si/en/nvi>

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# SOUTH AFRICA

The following national departments are the main parties responsible for food legislation:

1. The Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development (DALRRD)
2. The Department of Health
3. The Department of Trade and Industry

## FOOD REGULATORY ECOSYSTEM



**Department of Health**  
Food control section



**Department of Trade and Industry**  
SABS  
NRCS  
NMISA  
SANAS



**Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development (DALRRD)**

## FOOD SAFETY AUTHORITIES

### Department of Health

- **Food control section** within the **National Department of Health** is responsible for ensuring the safety of food in South Africa.
- Food control section act as South Africa's National Contact point for the Joint FA/WHO CAC, INFOSAN and RASFF.
- Foodstuffs, Cosmetics and Disinfectant Act, 1972:
- Objective of FCD Act, 1972: *To control the sale, manufacture and importation of foodstuffs, cosmetics and disinfectants; and to provide for incidental matters.*
- *The FCD Act contains:*
- Broad based definitions
- Prohibition on sale, manufacture or export of foodstuffs, cosmetics & disinfectants that are non-compliant, contaminated or injurious to health.

- Prohibition on false descriptions
- Liability clauses
- Inspection procedures & powers of inspectors & analyst.
- Provision for regulations published under the Act.
- Offences, related penalties and administrative procedures.
- **Location:** [https://www.gov.za/sites/default/files/gcis\\_document/201504/act-54-1972.pdf](https://www.gov.za/sites/default/files/gcis_document/201504/act-54-1972.pdf)
- <https://www.health.gov.za/>

### FC&D contains Regulations related to

- Food Composition
- Labelling & advertising
- ([https://www.gov.za/sites/default/files/gcis\\_document/201409/32975146.pdf](https://www.gov.za/sites/default/files/gcis_document/201409/32975146.pdf))
- Food safety
- Enforcement of all of the above.

The **National Department of Health** requires that all foodstuffs shall be safe for human consumption in terms of the Foodstuffs, Cosmetics and Disinfectant Act, 1972 (FCD Act). This Act addresses the manufacture, labelling, sale and importation of foodstuffs. Matters regarding the hygiene of foodstuffs are addressed by the National Health Act, 2003, and the hygiene requirements at ports and airports including vessels and aircraft are addressed by the International Health Regulations Act, 1974.

The **food control** section within the department is responsible for ensuring the safety of food in South Africa. This service is based on the basic needs of communities and the right of South Africans to make informed food choices without being misled.

**The main functions of food control include to –**

- Administer food legislation. This includes developing and publicising regulations for food safety, food labelling and related matters as well as developing technical guidelines where necessary.
- Inform, educate and communicate to industry, consumers, the media, government departments and other stakeholders about food safety and related matters.
- Audit and support Port Health Services in the provinces related to the control of imported foodstuffs. Audit and support Municipal Health Services in metros and district municipalities related to law enforcement, monitoring, information, education and communication and

other activities.

- Evaluate risk assessments related to agricultural chemicals and food produced through biotechnology for the departments of agriculture and forestry and fisheries.
- Co-ordinate routine and specific food monitoring programmes and attends to food safety alerts.
- Act as South Africa's National Contact Point for the joint FAO/WHO Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC), International Food Safety Authorities Network (INFOSAN) and the European Union Rapid Alert System for Food and Feed (RASFF)
- Convene or serve on national and international bodies that deal with food control matters.
- Food legislation is based on the presumption of safety. Where a substance is not naturally present in a food e.g. an additive or contaminant, maximum limits are laid down which in many cases are those determined by Codex Alimentarius.

The FCD Act is considered to be a reactive act which means that approved and acceptable sources are taken in to account to provide the information on safety of foodstuffs for regulatory purposes. Such sources include:

- Codex Alimentarius standards and guidelines
- The Fertilizers, Farm Feed, Agricultural Remedies and Stock Remedies Act, 26 of 1947, which set out regulatory

requirements for registration of pesticides and stock remedies

- The Medicines and Related Substances Control Act 65 of 1963, which sets out regulatory requirements for registration of veterinary medicines
- The Genetically Modified Organisms Act 15 of 1997, which sets out regulatory requirements for foods from genetically modified organisms

The above mentioned Acts are pro-active, which means that government approval must be obtained for the release of a product on the market. Assessments are required of the data and information submitted by the applicant to determine the risk. These assessments are conducted by a group of independent experts or government officials trained to do so.

The development of regulations under the FCD Act requires expert knowledge of a number of areas: microbiology, additives, mycotoxins, irradiation of food etc. In order to advise government, the Food Legislation Advisory Group (FLAG) was established. FLAG is comprised of academics, scientists, consumers and representatives of various industries and organizations. It should be noted that the power to enforce the FCD Act is delegated to provincial and local health authorities.

### **Department of Trade, Industry and Competition:**

- South Africa Bureau of Standards (SABS)
- National Regulator for Compulsory Specifications (NRCS) - New statutory

Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) institution

- National Metrology Institute of South Africa (NMISA)
- and the South African National Accreditation System (SANAS).

Location: <https://www.gov.za/departments-trade-and-industry-dti>

The **South African Bureau of Standards (SABS)** falls under the jurisdiction of the Department of Trade and Industry and controls canned meat and frozen and canned fishery products through the Standards Act, 1993.

SABS is a leading business services provider to organizations worldwide, offering a range of services for management system certification, product testing and certification, and standardization. This includes the standardization in the field of manufacturing, conversion and testing in Food & Beverages, including all aspects of their effects on man and his environment relating to activities in the following fields: chemical, microbiological and physical tests on crops, grain, raw meat, milk beverages, water, processed foods and bulk foods.

Growing environmental awareness and the increasing awareness of quality implies the need for standardized requirements and test methods.

### **National Regulator for Compulsory Specifications (NRCS)**

The National Regulator for Compulsory Specifications Act (Act 5 of 2008) was

promulgated in Government Gazette 31216 on 4th July 2008 and took effect on 1st September 2008.

The Act transferred the Regulatory Division of the South African Bureau of Standards (SABS) and all regulatory functions of the SABS to a new statutory Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) institution - the National Regulator for Compulsory Specifications (NRCS). The new Act also transferred of all employees in the SABS Regulatory Division to the NRCS, together with relevant regulation including compulsory specifications, agreements, assets and obligations.

The legislation is the culmination of a 10-year process intended to align South Africa with world best regulatory practice and meet requirements of the World Trade Organisation (WTO) agreement on TECHNICAL BARRIERS TO TRADE (WTO TBT Agreement) and the agreement on THE APPLICATION OF SANITARY AND PHYTOSANITARY MEASURES (WTO SPS Agreement).

## **Implementation and Administration of the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade**

### **Government Authority**

In accordance with the WTO Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Article 10.10, the South African National Department of Trade and Industry, (the dti), has the overall responsibility to ensure compliance with South Africa's obligations under the TBT Agreement by National Government Departments with regulatory authority through national legislation and their regulatory bodies and institutions, as well as the domestic institutions forming

the National Technical Infrastructure. The National Technical Infrastructure consists of the dti, the South African Bureau of Standards (SABS), the National Regulator for Compulsory Specifications (NRCS), the National Metrology Institute of South Africa (NMISA) and the South African National Accreditation System (SANAS).

### **Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development (DALRRD)**

- Special additional compositional, labelling and inspection requirements for certain agricultural commodities and categories of food.
- Political head:
- Minister of Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development
- Assisted by two deputy ministers
- Location: <https://nationalgovernment.co.za/units/view/427/department-of-agriculture-land-reform-and-rural-development-dalrrd>

The **DALRRD** is a department of the Government of South Africa created in June 2019 by the merger of the agriculture functions of the former Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries with the Department of Rural Development and Land Reform. The department has responsibility for agriculture, food safety, food security, land reform, topographic mapping, cadastral survey, the Deeds Offices, and spatial planning.

The political head of the department is the Minister of Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development, who is assisted by two deputy ministers.

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| National Regulator for Compulsory Specifications (NRCS) | Administer and enforce compulsory specifications and legal metrology technical regulations        | SABS Campus 1 Dr Lategan Road Groenkloof , Pretoria PO Box: NRCS Private Bag X25, Brooklyn 0075 Tel: +27 12 482 8700 Website: http://www.nrcs.org.za                  |
| South African National Accreditation System (SANAS)     | Formally recognises the technical competency of a conformity assessment service provider          | Private Bag X23 Sunnyside Pretoria 0132 South Africa Tel: +27 12 394-3760 Fax: +27 12 394-0526 Website: http://www.sanas.co.za  |
| National Metrology Institute of South Africa (NMISA)    | Responsible for the maintenance, traceability and dissemination of national measurement standards | Private Bag X34 Lynnwood Ridge Pretoria 0040 South Africa Tel: +27 12 841 4152 Fax: +27 12 841 2131 E-mail: info@nmisa.org Website: http://www.nmisa.org              |

National Government Departments with regulatory authority through national legislation containing provisions that support the implementation and administration of the TBT Agreement

| National Government Department responsible       | Principal Legislation <sup>2</sup> providing regulatory authority in support of the TBT Agreement   | Contact Details   |
|--|---|---|
| Department of Trade and Industry (the dti)       | Accreditation for Conformity Assessment, Calibration and Good Regulatory Practice Act, Act No. 19 of 2006;<br>Consumer Protection Act, Act No.68 of 2008;<br>Measurement Units and Measurement Standards Act, Act No. 18 of 2006<br>Merchandise Mark Act, Act No. 17 of 1941;<br>National Regulator for Compulsory Specifications Act, Act No.5 of 2008<br>Standards Act, Act No 8 of 2008.<br>Legal Metrology Act, Act No. 9 of 2014               | Private Bag X84 Pretoria 0001 South Africa<br>Tel: +27 12 394 9500<br>Fax: +27 12 394 9501<br>Website: <a href="http://www.thedti.gov.za">http://www.thedti.gov.za</a>        |
| Department of Agriculture Forestry and Fisheries | Agricultural Product Standards Act, Act No. 119 of 1990;<br>Fertilizers Farm Feeds, Agriculture Remedies and Stock Remedies Act, Act No. 36 of 1947;<br>Genetically Modified Organisms Act, Act No. 15 of 1997;<br>Liquor Products Act, Act No. 60 of 1989<br>Plant Improvement Act (Act No. 53 of 1976)<br>Plant Breeders' Rights Act (Act No. 15 of 1976)<br>Animal Diseases Act, 1984 (Act No. 35 of 1984)<br>NRCS Act, 2008 (Act No. 5 of 2008) | Private Bag X250 Pretoria 0001 South Africa<br>Tel: +27 12 319 6000<br>Fax: +27 12 319 6000<br>Website: <a href="http://www.daff.gov.za/">http://www.daff.gov.za/</a>         |
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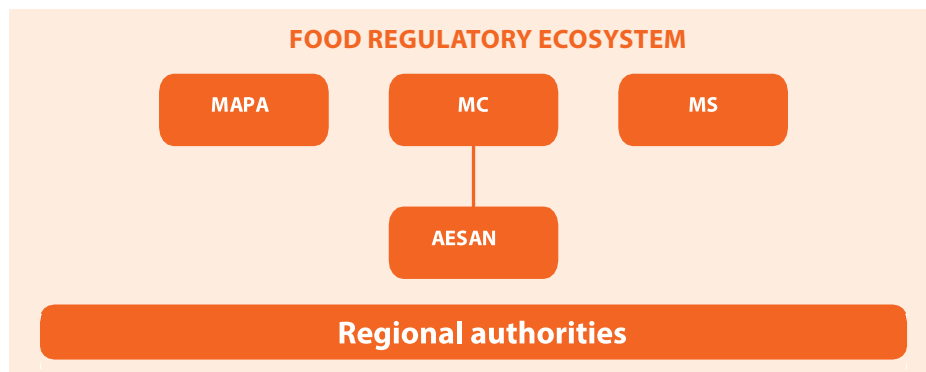
# SPAIN

Regulation (EC) No 178/2002, together with Law 17/2011 of 05 July on food safety and nutrition, are the foundations of food safety in Spain. Government measures concerning food safety are, in most cases, based on risk assessments.

In Spain, there is no institutional separation between risk assessment and risk management. Risk assessments are drafted by the Scientific Committee, an independent body within the Spanish Agency for Food Safety & Nutrition (AESAN), and are published

in Spanish and English on the AESAN website. In Spain, AESAN, together with the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (MAPA), are responsible for the coordination at the national level of the organisation and functioning of food safety control systems.

AESAN is an autonomous body of the Ministry of Consumer Affairs and functionally reports to the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, the Ministry of Health, and the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.



## FOOD SAFETY AUTHORITIES

### Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (MAPA):

The Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (MAPA) is responsible for agricultural policy, health in primary production, designation of origin, plant health, animal welfare and animal health and fraud control in the food industry. MAPA prepares draft national legislations and is responsible for the coordination of official controls, including

import and export controls within the scope of its competency.

MAPA is the national contact point for food fraud and for the RASFF (feed) and is a user of the Administrative Assistance and Cooperation System (AAC system) MAPA is also responsible for the preparation of risk assessments with regard to residues of plant protection products and animal feed. MAPA is also in charge of regulating the use of plant protection products.

The scope of MAPA's competencies also covers national decisions on GMOs, through the Inter-ministerial Council on GMOs, and on zoonoses and veterinary medical products through the Ministry of Health. It is also the regulatory authority for pesticides (registration, authorization and monitoring of use). However, before MAPA authorises the use of pesticides, AESAN is consulted with regard to residues in foods, the Ministry of Health is consulted to assess the safety of the user, and MAPA assesses the efficacy of the pesticide in question and its safety for the environment.

### **Ministry of Health (MS):**

The Ministry of Health (MS) deals with public health policy. Furthermore, the Sub-Directorate General of Foreign Health, a dependent body in this Ministry's Directorate General of Public Health is responsible for food safety concerning imports and exports and at Border Control Posts (BCPs), including foods of animal and plant origin, food contact materials, and animal by products for the manufacture of pharmaceuticals, cosmetics and medical devices for medical. The regulatory authority for medicines and medical products for human and veterinary use is the Spanish Agency for Medicines and Health Products, a dependent body in the Ministry of Health.

### **Ministry of Consumer Affairs (MC):**

The Ministry of Consumer Affairs (MC) is responsible for consumer protection, the development of consumer affairs policies, and defending the rights of the consumer. It

also prepares draft national legislations and is the contact point for RAPEX and a user of the Administrative Assistance and Cooperation System (AAC system). Within the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, AESAN is responsible for all matters relating to food safety.

### **Spanish Agency for Food Safety & Nutrition (AESAN):**

AESAN is the competent authority for the coordination of food safety within the Ministry of Health and for risk assessments. AESAN is supported by a Scientific Committee comprised of independent external experts in the area of food safety and nutrition who are commissioned to draft risk assessment reports. The Scientific Committee issues updated scientific reports on biological, chemical, technological and nutritional hazards. AESAN also prepares recommendations for the reduction of risks and identifies new health risks.

AESAN is also responsible for the risk management of biological, chemical and nutritional hazards and participates in decision-making on GMOs in foods in the Interministerial Council on GMOs. AESAN is the competent authority for all draft legislations relating to the safety of foods available in Spain, which includes the transposition of EU directives into domestic legislation and the preparation of draft legislations at the national level.

It is also the competent authority in matters relating to food safety responsible for the coordination of official controls in Spain, and for the coordination and programming

of official controls on food safety. It also prepares the National Official Control Plan and its corresponding annual reports in collaboration with MAPA and MS. AESAN also acts as the national contact point for RASFF and is a user of the Administrative Assistance and Cooperation System (AAC system).

The remit of AESAN also includes the design and management of communication strategies in relation to food risk, establishing precise mechanisms that facilitate transparent communication of consumer safety risks to the general public, the scientific community and other involved or interested groups. AESAN's area of work extends beyond food safety to nutrition, physical activity and healthy eating habits.

From an administrative point of view, Spain is organised at the regional and local level into 17 autonomous communities, two autonomous cities (Ceuta and Melilla) and 50 provinces. Some regional food safety authorities conduct risk assessments at the local level. The implementation of official controls for food and feed, animal health, animal welfare and plant health is the responsibility of the regional authorities.

## FOOD TESTING FACILITIES:

AESAN has two National Reference Laboratories in compliance with Regulation (EU) 2017/625. These are the National Reference Laboratory (National Centre for Food (CNA)) and one EU Reference Laboratory for Marine Biotoxins (EURLMB). Details of the same can be accessed using [www.aesan.gob.es/AECOSAN/web/subhomes/laboratorios/aecosan\\_laboratorios.htm](http://www.aesan.gob.es/AECOSAN/web/subhomes/laboratorios/aecosan_laboratorios.htm)

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Spanish Agency for Food Safety and Nutrition (AESAN) website: [www.aesan.gob.es/AECOSAN/web/seguridad\\_alimentaria/seccion/legislacion\\_seg\\_alimentaria.htm](http://www.aesan.gob.es/AECOSAN/web/seguridad_alimentaria/seccion/legislacion_seg_alimentaria.htm)

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Food Act 1980 (No. 26 of 1980), is an Act which regulates the processing, transport, distribution, handling, storage or sale, Import, Advertisement and Labeling of food or any other matters related to food establishments. The Act prohibits any person manufacturing, importing, sale, expose for sale, storage or distribution of any food Injurious to health, unfit for human consumption, unclean, decayed, decomposed, insect

infested, Add substances in contravention of the provisions of Act and regulations, in contravention of the provisions of the Act or Regulations, manufacture, prepare, preserve, package or store any food under insanitary conditions, Import, sell or distribute any food manufactured, prepared, preserved, packaged or stored for sale under insanitary conditions.

## FOOD REGULATORY ECOSYSTEM

**Ministry of Health**  
**(Food Control Administration Unit**  
**(FCAU)**

**Ministry of Agriculture**

## FOOD AUTHORITIES

### **Food Control Administration Unit (FCAU):**

FCAU under Ministry of Health is working on improving the health status and reducing inequalities of the community. The Food control administrative unit is looking for all the food products in the country. It covers food safety from processing to fork. It is the apex body responsible for the country's Food Control Administration (FCA). FCAU is responsible for import control, domestic control of food and issuing export certificates for exporting food items. The Food Advisory Committee recommends the standards and regulations to be adopted by the Government.

### **Ministry of Agriculture:**

The Ministry is involved with agricultural

policies for food and allied agricultural crops have established food and nutrition security, stable prices for agricultural products. Under Agri development, there are programs which have been implemented to increase local food production with the objective of achieving food security in the local production and minimizing food import expenditure.

Food safety is revolved to the 9 provincial councils when it comes to implements food safety measures while import control is part of the National Government.

## FOOD TESTING FACILITIES

There are seven approved facilities under the Food Act. There are semi government agencies which does food tests and three private laboratories.

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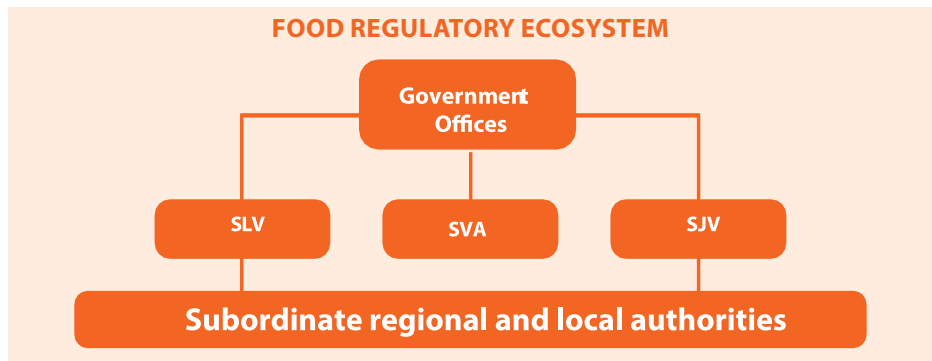
# SWEDEN

The Food Act is the central legal foundation for food legislation in Sweden. 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 assessments. However, the final decision on the legality of governmental measures rests with the courts.

In Sweden, there is no institutional separation of food risk assessment and

food risk management, as both are performed by the Swedish Food Agency (Livsmedelsverket, SLV). However, an in-house separation between risk assessment and risk management is in place to ensure independence.

The National Veterinary Institute (Statens veterinärmedicinska anstalt, SVA) is responsible for conducting risk assessments, and the Swedish Board of Agriculture (Jordbruksverket, SJV) is responsible for risk management, within their field of expertise.



## FOOD SAFETY AUTHORITIES

### Ministry of infrastructure and Rural affairs (Government Offices):

The Ministry of Rural Affairs and Infrastructure is responsible for matters relating to rural areas, food and land- and water-based industries, regional development, transport and infrastructure, housing, and community planning. In close collaboration with other government ministries, policy issues related

to food safety and the entire food chain are handled. The land and water-based or green industries are important primary industries. They account for a significant share of land use in rural areas and have a unique role in the management of the landscape's natural and cultural values. This provides conditions for conducting other forms of business activities in rural areas, such as activities related to experiences and recreation. The policy area also includes issues relating to livestock,

fisheries, hunting and game management, agriculture, forestry and food. As specified by their mandate, public agencies (i.e. SLV, SJV and SVA) provide support to the ministry.

### **Swedish Food Agency (SLV):**

The Swedish Food Agency (SLV) is an independent, non-ministerial government authority. Nonetheless, the SLV is accountable to the government and the Government Offices of Sweden. In the area of food safety, the SLV is responsible for risk and benefit assessments, risk communication and risk management. The SLV prepares draft legislation on the basis of science-based risk assessments. The SLV is responsible for state food inspections and for the subsequent information on the outcome of the control and inspection activities.

Within the SLV, the Risk Benefit Assessment Department has the task to conduct independent risk assessments for food safety issues, including biohazards, novel foods, food supplements and botanicals, genetically modified organisms (GMOs), foodborne infections, contaminants and drinking water. The department also conducts risk assessments for plant protection products and veterinary medicinal product residues in food.

However, the regulatory authority for plant protection products is the Swedish Chemicals Agency (Kemikalieinspektionen) and the regulatory authority for veterinary medicinal products is the Medical Products Agency (Läkemedelsverket, LV). LV provides laboratory analytical services related to

food safety. The area of the Risk Benefit Assessment Department extends beyond food safety to include, e.g., nutrition and dietary surveys.

### **Swedish Board of Agriculture (SJV):**

The Swedish Board of Agriculture (SJV) is an independent, non-ministerial government authority. Nonetheless, the SJV is accountable to the government and the Government Offices of Sweden. In the area of feed safety, the SJV is responsible for risk communication and risk management.

It prepares draft legislation on the basis of science-based risk assessments. It is also responsible for state feed inspections and if necessary, subsequent information for the government on the outcome of control and inspection activities.

The remit of the SJV includes residues of plant protection products and GMOs in feed and extends beyond food safety to plant health, animal health and animal welfare.

### **National Veterinary Institute (SVA):**

The National Veterinary Institute (SVA) is a risk assessment expert authority in animal health, sub-ordinate to the Government Offices of Sweden. The SVA provides laboratory analytical services and epidemiological and microbiological expertise.

The SVA prepares science-based risk assessments in the fields of zoonoses, animal health, feed and environment (including water).

The responsibility for Swedish food control

is divided between the local, regional and national levels. The regional level in Sweden consists of 21 county authorities and the local level has 290 municipal authorities. The county authorities are responsible for the support and management of the municipal food control. They are also responsible for controls with regard to primary production, hunters, fishers and berry pickers. In some cases, the activities of the regional authorities are steered by the government. Municipal authorities are in charge of controls related to food and drinking water producers and handlers at the local level. The municipal authorities work and make decisions independently.

### **Official laboratories: SFA**

is the national reference laboratory (NRL) for food areas, performing routine analyses for among others, veterinary drug residues, heavy metals, dioxins, mycotoxins and pesticides residues in foodstuffs. This official laboratory is accredited according to ISO 17025, and is located in Uppsala. SFA is NRL for the following areas:

- Pesticide residues
- Campylobacter
- Escherichia coli
- Processing contaminants
- GMO
- Listeria monocytogenes
- Coagulase Positive Staphylococci
- Foodborne viruses
- Marine biotoxins
- Metals and nitrite in food and feed
- Mycotoxins and plant toxins in food
- Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) in

food and feed

- Water Monitoring in Poultry meat
- Residues of veterinary medicines and contaminants in food of animal origin (Annex I, Group B1, B3e Directive 96/23/EC and carbadox and olaquinox)
- Residues of veterinary medicines and contaminants in food of animal origin (Annex I, Group A 1 2 3 4, B2d, B3d Directive 96/23/EC)
- Residues of veterinary medicines and contaminants in food of animal origin (Annex I, Group A5, B2 a b e Directive 96/23/EC)

In addition, the SFA is the EU reference laboratory (EURL) for Foodborne viruses. The SFA has a leading role in the national network of microbiological laboratories, which is addressed to all Swedish laboratories that carry out microbiological analysis on foodstuffs, drinking water, feed and animal samples. The objective is to facilitate communication, exchange of experiences, and support between laboratories.

The SFA is a member of the European Network of GMO laboratories (ENGL), which currently consists of 95 national official enforcement laboratories from EU member states, plus Norway, Switzerland and Turkey. The objective is to facilitate exchange of experience, co-operative research, technology transfer, preparation of guidance documents on topics of interest to the enforcement laboratories. The SFA's laboratory is a part of the European Network of Food Allergen Detection Laboratories (ENFADL). The objective of this network is to harmonise the analysis of food allergens in the EU.

SVA is the National Reference Laboratory (NRL) for most feed and animal health areas including zoonoses and zoonotic agents, and has expertise in animal health, veterinary medicine, veterinary public health and feed. This official laboratory is accredited according to ISO 17025, and is located in Uppsala.

In addition, the SVA is the EU reference laboratory (EURL) for *Campylobacter*, and interact as EURL with National Reference Laboratories (NRLs) in all EU Member States. The work consists of organizing annual workshops, proficiency tests (inter-laboratory studies), supporting the NRLs with training and advice and providing technical and scientific assistance to the Commission. SVA also maintains the function as NRL for thirty microorganisms in which they interact similarly with EURL and the NRLs in other EU countries. As the NRL for *Salmonella*, SVA organizes annual proficiency tests (inter-laboratory studies), with about 25 spiked samples of faeces, for regional laboratories in Sweden as well as for NRLs and regional official laboratories in Norway and Finland.

SVA is part of a network with four other reference laboratories in the EU

(Collaborating Veterinary Laboratories, CoVetLab) collaborating on issues related to method development and exchange of knowledge on veterinary diagnostics. The network includes SVA in Sweden, APHA (previous name: AHVLA) in United Kingdom, ANSES in France, DTU in Denmark and CVI in the Netherlands.

### **International and private laboratories:**

In addition to laboratories forming part of the control authorities the SFA, SBA or SVA, some international laboratories and private laboratories are used within the official control. The Swedish Food Agency has guidelines for procuring Laboratory Services, which include procedures for designating laboratories and ensuring that they fulfil the necessary requirements and provide information on auditing the procurement of laboratory services by control authorities at municipalities/local authorities. The accreditation body in Sweden is the Swedish Board for Accreditation and Conformity Assessment (Swedac), which in its website presents details of the accredited laboratories in EU countries that may be used by the Swedish control authorities.

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Swedish Board of Agriculture (SJV) [<https://jordbruksverket.se/>]

National Veterinary Institute (SVA) [<https://www.sva.se/en/>]

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#### **Summaries of EU legislation**

<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/content/summaries/summary-30-expanded-content.html>

#### **Summary of national regulation**

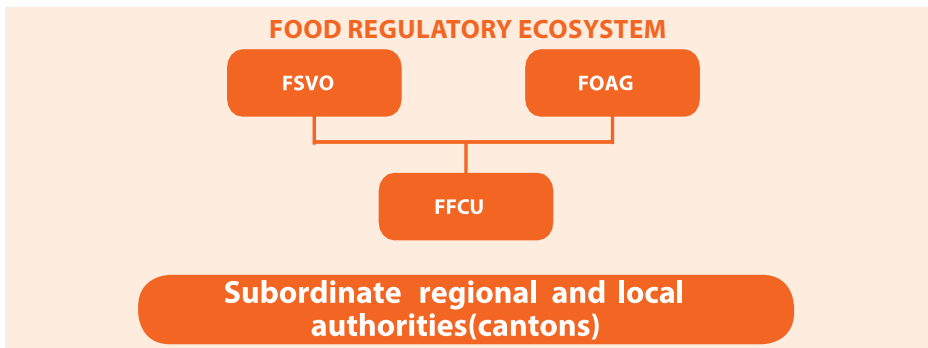
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# SWITZERLAND

The Federal Act on Foodstuffs and Utility Articles is the central legal foundation for foodlaw in Switzerland. Also relevant in this area is the Federal Act on Agriculture and related ordinances on feed, animal health, animal welfare, as well as the import, transit and export of animals and food of animal origin. 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 based on scientific risk assessments. However, the final decision on the legality of governmental measures rests with the courts.

In Switzerland, there is no institutional separation of risk assessment and risk management. However, different divisions

of the Federal Food Safety and Veterinary Office (FSVO) are in charge. While food safety laws are enacted at the national level, implementation and control at the regional level is the responsibility of the cantons. The FSVO uses risk analysis methods in the fields of animal disease control and food safety. The division early detection and surveillance develops new tools for the early detection of possible risks. Regulations for the import of animals and all goods are modified based on the results, control measures are checked and monitoring programmes established to test for animal diseases and contamination in foods. By way of risk assessment, the reference laboratories carry out regular studies related to the occurrence, spread and importance of zoonoses and zoonotic pathogens.



## FOOD SAFETY AUTHORITIES

### Federal Food Safety and Veterinary Office (FSVO):

FSVO is part of the Federal Department of Home Affairs. The office is responsible for

risk assessments and risk management in the area of animal health and welfare, food safety and consumer protection

The FSVO is also responsible for the safety of utility articles, such as toys and cosmetics. In

In addition, the FSVO monitors and controls the import, export and transit of livestock and domestic animals, animal products, food, and internationally protected flora and fauna (CITES Convention). In close collaboration with the Swiss Federal Customs Administration, the FSVO is responsible for the control of foodstuffs and utility articles at the border.

In cooperation with importing countries, the FSVO also negotiates veterinary documents for the export of animals and animal products, the cantonal veterinary offices issue those documents. The regulatory authority for veterinary drugs is the Swiss Agency for Therapeutic Products (Swissmedic), while risks associated with residues of veterinary drugs in food of animal origin are covered by the FSVO.

### **Federal Office for Agriculture (FOAG):**

FOAG is an office of the Federal Department of Economic Affairs, Education and Research and is responsible for agricultural policy, safety of food of plant origin during primary production and safety of animal feed. Together with the cantons and farmers' organisations, the FOAG implements decisions by the people, the parliament and the government.

The FOAG is responsible for risk assessments and risk management in the area of animal feed. Actual control and inspection activities are carried out by the research institute Agroscope. The FOAG's remit includes residues of plant protection products, GMOs and plant health. The FOAG is the regulatory authority for pesticides, while risks associated with pesticide residues are covered by the FSVO.

### **Federal Food Chain Unit (FFCU):**

On behalf of the FOAG and FSVO, the Federal Food Chain Unit (FFCU) audits the implementation and enforcement of national legislation by federal and cantonal authorities in the area of feed safety, food safety, animal health and animal welfare. The FFCU also prepares and coordinates the implementation and evaluation of the multi-annual national control plan.

Switzerland consists of 26 federal states, the cantons. They are responsible for the enforcement of food safety and agricultural legislation. Cantonal food control authorities are responsible for food safety inspections. Cantonal veterinary offices are responsible for the enforcement of legislation concerning animal health, animal welfare and veterinary medicinal products. They inspect live-stock prior to slaughtering and conduct meat inspections. Both cantonal authorities report to the FSVO.

Institutions involved in the EFSA network: Switzerland has observer status for various EFSA working groups, the Focal Point network and some of the scientific networks, in which mainly delegates of the FSVO participate. Access to the Rapid Alert System for Food and Feed (RASFF) is limited to notifications concerning food of animal origin.

### **FOOD TESTING FACILITIES:**

Details of Food testing laboratory system in the country (Government/ Private) is as follows:

## National reference laboratories – Food safety

| Laboratory  | Matrix/test parameters  |
|---|---|
| Institute of Food Safety and Hygiene, Zurich                                    | Zoonoses (salmonella)   |
| Institute of Food Safety and Hygiene, Zurich                                    | Campylobacter   |
| Metas laboratory  | Foodborne viruses   |
| Agroscope   | <i>Listeria monocytogenes</i>   |
| Agroscope   | Coagulase-positive staphylococci, including <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>            |
| Agroscope   | <i>Escherichia coli</i> , including verotoxin producing <i>E. coli</i> (VTEC)       |
| Centre for Zoonoses, Bacterial Animal Diseases and Antibiotic Resistance (ZOBA) | Antibiotic resistance   |
| Cantonal Laboratory Zurich  | Residues of veterinary medicinal products and contaminants in food of animal origin |
| Metas laboratory  | Genetically modified organisms in food  |
| Cantonal Laboratory Zurich  | Substances intended to come into contact with food                                  |
| Cantonal Laboratory Zurich  | Pesticide residues in food  |
| Metas   | Chemical elements and nitrogen compounds in foodstuffs                              |
| Kantonales Laboratorium Bern  | Mycotoxins in food<br>Mycotoxins and plant toxins in foodstuffs                     |
| Metas   | Process contaminants in foodstuffs  |
| Kantonales Laboratorium Bern  | Persistent organic pollutants (POPs) in foodstuffs                                  |

## Official national laboratories

| Laboratory  | Test parameters   | Matrix                  |
|---|---|-------------------------|
| Agroscope Seed-Testing Laboratory (ISTA-accredited) | Quality characteristics of seed and planting stock, varietal identity   | Seed and planting stock |
| Agroscope GMO Control Laboratory                    | Contamination of seed and planting stock by non-approved GMOs   | Seed and planting stock |
| Agroscope   | Ingredients, additives, undesirable substances, banned substances, GMOs, constituents of animal origin, salmonellae | Feedstuffs              |
| Agroscope   | Traces of beef  | Feedstuffs              |

| Laboratory                  | Test parameters   | Matrix   |
|-----------------------------|---|--|
| All Cantonal Laboratories   | Parameters according to legal bases to do with foodstuffs and utility articles  | Food   |
| Agroscope                   | Reference analysis pig fat sampling   | Pig meat   |
| Agroscope                   | Official laboratory for particularly dangerous harmful organisms (insects, bacteria, fungi, viruses and nematodes) which are relevant for agriculture or producing horticulture | Plant health; seed and planting stock, living parts of plants          |
| WSL Swiss Forest Protection | Official laboratory for particularly dangerous harmful organisms (insects, bacteria, fungi, viruses and nematodes) which are relevant for forestry                              | Plant health; seed and planting stock, living parts of plants and wood |
| Agroscope product chemistry | Active substance content and physicochemical properties   | Plant protection products  |
| Agroscope                   | Wine analysis for export (in cooperation with cantonal laboratories where they are recognised by the export target states)  | Wine   |

### Process and product controls in the area of foodstuffs

| Legislation | Process controls  | Product controls | Responsibility for implementation | Performance of inspections                                   |
|-------------|---|------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| FOAG, FSVO  | Hygiene in primary production (excluding milk production) |                  | Cantons                           | Cantonal agencies and inspection bodies commissioned by them |
|             | Milk hygiene in primary production                        |                  | Cantons                           | Cantonal agencies and inspection bodies commissioned by them |

| Legislation                                    | Process controls   | Product controls  | Responsibility for implementation | Performance of inspections  |
|--|--|---|-----------------------------------|---|
| FSVO   | Meat production (slaughter) – inspections of slaughter-houses          |   | Cantons                           | OV (Cantonal veterinary service)  |
|  | Food processing/distribution including drinking water                  |   | Cantons                           | Food controller, food inspector   |
| FSVO, FDDCPS (enforcement in the armed forces) | Food processing/distribution including drinking water                  |   | Armed forces                      | Food hygiene inspectorate of the armed forces (LIA)(foodstuffs), Technisches Gebäudemanagement (TGM) (drinking water) |
| FSVO   | Meat production (slaughter) – inspection of slaughter animals and meat | Meat production (slaughter) – inspection of slaughter animals and meat        | Cantons                           | OV/OA   |
|  |  | Testing slaughtered pigs and horses for trichinella                           | Cantons                           | Approved and accredited laboratories  |
|  |  | Milk testing  | Cantons                           | SuisseLab AG  |
|  |  | Processed foodstuffs, including drinking water                                | Cantons                           | Cantonal laboratories   |
| FSVO, FDDCPS (enforcement in the armed forces) |  | Processed foodstuffs including drinking water                                 | Armed forces                      | Food hygiene inspectorate of the armed forces (LIA)(foodstuffs), Technisches Gebäudemanagement (TGM) (drinking water) |
| FSVO   |  | National foreign substance inspection programme (foodstuffs of animal origin) | Cantons                           | Cantonal laboratories   |

| Legislation | Process controls | Product controls  | Responsibility for implementation | Performance of inspections         |
|-------------|------------------|---|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| FSVO, FOCBS |                  | Border controls on plant derived foodstuffs and utility articles                                  | FSVO, FOCBS                       | FSVO, FOCBS; cantonal laboratories |
|             |                  | Border controls on foodstuffs of animal origin and animal by-products (ABPs) from third countries | FSVO, FOCBS                       | FSVO, cantonal laboratories        |

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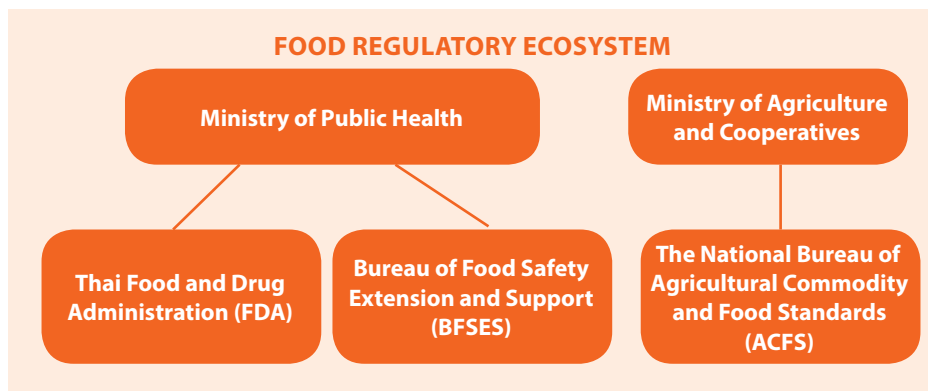
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# THAILAND

In Thailand, the Food Act of B.E.2522 (1979) is aimed at protecting and preventing consumers from health hazards occurring from food consumption. According to the Food Act, the Ministry of Public Health is designated to be in charge of the execution of this act.

The Act prescribes quality or standard of controlled food by reference to the name,

class, kind, or nature of food produced for sale, import for sale or sale including principle, conditions and methods of production for sale, import for sale or sale; prescribing quality or standard of controlled food by reference to the name, class, kind, or nature of food produced for sale, import for sale or sale including principle, conditions and methods of production for sale, import for sale or sale etc.



## FOOD SAFETY AUTHORITIES

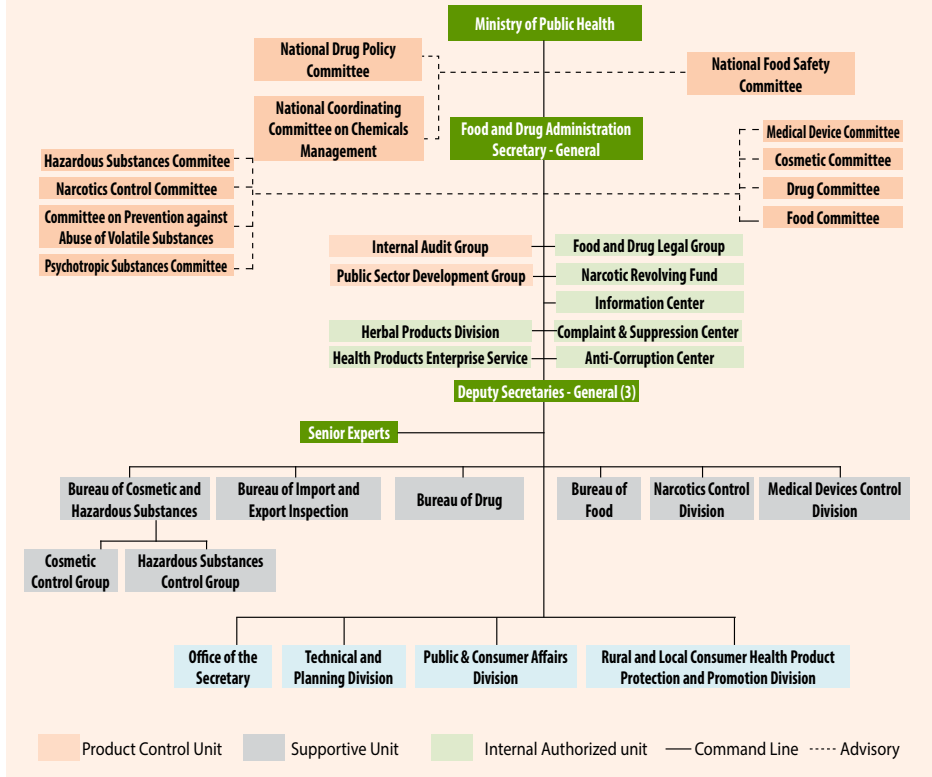
### Thai Food and Drug Administration (FDA):

Under the Ministry of Public Health, Thai FDA is the organization for consumer protection and promotes health product operators for healthy people. It protects consumer's health through ensuring safety, quality & efficacy of consumable products. Thai FDA looks after the processed foods and ensures consumer protection. Under FDA, Food division looks after pre-marketing approval and post-marketing activities, e.g.

licensing for manufacturing and importation of food commodities and registration of specially controlled food. The purpose is to screen for good quality and safe food only to enter into markets. The main roles and responsibilities of Food division is setting up food standards and specifications as well as hygienic and labeling requirements; controlling the production and importation of food products; reviewing/granting approvals for the registrations of specially controlled foods; reviewing/granting approvals for advertisements; reviewing/granting approvals for packaging materials;

inspecting food manufacturing premises and sellers; conducting sampling and quality assessments of food products; taking legal actions, e.g. seizure, product recalls, prosecution; conducting epidemiological studies; promoting consumer awareness and voluntary compliance of food manufacturers; controlling food-producing plants so that

they meet national standards by using GMP; collaborating with other government agencies, the private sector as well as international organizations in the matters related to technical corporation; assembling, disseminating and exchanging information related to food; and issuing certifications, e.g., certificates of free sale.



Organization Structure of Thai FDA

### Bureau of Food Safety Extension and Support (BFSES):

under Ministry of Public Health, BFSES is responsible for driving food safety strategy, food security and food education to promote

good health of consumers, focusing on prevention, surveillance, risk analysis on the food safety and food consumption, develop recommendations on policies, strategic plan, action plans and approaches to be

implemented at provincial and municipal levels through integrated cooperation among related departments, institutes, and domestic and international associate networks along the food chain, establishes plan to handle and create network in managing emergency or crisis situation related to unsafe food arise domestically or internationally. Act as a focal point of the department and all related associate networks, support and improve the linkage of information system, knowledge, research and innovation including develop network and communication among the networks related to food safety and food for consumer's health.

### **The National Bureau of Agricultural Commodity and Food Standards (ACFS):**

ACFS is under the Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives, which is responsible for controlling agricultural products, food, and processed agricultural products by enforcing standards along the whole food supply chain ie. standards for agricultural systems, commodity & food items and food safety, food standards control, promotion of standard compliance for farms and food establishments. ACFS is also charged with accrediting Certification Bodies of agricultural commodities and foods, negotiating with international partners in order to reduce the non-tariff barriers to trade and improving the competitiveness of Thai agricultural and food standards.

ACFS ask for cooperation from FDA in the scope of Food Safety, law and regulations.

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# TIMOR-LESTE

Various institutions under different line ministries have been engaged in control and regulatory activities on food. However, a general food act or food law still not available. Therefore, enforcement activities have been implemented based on several decree laws mentioning the organic structure and responsibilities of competent authorities, and some decree laws subjected on certain functions or food businesses. . In addition to this, there are other decree

law relevant to food control system, such as , Decree Law No. 28/2011 Regulation of the Industry and Marketing of Foodstuffs, Decree Law No. 5/2009 on Regulation of the Licensing, Marketing and Quality of Potable Water, Decree Law No.7/2009 on Regulation of Restaurants and Similar Establishments, Decree Law No.23/2009 on Regime of Administrative Offences against the Economy and Food Security.

## FOOD AUTHORITIES

| No       | Institution   | Food control responsibilities mandated by legislation  |
|----------|---|--|
| <b>A</b> | Ministry of Health Decree Law No. 3/2019  |  |
| <b>1</b> | <b>National Directorate for Public Health</b> - DG of Health Services                       | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Contribute to the <b>definition of strategies and actions</b> on the prevention and control of diseases derived from environment, paying particular attention to the issues related to water, sanitation, and hygiene</li> <li>2) Contribute to the definition of <b>health standards</b> for housing, public or workplace sit-downs, <b>industrial or trade industry</b> and to monitor their compliance</li> </ol> |
| <b>2</b> | <b>The National Directorate for Disease Control</b> - DG of Health Services                 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Establish <b>health surveillance</b> mechanism system, early detection, and control of diseases</li> </ol>   |
| <b>3</b> | <b>TWEAL Laboratory</b> – National Health Laboratory  | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Provide <b>analytical and advisory services</b> to the Ministry of Health (MoH) for the <b>toxicity, food, water, and environmental sectors</b></li> </ol>   |
|          | <b>NHL laboratory</b>   | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Conduct laboratory-based <b>health surveillance</b></li> </ol>   |
| <b>B</b> | Ministry of Tourism, Commerce, and Industry (MTCI)<br><i>Decree Law No. 22/2020 on MTCI</i> |  |

| No | Institution   | Food control responsibilities mandated by legislation   |
|----|---|---|
| 1  | <b>National Directorate of Commercial Regulation and Consumer Protection</b><br>Director General of Trade | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Collaborate with AIFAESA and other relevant entities in the implementation of <b>inspection</b> and to <b>promote consumer protection</b> in accordance with the law</li> <li>2) Propose preventive measures to <b>safeguard that imported goods</b> comply with the standards legally in force</li> </ol>  |
| 2  | <b>National Directorate of Domestic Trade</b><br>- Director General of Trade                              | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Provide technical advice on the preparation and development of relevant programmes and legislation, including <b>the regulation of specific conditions safety, hygiene, and location</b> of establishments</li> <li>2) Analyze and propose <b>measures for the regulation</b> of commercial activity, including those relating to the public supply and market regulation</li> </ol>  |
| 3  | <b>National Directorate of Foreign Trade</b> -<br>Director General of Trade                               | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Study and monitor issues relating to international trade, in particular the <b>international standards</b> in regional or global organizations.</li> <li>2) Contribute to the definition of <b>Timor-Leste's position</b> in bilateral and multilateral negotiations held under the <b>World Trade Organization</b>, as well as the negotiation on free trade agreements</li> <li>3) Issue <b>certificate of origin</b> of the products to export</li> <li>4) <b>Participate in committees and working groups</b> set up by international organizations that support the foreign trade functions</li> </ol> |
| 4  | <b>National Directorate of Industrial Development</b> -<br>Director General of Industry                   | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Propose and implement <b>industrial development</b> programs</li> </ol>   |
| 5  | <b>National Directorate of Manufacturing Industry</b> - Director General of Industry                      | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) support and <b>regulate agri-industries</b>, including <b>agri-food</b>, coffee and agrochemicals, in consultation with the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries</li> <li>2) supporting, classifying, and <b>regulating the food industry</b>, in consultation with the services of the Ministry of Health</li> </ol>  |

| No | Institution  | Food control responsibilities mandated by legislation  |
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| 6  | <b>National Directorate of Support and Development to Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises</b> - Director General of Industry | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) conduct surveys/studies and recommendation on the development programmes, <b>formulate policies, carry out technical assistance</b> to micro, small and medium-sized enterprises</li> <li>2) develop <b>the manuals of procedures</b> for micro, small and medium-sized enterprises</li> <li>3) <b>design, implement and evaluate the policy</b> to support the development of micro, small and medium-sized enterprises, in coordination with the other relevant institutions</li> <li>4) <b>monitor and evaluate the activities</b> of the micro, small and medium-sized enterprises</li> </ol>  |
| 7  | <b>Timor-Leste Institute for Quality (IQTL)</b><br>DL No 10/2018, amended by DL no 15/2021                                   | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) establish a <b>national system of quality, covering standardization, qualification, and metrology</b> relevant to product and services (national policy, laboratory system, standards units of measure according to the International System (IS), quality identifying marks</li> <li>2) <b>promote and disseminate</b> the systems throughout the national territory</li> <li>3) establishment of <b>protocols</b> and strategic partnerships with public and private entities, as well as <b>scientific and technological</b> entities</li> </ol>  |
| 8  | Business Registration and Verification Service (SERVE)   | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) <b>register</b> companies and entrepreneurs on behalf of individual</li> <li>2) issue the <b>Unique Number of the Company</b>, the entrepreneur and the entrepreneur on an individual behalf</li> <li>3) issue commercial <b>registration certificates</b></li> <li>4) check the <b>legal situation</b> of the company, entrepreneur or the entrepreneur on an individual's behalf</li> <li>5) Issue and renew the <b>Authorization for the Exercise of Activities</b></li> <li>6) promote and facilitate the processing of the <b>licensing of commercial activities</b>, as well as their renewal</li> <li>7) promoting and facilitating the obtaining of an appropriate visa for the foreign entrepreneur or investor, in accordance with the legislation in force</li> <li>8) submit to the competent authority the application for <b>company liquidation</b>, in the terms defined in this Decree-Law</li> <li>4) create and update a <b>database</b> on the registration and licensing of commercial activities.</li> </ol> |

| No       | Institution   | Food control responsibilities mandated by legislation   |
|----------|---|---|
| <b>C</b> | <b>Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries</b><br><b>DL No.19/2019 Organic of Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries</b>                                       |   |
| 1        | <b>National Directorate for Veterinary</b> - DG of Fisheries and Veterinary   | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) collaborate in <b>the formulation of health policies</b> and animal protection and <b>veterinary public health</b></li> <li>2) ensure the operation of a <b>veterinary laboratory</b> accordance with international standards</li> <li>3) Evaluate, authorize, control, and inspect the <b>marketing and use of veterinary drugs</b></li> <li>4) Ensure the control and <b>health certification of animals for the purposes of import and export</b></li> </ol>   |
| 2        | <b>National Directorate for Quarantine and Biosecurity</b> - DG of Cooperation and Development of Institution   | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Apply <b>quarantine measures</b> where this is necessary, by carrying out the <b>inspections</b> of any item, cargo or merchandise, live animals or live plants, products derived from or of animal or plant origin</li> <li>2) <b>import and export authorizations</b> of certain goods, seeds, soils, products or living beings, in coordination with the other services</li> </ol>   |
| 3        | <b>National Directorate for Agriculture and Horticulture</b> – DG of Agriculture  | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Implement projects aimed at increasing and improving <b>the quality of agricultural and horticultural products</b></li> <li>2) ensure the development and implementation of specific programmes on the <b>management and control</b> of phasing and <b>diseases</b> of agricultural and horticultural products</li> <li>3) Issue <b>technical opinions on the import or export of</b> agricultural and horticultural products as to assist DNQB</li> <li>4) Participate in the <b>licensing procedures of commercial activities</b> related to their legal competences</li> </ol> |
| 4        | <b>National Directorate for Space Planning of the Sea, Capture and Management of Aquatic Resources</b> - DG for Fisheries, Aquaculture and Marine Resources | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) implement programmes to increase the quantity and <b>quality of fishing products</b></li> <li>2) define and observe the technical, <b>hygiene and sanitary requirements</b> in the production and processing, transportation, storage and distribution of fishery products, aquaculture, and sea</li> <li>3) develop and implement rules that establish the <b>quality standards and sanitary conditions</b> applicable to handling, transport, storage, processing, and marketing of fish</li> </ol>   |

| No   | Institution   | Food control responsibilities mandated by legislation  |
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| 5  | <b>National Directorate for Inspection of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources</b><br>- DG for Fisheries, Aquaculture and Marine Resources | 1) the <b>inspection of fishing activities and aquaculture</b> , in particular in the context of the aquatic resources   |
| <b>D</b> Coordinating Ministry for Economy |   |  |
| 1  | <b>AIFAESA, IP</b><br>DL No.26/2016<br>Establishment of AIFAESA   | 1) verify the <b>conformity of foodstuffs</b> with relevant legislation<br>2) Check the conformity of the <b>quality of the water</b> for public consumption, bottled, of the public network, or of reservoirs and springs used by the populations, with the legislation on the matter<br>3) prohibit the <b>manufacture, storage, distribution or commercialization of food</b> products, as well as seizure and destruction in accordance with the law<br>4) verify the conformity of the <b>hygiene and health conditions</b> of food vehicles and slaughter, processing, manufacturing, distribution, handling, sale and placing of foodstuffs to the consumer<br>5) Supervise the places where any industrial, <b>commercial, agricultural or service</b> activity is carried out<br>6) to monitor the marketing chain of products of <b>plant origin and products of animal origin, including fishery and aquaculture products</b><br>7) to monitor the <b>quality, authenticity, composition, food additives</b> and other similar substances, and <b>the labelling</b> of foodstuffs and feeding stuffs<br>8) To supervise <b>ports and airports</b><br>9) Supervise <b>restaurants and similar establishments</b><br>10) To <b>order the suspension</b> of the activities or the closure of the places of production and commercialization of food or services, as well as the closure of establishments and places of public use, according to the law<br>11) <b>Take samples</b> at the places where they carry out inspections and send for laboratory analysis by the competent authorities<br>12) <b>Issue opinions, recommendations and warnings</b> in matters related to human nutrition, animal health and welfare, plant health and genetically modified organisms, in articulation with scientific and laboratory entities |

| No       | Institution  | Food control responsibilities mandated by legislation   |
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|          |  | <p>13) Collect and analyze data for the purpose of <b>characterization and assessment of risks</b> which have a direct or indirect impact on the elimination, reduction or prevention of risks in the food chain</p> <p>14) To monitor national <b>technical participation in the different international bodies</b> for food quality control</p> <p>15) Propose the definition of <b>the strategy of communication of risks</b> in the food chain and health problems of its competence, proposing contents, means of communication and communication target groups</p> <p>16) Enforcing food law enforcement Ensure compliance with the National Plan for the <b>Control of Animal Wastes</b>, in articulation with the competent departments in the veterinary area</p> <p>17) Implement, in conjunction with the relevant departments in the area of agriculture, the Official Program for the <b>Control of Pesticide Residues</b> in Products of Plant Origin</p> |
| <b>E</b> | Ministry of Public Works   |   |
|          | <p><b>ANAS, IP</b><br/>Decree Law No. 38/2020</p>  | <p>proposes, monitors, and ensures the implementation of national policy in the field of water resources, ensure their sustainable and integrated management, as well as the supervision and supervision of service <b>sectors public water supply</b>, water sanitation, urban waste and urban solid waste</p>   |
| <b>F</b> | Ministry of Finance  |   |
|          | <p><b>ALFANDEGA</b> (The Customs Authority)<br/>Decree Law No. 2/2020<br/>Organic Structure of the Customs Authority</p> | <p>control of the entire national customs territory for the purposes of tax, economic and protection of society, in particular in the field of <b>safety, the environment, public culture and health</b> and, with the administration of taxes and customs fees through:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Updating laws to enhance organizational efficiencies</li> <li>2) Automating and streamlining procedures to improve our Customs-to-business relationship</li> <li>3) Introducing new technologies to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of trade, which has reduced costs and increased our revenue collection; and</li> <li>4) Improved Customs official's workplace through training, skills development, and the embodiment of core values into daily activities.</li> </ol>  |

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## FOOD SAFETY IS MULTI-MINISTERIAL.

- The **Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Rural Development (MAEDR)** with:
  - The direction of agriculture by ensuring the promotion of the quality of agricultural and food products;
  - The Livestock Department by ensuring the health of the animals and food products;
  - The Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture (DPA) by ensuring the quality of fishery and fish farming products;
  - The plant protection department (DPV) by ensuring the protection and health of plants (phytosanitary)
  - ONAF (National Slaughterhouse and Refrigeration Office) responsible for animal slaughter;
  - Laboratory of physico-chemical food analyzes of the Togolese Institute of Agronomic Research (ITRA), second reference laboratory approved by the interministerial decree N°003/MDPRCSP/MAEP of April 10, 2009 for food analyzes .
- The **Ministry of Water and Village Water Resources (MEHV)** by ensuring universal, equitable and sustainable access to drinking water ;
- The **Ministry of Health and Public Hygiene and Universal Access to Care (MSHPAUS)** through:
  - The Directorate of Basic Hygiene and Sanitation (DHAB) through the Sanitary Control and Inspection Division (DCIS) in the interior of the country and the Public Hygiene
  - Division (DHP) in the land and air borders check the hygienic and sanitary condition of food inside and at points of entry.
- The **Ministry of Trade, Industry and Local Consumption (MCICL)** through:
  - The Department of Internal Trade and Competition (DCIC) controlling the quality of goods, products and services (including food products);
  - The Directorate General for Industry (DGI) by promoting and controlling the geographical location of industrial units in order to promote local raw materials and protect the environment;
  - The Local Products Processing Department (DTPL) by ensuring the availability of good quality food agricultural raw materials at competitive prices;
  - The Product Packaging

Department (DCP) by preventing and reprimanding fraud in the packaging of agricultural products and their derivatives (therefore agricultural food products).

## FOOD TESTING FACILITIES

The laboratories that ensure the control of food products are under the authority of different ministries. It reports either to the Ministry of Health, or to Commerce or to the Ministry of Agriculture or to the Ministry of Higher Education. The laboratories involved in the control are; - National Institute of Hygiene (INH) - Togolese Institute of Agronomic Research / Directorate of Laboratories (ITRA/DL) - Laboratory of the National Institute of Hygiene (INH) - Microbiology and food control laboratory (LAMICODA) - Central Veterinary Laboratory. (LCV) - Laboratory of applied hydrology and environment. (LHAE) at the national level, the INH, ITRA and LAMICODA laboratories are identified to carry out the analyzes to ensure the safety of food before it is placed on the market. The Center of Public Health Emergency Operations (COUSP) of the Ministry of Health coordinates the withdrawal and food recall under the international health regulations IHR. The Directorate of Livestock conducts on risk assessments related to epizootics based on international experts; Laboratories

LAMICODA, LARASE, LHAE and CERSA from the University of Lomé conduct research on the risks of contamination by pesticides and metallic trace elements

## FOOD SAFETY AT REGIONAL AND LOCAL LEVELS

Inspections of food products are carried out at the entry point of the country. Health control of foods by laboratories is centralized at Lomé level (local level). Controls of products of animal origin are carried out at both local and regional level.

Sanitary inspection is carried out by several structures (according to Codex standards, BPF/BPH). However, it is ITRA that issues food safety certificates. Animal health inspections and certifications are carried out according to OMSA and Codex standards. Phytosanitary inspections and certifications are carried out according to international standards for phytosanitary measures and according to international guidelines

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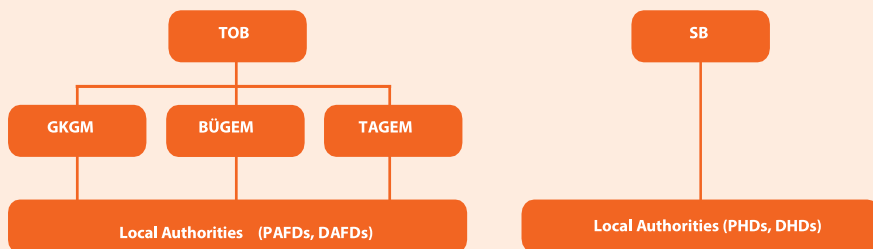
# TURKEY

The legal foundation for food safety in Turkey is Law No. 5996 on Veterinary Services, Plant Health, Food and Feed. Law No. 5996 covers provisions contained in Regulations (EC) No.178/2002, No. 852/2004, No. 853/2004, No. 854/2004, No. 882/2004 as well as relevant provisions in various other EU regulations with regard to veterinary and phytosanitary issues. Infringement of food regulations can lead to measures under criminal law and consumer damage claims (under the Law No. 6502), whereby the final decision rests with

the courts.

Government measures with regard to food safety are often based on scientific risk assessments. However, the final decision on the legality of governmental measures rests with the courts. Although there is no institutional separation in Turkey, risk management is procedurally separated from risk assessment, which is undertaken by scientific commissions. Risk assessment results are not yet regularly published.

## FOOD REGULATORY ECOSYSTEM



## FOOD SAFETY AUTHORITIES

### Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (TOB):

TOB is responsible for food and feed safety, including veterinary and phyto-sanitary aspects. The TOB aims to protect public health, plant and animal health, animal welfare and consumer interests, taking into consideration the protection of the environment.

The TOB is responsible for official controls and inspections at all stages of the food and feed chain. To protect human and animal

health, the TOB cooperates with the Ministry of Health (SB) and other relevant institutions with regard to the monitoring of certain zoonotic diseases and agents, foodborne outbreaks and antimicrobial resistance. The TOB in Ankara consists of twenty-one units, three of them are involved in the development and enforcement of food and feed safety, veterinary policy and phyto-sanitary policy (i.e. the General Directorate of Food and Control (GKGM), General Directorate of Plant Production (BÜGEM), General Directorate of Agricultural Research

and Policies (TAGEM)).

### **Ministry of Health (SB):**

SB is responsible for specific aspects in the area of food safety. The SB prepares legislation and is responsible for inspection and control of the quality of water intended for human consumption, natural mineral water, health claims, dietary foods for special medical purposes, as well as products which do not require a prescription but have been scientifically and clinically proven to be used as drugs, including enteral nutritional products. In addition, epidemiologic research is coordinated by the General Directorate of Public Health. The SB is represented by Provincial Health Directorates (PHDs) in the provinces and District Health Directorate (DHDs) at the district level.

### **General Directorate of Food and Control (GKGM):**

GKGM is a unit within the TOB which is responsible for developing policies and preparing legislation, as well as for the subsequent enforcement, control and inspection of food and feed safety, animal health, animal welfare and plant health at the central level (from farm to fork). The GKGM is also responsible for conducting scientific risk assessments which are carried out by scientific commissions under the umbrella of the Risk Assessment Department.

### **General Directorate of Plant Production (BÜGEM):**

BÜGEM is a unit within the TOB which is responsible for the determination and

inspection of standards and the convenience of use of agricultural inputs and production technologies, such as the organic production of agricultural products.

### **General Directorate of Agricultural Research and Policies (TAGEM):**

TAGEM is a unit within the TOB and is involved in agricultural research in the field of plant health, animal health, food and feed safety, animal husbandry, fishery, horticulture and field crops in order to identify the priorities and strategies of agricultural research and development, taking into account the national development plans, and to prepare and implement measures in those areas.

Some specific areas such as residues of plant protection products and veterinary drugs, heavy metals and other contaminants, mycotoxins, additives and microbiological criteria are studied in research institutions and laboratories, such as the Plant Protection Central Research Institute and the Veterinarian Central Research and Control Institute. Some of the laboratories associated with TAGEM conduct laboratory analyses of samples collected during food, feed, animal health and phyto-sanitary control and inspections under the supervision of the GKGM.

The tasks of evaluating applications related to MOs and their associated products, performing the secretarial tasks of the committees and other duties specified in the Biosafety Law and related regulations are carried out by the TAGEM.

## **Implementation of Law/Standards:**

There are 81 provinces and 914 districts in Turkey. The TOB is represented by local TOB offices (PAFDs and DAFDs) in all provinces and 914 districts. Most of the practical implementation and enforcement activities are carried out by 81 Provincial Agricultural and Forestry Directorates (PAFDs) and 914 District Agricultural and Forestry Directorates (DAFDs), with a vertical chain of command between the two.

## **Food testing facilities:**

Laboratory services for animal health, plant health as well as food and feed safety are provided by eight veterinary control and research institutes, eight plant protection research institutes, four quarantine laboratories, 39 provincial control laboratories, one food control and central research institute, and one National Food Reference Laboratory under the supervision of the GKGM. There are also 98 private

laboratories operating with the authorization of the GKGM. Details of four largest provincial food and feed control laboratories are as follows:

- 1) National Food Reference Laboratory - Ankara, Turkey  
Phone: +90 (312) 327 41 81;  
E-mail: ugrl@tarim.gov.tr
- 2) Ankara Provincial Food Control Laboratory Directorate - Ankara, Turkey  
Phone: + 90 (312) 315 00 89;  
E-mail: ankara.gidalab@tarim.gov.tr
- 3) Istanbul Provincial Food Control Laboratory Directorate - Istanbul, Turkey  
Phone: + 90 (212) 663 39 61 or + 90 (212) 663 39 62;  
E-mail: istanbul.gidalab@tarim.gov.tr
- 4) Izmir Provincial Food Control Laboratory Directorate - Izmir, Turkey  
Phone: + 90 (232) 435 14 81 or + 90 (232) 435 66 37;  
E-mail: izmir.gidalab@tarim.gov.tr

## **CONTACT DETAILS**

### **Food Safety Authorities**

Ministry of Health website: [https://www.saglik.gov.tr/?\\_Dil=2](https://www.saglik.gov.tr/?_Dil=2)

General Directorate of Food and Control (GDFC)  
Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MinAF)  
Üniversiteler Mah. Dumlupınar Bulvarı, No: 161, 06800,  
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# — UNITED ARAB EMIRATES (UAE) —

Food safety is an essential element of food security, especially in the UAE, which depends on imports for meeting a large part of its food needs. The UAE took the following measures to ensure food safety.

1. Passed a law on food safety
2. Introduced National Food Accreditation and Registration System
3. Launched the National Rapid Alert System for Food
4. Applied control of imported food for non-trading purposes.

## FEDERAL LAW ON FOOD SAFETY

In January 2016, the late H. H. Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan approved the Federal Law No. 10 of 2015 on Food Safety (PDF, 250 KB). The law imposes standards and regulations for maintaining the safety and quality of food and ensuring the protection of public health and consumers. The law imposes strict penalties on those found to be endangering food safety across the UAE. Some aspects of the food law are:

- No food may be imported into the country for the first time without approval of Ministry of Climate Change and Environment.
- Those dealing in food or products that contain pork or alcohol or any of their

by-products without permission face a prison term of not less than a month and a fine of up to AED 500,000.

- Misleading consumers by publishing a false description of food or using incorrect labels will attract a fine ranging from AED 10,000 to 100,000.

The law authorises Ministry of Economy to impose fines of up to AED 100,000 for other offences, provided that these offences are regulated by the Cabinet. Through its National Food Safety Committee, the Ministry of Climate Change & Environment works with its partners on implementing the law on safety of food and its executive regulations, which includes strict controls and standards to ensure food safety throughout the food chain.

## NATIONAL FOOD ACCREDITATION AND REGISTRATION SYSTEM

As per the Ministerial Decree No. 239 of 2018 on National Food Accreditation and Registration System (250 KB, PDF in Arabic), food whether imported or locally produced or modified on its food label or ingredients or composition must be registered in the electronic system (ZAD), which is an integrated smart platform for food products data, before being handled in the UAE's markets.

## FOOD REGULATORY ECOSYSTEM

Abu Dhabi Agriculture  
and Food Safety  
Authority

Ministry of Climate  
Change & Environment

The Food Control  
Department - Dubai  
Municipality

### THE NATIONAL RAPID ALERT SYSTEM FOR FOOD

(<https://www.moccae.gov.ae/en/media-center/news/26/1/2018/ministry-of-climate-change-and-environment-organizes-workshop-on-national-rapid-alert-system-for-food.aspx?page=1#page=1>)

The National Rapid Alert System for Food was launched in 2017 to ensure proper implementation of response measures when serious food risks are detected. The system identifies the mechanisms of managing food risk alerts as well as banning and lifting of bans on adulterated and misbranded food.

The components of the system include: assignment of responsibilities and roles, identifying types of food alerts, identifying the criteria to report food incidents, including border rejection of food and adulterated products in the market. The system applies a classification matrix to the food incidents as either high, medium or low. It also includes the triggers for the classification, namely the severity of risk to public health, the size and scale of an incident and the number of people affected by it.

### CONTROLLING IMPORTED FOOD FOR NON-TRADING PURPOSES

According to Ministerial Decree No. 14

of 2016 on Controlling of Imported Food for Non-trading Purpose (300 KB, PDF in Arabic), personal food is allowed to be imported through the country's borders with a restriction on specific types and quantities. Food packages should have clear and non-removable labels that include the names of stakeholders except for the food which passengers bring. Imported food should enclose documents issued by the carrier in the country of origin. The documents must have full details of the imported foods.

The UAE is a signatory to the World Trade Organization Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures SPS (PDF, 350 KB). The agreement sets provisions on how governments can apply food safety and animal and plant health measures.

Read more on food safety on the website of the Ministry of Climate Change & Environment.

### FOOD SAFETY AUTHORITIES

**Abu Dhabi Agriculture and Food Safety Authority** ensures food safety in the emirate of Abu Dhabi and guarantees that the food is fit for human consumption. It also conducts the necessary research and studies on

safe food and issue rules, regulations and standards on food items sold or offered for human consumption.

In the emirates of Dubai and Sharjah, food safety falls under the scope of the respective municipal authorities.

**Local municipalities** oversee food safety requirements and ensure that products have correct labels and expiry dates for consumption. They conduct random inspections across all food stuff stores and

restaurants to ensure the quality of food supplied and to ensure that it is suitable for people to eat.

### **FOOD TESTING FACILITIES:**

Official Laboratory

- Dubai Central Laboratory (DCL)  
Central Testing Laboratory in Abu Dhabi (CTL)

Official Competence

- Government labs

## **CONTACT DETAILS**

### **Food Safety Authorities**

Emirates Authority for Standards & Metrology

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**Weblinks to access Food Act/ Regulations/ Standards:**

For below mentioned information, check the website '[www.adfca.ae](http://www.adfca.ae)'

Food safety awareness - Abu Dhabi Agriculture and Food Safety Authority

Tips for safe food - Abu Dhabi Agriculture and Food Safety Authority

Food rumours - Abu Dhabi Agriculture and Food Safety Authority

Policies and Legislations on food safety, agriculture and animal health - Abu Dhabi

Agriculture and Food Safety Authority

The food safety website - Dubai Municipality

Import and re-export requirements for food stuff - The Food Control Department - Dubai Municipality

Food code (PDF, 1MB)- Dubai Municipality

Law No. 2 for 2008 with respect to food within the emirate of Abu Dhabi - Abu Dhabi Agriculture and Food Safety Authority (PDF, 100 KB)

Food safety - Ministry of Climate Change & Environment

Sharjah Food Safety Programme

<https://epingalert.org/en/EnquiryPoint/tbt-nep>

<https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/about-codex/members/detail/en/c/15598/>

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# UNITED KINGDOM

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The food regulatory system in United Kingdom involves multiple bodies who take a collaborative, UK-wide approach to policy making. A 4-country approach -- as described by Food Standards Agency (FSA)-- explains how the food policy areas are split across the UK. It involves civil servants from England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales working together to achieve desired outcomes across the UK. The working of four countries is as under:

- the Food Standards Agency's remit covers three countries – (England, Northern Ireland, and Wales) and have different policy responsibilities within these countries.
- Food Standards Scotland (FSS), an independent public body, has responsibility for food policy in Scotland.
- devolution has resulted in different policy requirements, accountabilities and priorities across the four countries.

A commitment to four-country working ensures that we can effectively protect public health and consumer interests across England, Wales and Northern Ireland. Practically speaking, a four-country approach involves collaborative working practices at all levels of organisation.

## DEVOLVED POLICY RESPONSIBILITIES

Public health is a devolved matter and in relation to food this covers -

- food and feed safety and hygiene
- nutrition and health claims, standards

and labelling

- food compositional standards and labelling

This means that Ministers in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland have powers to regulate in these areas in those countries. In relation to food and feed safety and hygiene, Ministers are advised by FSA and FSS.

This devolution of power has led to differing governance, accountability and delivery models for the FSA across England, Northern Ireland, and Wales, and for the FSS in Scotland.

These differences include:

- the creation of independent food advisory committees for food safety and standards issues in Northern Ireland and Wales
- alternate delivery bodies for official controls in Northern Ireland
- alignment with different policy requirements, such as those set out in the Welsh Language Act

Policy responsibilities within each country also differ. The Food Standards Agency (FSA) is responsible for different policy areas across England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

## SUMMARY OF THE POLICY AREA AND THE RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT BY COUNTRY

### England

Here is how certain food policy areas are split in England:

- food and feed safety and hygiene –FSA

- nutrition health claims and nutrition labelling - Department of Health and Social Care
- food compositional standards and labelling - Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

**Northern Ireland**

Here is how certain food policy areas are split in Northern Ireland:

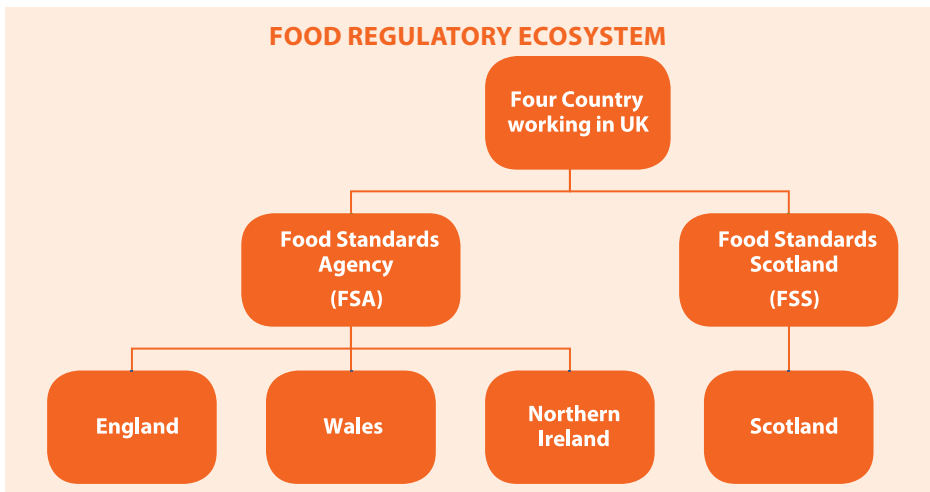
- food and feed safety and hygiene - FSA
- nutrition health claims and nutrition labelling - FSA

labelling - FSA

- food compositional standards and labelling - FSA

**Wales**

- Here is how certain food policy areas are split in Wales:
- food and feed safety and hygiene - FSA
- nutrition health claims and nutrition labelling - Welsh Government
- food compositional standards and labelling – FSA



**FOOD SAFETY AUTHORITIES**

**Food Standards Agency (FSA):**

The Food Standards Agency (FSA) operates in England, Wales and Northern Ireland and has different policy responsibilities within these countries.

FSA is responsible for food safety and food hygiene in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. It works with local authorities to enforce food safety regulations and its staff

work in meat plants to check the standards are being met.

The FSA also has responsibility for labelling policy in Wales and Northern Ireland, and for nutrition policy in Northern Ireland.

FSA is a non-ministerial department, supported by 7 agencies and public bodies.

**Food Standards Scotland (FSS):**

Food Standards Scotland is public non-

ministerial office, a body independent of Government and accountable to the Scottish Parliament with a statutory duty to protect consumers' interests in Scotland. On 1 April 2015, it took on the functions that the Food Standards Agency in Scotland previously carried out and it covers the same range of policy areas as the FSA does in Northern Ireland

The **Food (Scotland) Act 2015** established Food Standards Scotland as a non-ministerial office. It is part of the Scottish Administration and sits alongside, but independent from the Scottish Government. It is primarily funded by the Scottish Government, but charges fees to recover costs for regulatory functions.

Food Standard Scotland's role is comparable with the Food Standards Agency's. It develops policies, provides consumer and business guidance, advises stakeholders, and enforces food regulations. FSS works closely alongside the FSA to achieve shared results.

The **FSA and FSS have a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in place**. The FSA-FSS MoU was originally written and signed in 2015, when responsibilities for FSA policy areas in Scotland were transferred to Food Standards Scotland. It has been jointly reviewed and updated by experts in both organisations to ensure it is fit for purpose in the post EU transition regulatory regime.

The FSA-FSS MoU sets out the principles that will underpin the relationship between the two organisations. It provides a high-level summary of the commitments made by the FSA and FSS on how we will work together,

and defines our working relationship in detail across key areas of work.

The updated MoU was signed by FSA and FSS CEOs in June 2023

### **The FSA Food and Feed Law Guide**

The Food and Feed Law Guide

<https://www.food.gov.uk/sites/default/files/media/document/food-and-feed-law-guide-july-2020.pdf>

### **FOOD SAFETY AT REGIONAL AND LOCAL LEVELS**

FSA maintain a published list of food and feed legislation that applies in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. The Food and Feed Law Guide is a useful reference tool for businesses, local authorities and others that have an interest in following food and feed law requirements.

### **DIVISION OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR FOOD AND FEED LAW IN THE UK**

Feed and food safety and standards are devolved matters in the UK. The FSA has responsibility at central Government level for the main body of feed and food safety law in England, Wales and Northern Ireland, with dedicated offices working to the relevant Parliaments in England and Wales and to the Northern Ireland Assembly. Food Standards Scotland (FSS) was established 1 April 2015 as the national food body for Scotland, with responsibility for those central Government functions previously carried out by the FSA in Scotland. FSS publish a Scotland Food & Feed Law Guide on their website <https://www.>

foodstandards.gov.scot/publications-and-research/publications/scottish-food-and-feed-law-guide.

Following machinery of government changes introduced in 2010, FSA responsibilities for food law across England Wales and Northern Ireland is no longer harmonised.

- In England, Defra is responsible for food labelling, other than for matters of food safety such as 'Use By' dates and allergens labelling etc. The Department of Health

has central government responsibility for nutrition-related food legislation in England (Table 1).

- In Wales, the FSA retains responsibility for general food labelling. The Welsh Government is Responsible for nutrition-related food legislation (Table 2).
- In Northern Ireland the FSA retains responsibility for general food labelling and nutrition-related food legislation (Table 3).

**Table 1: England**

|  | General   | Import Controls                      | Labelling   | Composition & Standards  | Biological Safety                                 | Chemical Safety   | Biotechnology                           |
|--|---|--------------------------------------|---|--|---|---|---|
| <b>The FSA</b>                                 | Food safety, Traceability, Hygiene controls, food incidents Rapid food safety alerts via EU and WHO/FAO systems | Public health aspects of food & feed | Food Safety aspects (inc. allergens) only Feed safety, nutritional content and PARNUTS                      | Standards for feed materials as set out in the feed catalogue                            | Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies (TSEs)* | Food and feed additives, Contaminants, Food contact materials Chemical Safety of Feed         | Genetically Modified (GM) food and feed |
| <b>Defra (and Defra Agencies)</b>              | Animal By-Products Feed ban   | Animal By-products                   | All - Beef Labelling & protected food names Labelling General where not related to food safety or nutrition | Organic Products Composition & Standards except for food for particular nutritional uses | TSEs  | Medicated feed, Specified Feed Additives, Residues of Veterinary Products (VMD <sup>2</sup> ) | N/A                                     |
| <b>Dept. of Health and Social Care (DHSC)</b>  | N/A   | N/A                                  | Foods for Specific Groups Nutrition and Nutritional Health claims   | N/A  | N/A   | N/A   | N/A                                     |
| <b>HSE Chemicals Regulation Division (CRD)</b> | N/A   | N/A                                  | N/A   | N/A  | N/A   | Pesticide Residues Biocide products   | N/A                                     |

\* In relation to specified risk material, mechanically separated meat and slaughtering techniques

**Table 2: Wales**

|                  | General  | Import Controls                      | Labelling  | Composition & Standards         | Biological Safety   | Chemical Safety  | Biotechnology                  |
|------------------|--|--------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|---|--|--------------------------------|
| The FSA          | Traceability, Hygiene, Rapid food safety alerts via EU and WHO/FAO systems | Public Health aspects of food & feed | All General Labelling, Food safety aspects   | All except for organic products | Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies (TSEs) <sup>3</sup> in relation to food for human consumption | Food and feed additives, Contaminants, Food contact materials, Chemical Safety of Feed | Genetically Modified (GM) food |
| Welsh Government | Animal By-Products Feed ban  | Animal By-products                   | Nutrition and Nutritional Health Claims Foods for Specific Groups, Beef Labelling & protected food names | Organic Products                | TSEs in relation to animal disease  | Medicated feed, Specified Feed Additives, Residues of Veterinary Products              | N/A                            |
| HSE (CRD)        | N/A  | N/A                                  | N/A  | N/A                             | N/A   | Pesticide Residues   | N/A                            |

**Table 3: Northern Ireland**

|  | General   | Import Controls                        | Labelling  | Composition & Standards         | Biological Safety                                | Chemical Safety  | Biotechnology                  |
|--|---|--|--|---------------------------------|--|--|--------------------------------|
| The FSA  | Traceability, Hygiene, Rapid Alert System for Food and Feed (RASFF) | Public Health aspects of food and feed | All General Labelling, Food Safety aspects, Foods for Specific Groups, Nutrition & Health Claims | All except for organic products | Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies (TSEs) | e.g. additives, contaminants, food contact materials   | Genetically Modified (GM) food |
| Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) | Animal By-Products Feed ban   | N/A                                    | Beef Labelling & protected food names  | Organic Products                | TSEs   | Chemical Safety of Feed, Medicated feed, Specified Feed Additives, Residues of Veterinary Products | N/A                            |
| HSE (CRD)  | N/A   | N/A                                    | N/A  | N/A                             | N/A  | Pesticide Residues   | N/A                            |

## FOOD STANDARDS SCOTLAND

FSS is the non-ministerial government department of the Scottish Government responsible for food safety, food standards, nutrition, food labelling, feed official controls and meat inspection in Scotland.

Food Standards Scotland works closely with Local Authority Officers to make sure feed and food law is applied throughout the food chain. We work in partnership with all 32 Local Authorities across Scotland to ensure that feed and food law is maintained and monitored in their area.

## LOCAL AUTHORITIES: CONTACT DETAILS FOR LOCAL AUTHORITIES IN SCOTLAND CAN BE FOUND HERE:

<https://www.foodstandards.gov.scot/contact-us/local-authorities>

### Local Authority approvals

In the UK, authorities have to approve establishments that handle, prepare or produce products of animal origin, according to Retained Regulation 853/2004 and publish lists of these approved establishments, each corresponding to a different food sector.

For details of approved establishments in Scotland please see - FSS approved establishments | Food Standards Scotland

For lists of Approved Establishments in the rest of the UK, please see Approved food establishments | Food Standards Agency

### EU Exit

Prior to leaving the EU all food law in the UK operated in accordance with relevant EU legislation. Now that the UK has left the EU, these regulations have become retained EU Law and forms part of our domestic food law in Great Britain. Therefore from 1 January 2021 any references to EU Regulations should be read as meaning retained EU law which is published on [legislation.gov.uk](http://legislation.gov.uk).

## FOOD TESTING FACILITIES:

Details of feed and food official laboratories (OLs) in the UK and Northern Ireland (NI) that are designated to undertake sample analysis work. - Feed and food official laboratories | Food Standards Agency

In the UK, official feed and food laboratories are Public and Agricultural Analysts and Food Examiners (microbiology laboratories) that undertake work for local authorities for enforcement purposes. Other designated laboratories undertake official controls in specified areas for monitoring purposes.

All official laboratories must employ suitably qualified staff. Laboratories undertaking enforcement work for local authorities must have a Public or Agricultural Analyst (formally appointed by a local authority) or a qualified Food Examiner.

The FSA is responsible for designating the majority of official laboratories in the UK according to the National Control Plan, as required by Official Feed and Food Control Regulations 2017/625. We do not own or operate any of these laboratories.

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Refer to Food and Feed Law Guide:

[food-and-feed-law-guide-july-2020.pdf](#)

<https://www.woah.org/en/who-we-are/members/>

<https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/about-codex/members/detail/en/c/15566/>

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# VIETNAM

In Vietnam, Law No. 55/2010/QH12 is on Food Safety. This Law provides for rights and obligations of organizations and individuals in assuring food safety; conditions for assuring safety of foods and food product ion. trading. import and export; food advertisement and labeling; food testing; food safety risk analysis; prevention. stopping and remedying of food safety incidents; food safety information , education and communication; and responsibilities for state management of food safety. The Law provides for food safety assurance conditions for fresh and raw food, processed food,

micronutrient-fortified food, functional food, genetically modified food, irradiated food, food additives, and for food-packaging tools and food packages and containers. The Law further sets out conditions, procedures and requirements for establishments engaged in food production and trade to obtain a certificate of food safety eligibility.

The above classification affects a number of things, including which authority carries out food safety inspection in case of imported products. Further, the MOH has the prevailing general management power.

## FOOD REGULATORY ECOSYSTEM

Ministry of Health (MOH)

Ministry of Industry and Trade (MOIT)

Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD)

Vietnam Food Administration (VFA)

## FOOD SAFETY AUTHORITIES

### Ministry of Health (MOH)

Vietnam Food Administration (VFA) under the Ministry of Health looks after on food safety of the domestic food and the imported food in the market. The MOH is in charge of bottled water, functional foods, and nutraceuticals, food additives and their

maximum limit, MRLs for pesticides and veterinary drugs. Setting up of requirements with regard to food hygiene and safety condition in processing, production, storage and usage of foods of canteens, restaurants, hotels, supermarkets, catering services, street foods; Setting up standards and criteria for laboratories on testing relating to food safety; setting the limitation of contaminants

| Production Phase                                | Processing and Semi-processing, import-export         | Distribution Phase   |  |
|---|---|--|--|
| Cultivation, Livestock, Aquaculture and Fishing | Cereals   | Wholesale  | Retail Sale (Traditional markets, shops, supermarkets) |
|   | Fresh meats and processed meats                       |  |  |
|   | Aqua-products   |  |  |
|   | Fruits, tubers, vegetables, garden's foodstuff        |  |  |
|   | Eggs and egg-origin products                          |  |  |
|   | Raw Milk  |  |  |
|   | Honey and honey-origin product Salt                   |  |  |
|   | Genetically Modified Organism                         |  |  |
|   | Other Agriculture products (sugar, coffee, Cacao)     | Wholesale  |  |
|   | <b>Alcohol, beer, beverage</b>                        |  |  |
|   | <b>Processed milk</b>                                 |  |  |
|   | <b>Vegetal Oil</b>                                    |  |  |
|   | <b>Powder and Starch based products</b>               |  |  |
|   | <i>Food additives, processing catalyst substances</i> |  |  |
|   | <i>Bottled water, mineral water</i>                   |  |  |
|   | Functional and nutritional foods                      |  |  |
|   |   | <i>Restaurants, Collective Canteens, Street food vendors</i> |  |

### Colour Code

|               |  |
|---------------|--|
| Normal        | Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD) |
| <b>Bold</b>   | <b>Ministry of Industry and Trade (MOIT)</b>         |
| <i>Italic</i> | <i>Ministry of Health (MOH)</i>                      |

Distribution of food management competences in Vietnam, cited from (Pham and Dao, 2016).

for food products, containers and packaging in direct contact with food; Carrying out the license, suspend and recall of the Health Certificate, the Certificate of Free Sale, the Certificate of facilities meeting food safety requirements.

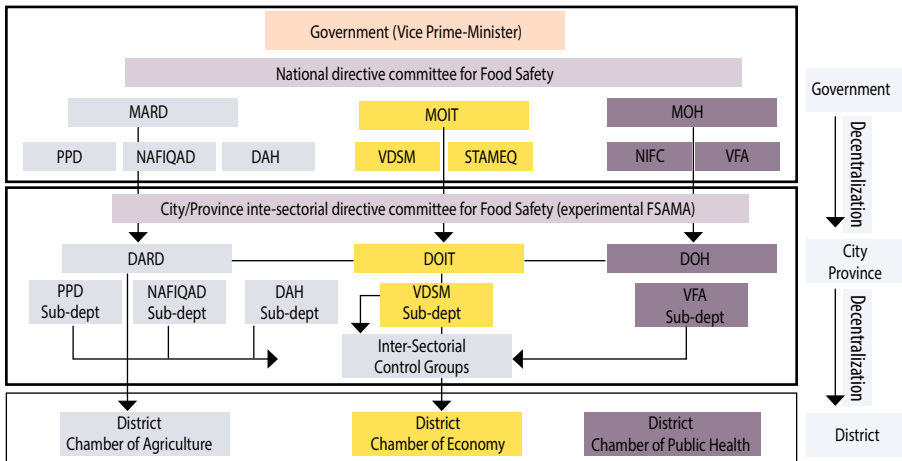
### Ministry of Industry and Trade (MOIT)

Managing food safety during production, processing, preservation, transportation, export, import and trading in respect to alcohol, beer, drink, processed milk, vegetable oil, products used for processing powder and starch and other food in accordance with the provisions of the Government; Managing food safety in respect to tools, materials packing and containing food during the course of production, processing, trading of food in the sector which is assigned to

manage; Presiding over prevention and fighting of false food and trade fraudulence in circulating and trading food;

### Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD)

Managing food safety in the production, collection, slaughter, primary handling, processing, preservation, transportation, export, import and trading of cereals, meat and meat products, fisheries and fishery products, vegetable, fruits, eggs and egg products, fresh raw milk, honey and genetically modified food, salt and other agricultural food. Managing utensils, containers and packaging in direct contact with food during the production, processing, trading of food in the sector which is assigned to manage;



Organization of Food Control Management in Vietnam.

**NAFIQAD** - National Agro-Forestry-Fisheries Quality Assurance Department; **PPD** - Plant Protection Department; **DAH** - Department of Animal Health; **VDMS** - Vietnam Directorate of Market Surveillance; **STAMEQ** - Vietnam Directorate for Standards, Metrology and Quality; **NIFC** - National Institute of Food Control; **VFA** - Vietnam Food Administration; **FSMA** - Food Safety Management Authorities]

**Food import system:** Regardless of their categories, all foreign processed foods must be registered with the VFA—an agency of the MOH—to obtain a Certificate of Conformity Declaration (CCD) before being imported into and/or circulated in the Vietnam market. However, exporters of meat, poultry, and seafood (except for processed and prepackaged products) to be registered with DAH. Vietnam requires several kinds of certificates for imported food and agricultural products. Generally, Vietnam requires Export Certificates for meat, poultry,

and seafood, and Phytosanitary Certificates for plant products. A Certificate of Free Sale or Health Certificate is required for health supplements, medical foods, food for special dietary uses, dietary products for children up to 36 months, genetically engineered (GE), and irradiated food. A Certificate of Analysis (COA) is required for feed ingredients, including grains and oilseeds. There are no mandatory requirements for a COA, but Vietnamese importers usually request a COA containing test results of key specifications prescribed in national technical regulations on food/feed safety. Further, Vietnam implements the registration for specialized inspections of imported and exported goods via the National Single Window (NSW) which are made applicable for most food and agricultural products, including quarantine and food safety inspection for meat, poultry, and seafood, quarantine inspection for plant products, quality inspection of feed ingredients, quarantine and food safety inspection for plant products used for food,

and food safety inspection for processed and packaged foods. Customs procedures are managed through an e-Customs system, "Vietnam Automated Cargo and Port Consolidated System/ Vietnam Customs Intelligence Information System (VNACCS/VCIS)". There are six key functions within VNACCS/VCIS: e-Declaration; e-Manifest; e-Invoice; e-Payment; e-Certificate of Origin; and Selectivity. The Selectivity function automatically assigns imported shipments to one of three channels, green, yellow, or red. Each channel is subject to a different level of customs inspection based on the assessment of the importers' history and the risks of the specific commodity. In addition to custom inspection, imported food and agricultural products are also subjected to relevant specialized inspections, including food safety inspection, quarantine inspection, and quality inspection at points of entry. Testing of safety indicators (per national technical regulations on food safety) is required for meat, poultry, seafood, and dairy products. Vietnam carries out testing to monitor residues of pesticides in imported fruits and vegetables.

**Self-Declaration: for Processed and Pre-packaged Food:** In Vietnam, food enterprises involved in Processed and Pre-packaged Food requires to publish a Product Self-Declaration to clarify quality specifications, labeling information, product shelf-life and other technical information prior to manufacture and/or import of these products. The same is not applicable to products and raw materials imported for processing for re-export or for internal production that are not for domestic

sale.

**Product Declaration:** Further, in case of the following products importers are required to submit applications for Product Declaration to either VFA or the provincial competent authorities:

- Health supplements, medical foods, and food for special dietary uses.
- Dietary products for children up to 36 months.
- Mixed food additives with new usages, food additives that are not on the permitted list, or food additives not intended for use for the food categories as prescribed by MOH.

Certificate of Approval: GE products are required to obtain a Certificate of Approval from MARD for Food and/or Feed Use (Food and Feed Certificate) prior to importation, production, and trade in Vietnam.

Foods circulating in the market are subject to periodic quality and safety testing. It is strictly required that product labels comply with the country's labelling requirements, such as compulsory contents in the Vietnamese language.

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# ABBREVIATION

| Abbreviation      | Acronym  |
|-------------------|--|
| <b>AFSVPA</b>     | Administration for Food Safety, Veterinary and Phytosanitary Affairs   |
| <b>AAC system</b> | Assistance and Cooperation System  |
| <b>AAFC</b>       | Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada   |
| <b>ABP</b>        | Animal by-products   |
| <b>ABREP</b>      | Agence Béninoise de Régulation et d'Enregistrement des Produits  |
| <b>ACCC</b>       | Australian Competition and Consumer Commission   |
| <b>ACFS</b>       | Agricultural Commodity and Food Standards  |
| <b>ACL</b>        | Australian Consumer Law  |
| <b>AESAN</b>      | Spanish Agency for Food Safety & Nutrition   |
| <b>AGES</b>       | Austrian Agency for Health and Food Safety   |
| <b>ALGA</b>       | Australian Local Government Association  |
| <b>ANMAT</b>      | Administración Nacional de Medicamentos, Alimentos y Tecnología Médica (National Administration of Medicines, Food and Medical Technology) |
| <b>ANPC</b>       | National Authority for Consumer Protection   |
| <b>ANSVSA</b>     | National Sanitary Veterinary and Food Safety Authority   |
| <b>ANVISA</b>     | National Agency for Sanitary Surveillance  |
| <b>APEDA</b>      | Agricultural & Processed Food Products Export Development Authority  |
| <b>APQA</b>       | Animal and Plant Quarantine Agency   |
| <b>APVMA</b>      | Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority   |
| <b>AQSIQ</b>      | General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine   |
| <b>ASAE</b>       | Economic and Food Safety Authority   |
| <b>ASTA</b>       | Agricultural Technical Services Administration   |
| <b>ASV</b>        | Veterinary Service Administration  |
| <b>BAES</b>       | Federal Office for Food Safety   |
| <b>BASG</b>       | Federal Office for Safety in Health Care   |
| <b>BBAC</b>       | Belgian Biosafety Advisory Council   |
| <b>BFDA</b>       | Bhutan Food and Drug Authority   |
| <b>BFSA</b>       | Bangladesh Food Safety Authority   |
| <b>BFSA</b>       | Bulgarian Food Safety Agency   |
| <b>BFSES</b>      | Bureau of Food Safety Extension and Support  |
| <b>BIOR</b>       | Institute of Food Safety, Animal Health and Environment  |
| <b>BIPs</b>       | Border Inspection Posts  |
| <b>BMLRT</b>      | Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Regions and Tourism   |
| <b>BMSGPK</b>     | Federal Ministry of Social Affairs, Health, Care and Consumer Protection   |
| <b>BPOM</b>       | Foods & Drugs Supervisory Agency   |
| <b>BSHC</b>       | Belgian Superior Health Council  |
| <b>BSTI</b>       | Bangladesh Standards and Testing Institution   |
| <b>BÜGEM</b>      | General Directorate of Plant Production  |

| Abbreviation      | Acronym  |
|-------------------|--|
| <b>BuRO</b>       | Office for Risk Assessment and Research                                |
| <b>CAA</b>        | Código Alimentario Argentino (Argentine Food Code)                     |
| <b>CAA</b>        | Consumer Affairs Agency  |
| <b>CBD</b>        | Coconut Development Board  |
| <b>CAMCONTROL</b> | Cambodia Import-Export and Fraud Repression Department                 |
| <b>CAFIA</b>      | Czech Agriculture and Food Inspection Authority                        |
| <b>CAQ</b>        | Central Administration of Plant Quarantine                             |
| <b>CBI</b>        | Czech Breeding Inspectorate  |
| <b>CBSA</b>       | Canada Border Services Agency  |
| <b>CCD</b>        | Certificate of Conformity Declaration                                  |
| <b>CCTIA</b>      | Central Control and the Testing Institute in Agriculture               |
| <b>CENAPA</b>     | National Center for Animal Health Verification Services                |
| <b>CETI</b>       | Centre for Ecotoxicological Research                                   |
| <b>CFDA</b>       | China Food and Drug Administration                                     |
| <b>CFIA</b>       | Canadian Food Inspection Agency  |
| <b>CGCV</b>       | General Coordination of Plant Quality                                  |
| <b>CGVB</b>       | General Coordination of wines and beverages                            |
| <b>CISTA</b>      | Central Institute for Supervising and Testing in Agriculture           |
| <b>CLCTC</b>      | Central Laboratory for Chemical Testing and Control                    |
| <b>CLPQ</b>       | Central Laboratory for Plant Quarantine                                |
| <b>CLVCE</b>      | Central Laboratory for Veterinary Control and Ecology                  |
| <b>CNRIBA</b>     | National Reference Center for Food Safety and Biosafety                |
| <b>COFEPRIS</b>   | Federal Commission for Protection from Sanitary Risks                  |
| <b>COMALIM</b>    | Commissariat for Quality, Fraud and Food Safety                        |
| <b>CONAL</b>      | National Food Commission   |
| <b>Concerto</b>   | National Council for Metrology, Standardization and Industrial Quality |
| <b>COUSP</b>      | Center of Public Health Emergency Operations                           |
| <b>CRA</b>        | Expert Council for Risk Assessment                                     |
| <b>CTL</b>        | Central Testing Laboratory in Abu Dhabi                                |
| <b>DAA</b>        | Danish Agricultural Agency   |
| <b>DAFF</b>       | Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry                      |
| <b>DAFM</b>       | Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine                         |
| <b>DALRRD</b>     | Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development           |
| <b>DANA</b>       | Direction de l'Alimentation et de la Nutrition Appliquée               |
| <b>DCIC</b>       | Department of Internal Trade and Competition                           |
| <b>DCIS</b>       | Sanitary Control and Inspection Division                               |
| <b>DCL</b>        | Dubai Central Laboratory   |
| <b>DPC</b>        | Product Packaging Department   |
| <b>DFTQC</b>      | Department of Food Technology and Quality Control                      |
| <b>DGAV</b>       | Directorate-General for Food and Veterinary                            |
| <b>DGFT</b>       | Directorate General of Foreign Trade                                   |

| Abbreviation   | Acronym   |
|----------------|---|
| <b>DHAB</b>    | Directorate of Basic Hygiene and Sanitation                                   |
| <b>DHP</b>     | Public Hygiene Division   |
| <b>DIPEISR</b> | Dipartimento delle politiche europee e internazionali e dello sviluppo rurale |
| <b>DIPOA</b>   | Animal Products Inspection Department   |
| <b>DIPOV</b>   | Department of inspection of products of plant origin                          |
| <b>DLA</b>     | Department of Laboratory Activities   |
| <b>DOH</b>     | Department of Health  |
| <b>DNHFS</b>   | Department of Nutrition, Hygiene, Food Safety and Cosmetic Products           |
| <b>DPA</b>     | Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture                                       |
| <b>DPV</b>     | Plant protection department   |
| <b>DSAIP</b>   | Department of Animal Health and Livestock Supplies                            |
| <b>DSVIA</b>   | Department of Plant Health and Agricultural Inputs                            |
| <b>DTPL</b>    | Local Products Processing Department  |
| <b>DTU</b>     | Technical University of Denmark   |
| <b>DVFA</b>    | Danish Veterinary and Food Administration                                     |
| <b>DVL</b>     | Diagnostic Veterinary Laboratory  |
| <b>EIC</b>     | Export Inspection Council of India  |
| <b>ENFADL</b>  | European Network of Food Allergen Detection Laboratories                      |
| <b>ENGL</b>    | European Network of GMO laboratories  |
| <b>EOS</b>     | Egyptian Organization for Standardization                                     |
| <b>EURLMB</b>  | EU Reference Laboratory for Marine Biotoxins                                  |
| <b>EWRS</b>    | Early Warning and Response System   |
| <b>FAMHP</b>   | Federal Agency for Medicines and Health Products                              |
| <b>FAO</b>     | Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations                       |
| <b>FAF</b>     | Faculty of Agricultural Sciences and Food                                     |
| <b>FAFSC</b>   | Federal Agency for the Safety of the Food Chain                               |
| <b>FCAU</b>    | Food Control Administration Unit  |
| <b>FCCPC</b>   | Federal Competition & Consumer Protection Commission                          |
| <b>FDA</b>     | <i>Food and Drugs Act</i>   |
| <b>FDR</b>     | <i>Food and Drug Regulations</i>  |
| <b>FFCU</b>    | Federal Food Chain Unit   |
| <b>FFN</b>     | Food Fraud Network  |
| <b>FFTFSE</b>  | Faculty for Food Technology, Food Safety and Ecology                          |
| <b>FMARD</b>   | Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development                         |
| <b>FMoH</b>    | Federal Ministry of Health  |
| <b>FOAG</b>    | Federal Office for Agriculture  |
| <b>FQL</b>     | Food Quarantine Laboratories  |
| <b>FPSH</b>    | Federal Public Service for Health, Food Chain Safety and Environment          |
| <b>FQSD</b>    | Food Quality And Safety Division  |
| <b>FRSC</b>    | Food Regulation Standing Committee  |
| <b>FSA</b>     | Food Standards Agency   |

| Abbreviation   | Acronym   |
|----------------|---|
| <b>FSAI</b>    | Food Safety Authority of Ireland  |
| <b>FSA BiH</b> | Food Safety Agency of Bosnia and Herzegovina  |
| <b>FSANZ</b>   | Food Standards Australia New Zealand  |
| <b>FSC</b>     | Food Safety Commission  |
| <b>FSND</b>    | Food Safety and Nutrition Department  |
| <b>FSQD</b>    | Food Safety and Quality Division  |
| <b>FSS ACT</b> | Food Safety and Standards Act   |
| <b>FSS</b>     | Food Standards Scotland   |
| <b>FSSAI</b>   | Food Safety and Standards Authority of India  |
| <b>FSVI</b>    | Food Safety and Veterinary Institute  |
| <b>FSVO</b>    | Federal Food Safety and Veterinary Office   |
| <b>FURS</b>    | Financial Administration  |
| <b>FVA</b>     | Food and Veterinary Agency  |
| <b>FVM</b>     | Faculty of Veterinary Medicine  |
| <b>GACC</b>    | General Administration of Customs of People's Republic of China   |
| <b>GE food</b> | Genetically engineered food   |
| <b>GIS</b>     | Chief Sanitary Inspectorate   |
| <b>GIW</b>     | General Veterinary Inspectorate   |
| <b>GKGM</b>    | General Directorate of Food and Control   |
| <b>GMOs</b>    | Genetically modified organisms  |
| <b>GMP</b>     | Good Manufacturing Practice   |
| <b>GOEIC</b>   | General Organization for Export and Import Control  |
| <b>GON</b>     | Government of Nigeria's   |
| <b>HAPIH</b>   | Croatian Agency for Agriculture and Food  |
| <b>HC</b>      | Health Canada   |
| <b>HEIA</b>    | Horticultural Export Improvement Association  |
| <b>HOD</b>     | Ministry of Health and Care Services  |
| <b>HSE</b>     | Health Service Executive  |
| <b>HVI</b>     | Croatian Veterinary Institute   |
| <b>HZJZ</b>    | Ministry of Health  |
| <b>ICQRF</b>   | Central Inspectorate for Fraud Repression and Quality Protection of the Agri-food Products and Foodstuffs |
| <b>IFIS</b>    | Imported Food Inspection Scheme   |
| <b>IJHARS</b>  | Agricultural and Food Quality Inspection  |
| <b>IMA</b>     | Icelandic Medicines Agency  |
| <b>INAL</b>    | Instituto Nacional de Alimentos (National Food Institute)   |
| <b>INFOSAN</b> | International Food Safety Authorities Network   |
| <b>INH</b>     | National Institute of Hygiene   |
| <b>INIAV</b>   | National Institute for Agrarian and Veterinarian Research   |
| <b>Inmetro</b> | National Institute of Metrology, Quality and Technology   |
| <b>INRASFF</b> | Indonesia Rapid Alert System for Food and Feed  |

| Abbreviation    | Acronym  |
|-----------------|--|
| <b>IRC</b>      | Icelandic Revenue and Customs  |
| <b>INV</b>      | Instituto Nacional de Vitivinicultura (National Wine Institute)                                    |
| <b>IOPEPC</b>   | Indian Oilseed and Produce Export Promotion Council  |
| <b>IPH</b>      | Institute of Public Health   |
| <b>IPSVS</b>    | Institute of Postgraduate Study for Veterinary Surgeons  |
| <b>IQTL</b>     | Institute for Quality  |
| <b>IRSKGLR</b>  | Inspectorate of the Republic of Slovenia for Agriculture, Forestry, Hunting and Fisheries          |
| <b>ISCVBM</b>   | Institute for State Control of Veterinary Biologicals and Medicines                                |
| <b>ISFR</b>     | Implementation Subcommittee for Food Regulation  |
| <b>ISS</b>      | National Institute of Health   |
| <b>ITRA</b>     | Togolese Institute of Agronomic Research   |
| <b>IZSs</b>     | Experimental Zooprophyllactic Institutes   |
| <b>KAN</b>      | Indonesia National Accreditation Committee   |
| <b>KATS</b>     | Korean Agency for Technology and Standards   |
| <b>KLD</b>      | Ministry of Climate and Environment  |
| <b>KTU</b>      | Kaunas University of Technology  |
| <b>LCV</b>      | Central Veterinary Laboratory  |
| <b>LAHE</b>     | Laboratory of applied hydrology and environment<br>Laboratory of applied hydrology and environment |
| <b>LAMICODA</b> | Microbiology and food control laboratory   |
| <b>LAVS</b>     | Local Authority Veterinary Service   |
| <b>LFS</b>      | Law on Food Safety   |
| <b>LI</b>       | Livestock Institute  |
| <b>LMD</b>      | Ministry of Agriculture and Food   |
| <b>LNV</b>      | Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality   |
| <b>LSMU</b>     | Lithuanian University of Health Sciences   |
| <b>MADR</b>     | Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development  |
| <b>MAEDR</b>    | Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Rural Development   |
| <b>MAFA</b>     | Ministry for Agriculture, Fisheries and Animal Rights  |
| <b>MAFDS</b>    | Ministry of Food and Drug Safety   |
| <b>MAFF</b>     | Ministry of Agricultural Forestry and Fisheries  |
| <b>MAFRA</b>    | Ministry of Agriculture, Food, and Rural Affairs   |
| <b>MAFRD</b>    | Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Development  |
| <b>MAFWE</b>    | Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Economy  |
| <b>MAFWM</b>    | Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management   |
| <b>MAGyP</b>    | Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, and Fisheries  |
| <b>MANCP</b>    | Multi-Annual National Control Plan   |
| <b>MANCP</b>    | Multi Annual Control Plan  |
| <b>Map</b>      | Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Supply  |
| <b>MAPA</b>     | Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food  |
| <b>MAQIS</b>    | Malaysia Quarantine and Inspection Service   |

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|-------------------|--|
| <b>MARA</b>       | Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs                                  |
| <b>MARD</b>       | Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development                              |
| <b>MARD SR</b>    | Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of the Slovak Republic       |
| <b>MARDWA</b>     | Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Development and Water Administration        |
| <b>MASM</b>       | Mongolian Agency for Standardization and Metrology                         |
| <b>MAST</b>       | Icelandic Food and Veterinary Authority                                    |
| <b>Matís Ltd.</b> | Food Science and Biotechnology   |
| <b>MAVDR</b>      | Ministry of Agriculture, Viticulture and Rural Development                 |
| <b>MC</b>         | Ministry of Consumer Affairs   |
| <b>MCICL</b>      | Ministry of Trade, Industry and Local Consumption                          |
| <b>MCCAA</b>      | Malta Competition and Consumer Affairs Authority                           |
| <b>ME</b>         | Ministry of Economy, Development and Tourism                               |
| <b>MEHV</b>       | Ministry of Water and Village Water Resources                              |
| <b>MEM</b>        | Ministry of Rural Affairs  |
| <b>MEM</b>        | Ministry of Economy and Maritime Affairs                                   |
| <b>MF</b>         | Ministry of Finance  |
| <b>MFAF</b>       | Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Fisheries of Denmark                     |
| <b>MfH</b>        | Ministry for Health  |
| <b>MH</b>         | Ministry of Health   |
| <b>MHLW</b>       | Ministry of Health, labour and Welfare                                     |
| <b>MH SR</b>      | Ministry of Health of the Slovak Republic                                  |
| <b>MI</b>         | Marine Institute   |
| <b>MIH</b>        | Ministry of Industry and Handicraft  |
| <b>MITI</b>       | Federal Ministry of Industries, Trade, and Investments                     |
| <b>MKGP</b>       | Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Food                                 |
| <b>MLs</b>        | Maximum levels   |
| <b>MMAP</b>       | Ministry of Environment, Water and Forests                                 |
| <b>MOAIFS</b>     | Ministry of Agro Industry & Food Security                                  |
| <b>MOC</b>        | Ministry of Commerce   |
| <b>MoEEC</b>      | Ministry for the Environment, Energy and Climate                           |
| <b>MOEW</b>       | Ministry of Environment and Water  |
| <b>MoFA</b>       | Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Fisheries                                |
| <b>MoFAF</b>      | Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Fisheries                                |
| <b>MoFTER</b>     | Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations of Bosnia and Herzegovina |
| <b>MOH</b>        | Ministry of Health   |
| <b>MOHQL</b>      | Ministry of Health and Quality of Life                                     |
| <b>MOIT</b>       | Ministry of Industry and Trade   |
| <b>MP</b>         | Ministry of Agriculture  |
| <b>MPC</b>        | Ministry for Consumer Protection   |
| <b>MPAAF</b>      | Ministero delle politiche agricole alimentari e forestali                  |
| <b>MPEDA</b>      | Marine Products Export Development Authority                               |

| Abbreviation    | Acronym   |
|-----------------|---|
| <b>MRiRW</b>    | Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development                       |
| <b>MRLs</b>     | Maximum residue limits  |
| <b>MS</b>       | Ministry of Health  |
| <b>MS</b>       | Ministry of Environment   |
| <b>MASAF</b>    | Ministry of Agriculture, Food Sovereignty and Forests               |
| <b>MSAL</b>     | Ministry of Health  |
| <b>MSB</b>      | Mauritius Standards Bureau  |
| <b>MSHPAUS</b>  | Ministry of Health and Public Hygiene and Universal Access to Care  |
| <b>MTCI</b>     | Ministry of Tourism, Commerce & Industry                            |
| <b>MZ</b>       | Ministry of Health  |
| <b>NAFC-FRI</b> | National Agricultural and Food Centre - Food Research Institute     |
| <b>NAFDAC</b>   | National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control        |
| <b>NAFIQAD</b>  | National Agro-Forestry-Fisheries Quality Assurance Department       |
| <b>NAPAMS</b>   | NAFDAC Automated Product Administration and Monitoring System       |
| <b>NAQS</b>     | Nigeria Agricultural Plant Quarantine Services                      |
| <b>NATA</b>     | National Association of Testing Authorities                         |
| <b>NBMA</b>     | National Biosafety Management Agency                                |
| <b>NCPHA</b>    | National Center of Public Health and Analyses                       |
| <b>NCS</b>      | Nigeria Custom Service  |
| <b>NDRVI</b>    | National Diagnostic Research Veterinary Institute                   |
| <b>NEA</b>      | Norwegian Environment Agency  |
| <b>NESG</b>     | National Expert Scientific Groups                                   |
| <b>NFA</b>      | National Food Authority   |
| <b>NFD</b>      | Ministry of Trade, Industry and Fisheries                           |
| <b>NFSA</b>     | Norwegian Food Safety Authority                                     |
| <b>NFVRAI</b>   | National Food and Veterinary Risk Assessment Institute              |
| <b>NIFC</b>     | National Institute of Food Control                                  |
| <b>NIFDS</b>    | National Institute of Food and Drug Safety Evaluation               |
| <b>NIJZ</b>     | National Institute of Public Health                                 |
| <b>NIZP-PZH</b> | National Institute of Public Health – National Institute of Hygiene |
| <b>NLZOH</b>    | National Laboratory of Health, Environment and Food                 |
| <b>NMISA</b>    | National Metrology Institute of South Africa                        |
| <b>NMVRVI</b>   | National Food and Veterinary Risk Assessment Institute              |
| <b>NPF</b>      | Nigeria Police Force  |
| <b>NPPO</b>     | National Plant Protection Organization                              |
| <b>NRA</b>      | National Revenue Administration                                     |
| <b>NRC</b>      | National Reference Centre   |
| <b>NRCS</b>     | National Regulator for Compulsory Specifications                    |
| <b>NRLs</b>     | National reference laboratories                                     |
| <b>NSAI</b>     | National Standards Authority of Ireland                             |
| <b>NVI</b>      | National Veterinary Institute                                       |

| Abbreviation       | Acronym  |
|--------------------|--|
| <b>NVRI</b>        | National Veterinary Research Institute   |
| <b>NVWA</b>        | Netherlands Food and Consumer Product Safety Authority                         |
| <b>ONAF</b>        | National Slaughterhouse and Refrigeration Office                               |
| <b>ONPV</b>        | Organisation Nationale de la Protection des Végétaux                           |
| <b>PABD</b>        | Plant and Animal Biosecurity Division  |
| <b>PAHs</b>        | Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons   |
| <b>PD</b>          | Phyto-sanitary Directorate   |
| <b>PHA</b>         | Public Health Authority  |
| <b>PHA SR</b>      | Public Health Authority of the Slovak Republic                                 |
| <b>PHAC</b>        | Public Health Agency of Canada   |
| <b>PHFSI</b>       | Public Health and Food Safety Inspectorate                                     |
| <b>PHI</b>         | Public Health Institute  |
| <b>PHPA BiH</b>    | Administration of Bosnia and Herzegovina for Plant Health Protection           |
| <b>PHS of MPHS</b> | Public Health Services of the Department of Medical and Public Health Services |
| <b>PIORIN</b>      | Main Inspectorate for Seeds and Plant Health                                   |
| <b>PIS</b>         | State Sanitary Inspectorates   |
| <b>PIUE</b>        | Direzione Generale delle politiche internazionali e dell'Unione europea        |
| <b>PIWET</b>       | National Veterinary Research Institute   |
| <b>PPD</b>         | Plant Protection Directorate   |
| <b>PPPs</b>        | Plant protection products  |
| <b>PTA</b>         | Agriculture and Food Board   |
| <b>PVD</b>         | Food and Veterinary Service  |
| <b>RACFCH</b>      | Risk Assessment Center on Food Chain   |
| <b>RADs</b>        | Regional Agriculture Directorates  |
| <b>RASFF</b>       | Rapid Alert System for Food and Feed   |
| <b>RDA</b>         | Regional Directorates of Agriculture   |
| <b>RFTQCO</b>      | Regional Food Technology & Quality Control Office                              |
| <b>ReNaLOA</b>     | National Network of Official Food Analysis Laboratories                        |
| <b>RIVM</b>        | Institute for Public Health and the Environment                                |
| <b>RPHA</b>        | Regional Public Health Authorities   |
| <b>SABs</b>        | South Africa Bureau of Standards   |
| <b>SAG</b>         | Agriculture and Livestock Service  |
| <b>SAI</b>         | Sector of Agricultural Inspection  |
| <b>SAI</b>         | State Agriculture Inspectorate   |
| <b>SAIC</b>        | State Administration of Industry and Commerce                                  |
| <b>SFDA</b>        | State Food and Drug Administration   |
| <b>SAM</b>         | Ministry of Health   |
| <b>SAMR</b>        | State Administration for Market Regulation                                     |
| <b>SANAS</b>       | South African National Accreditation System                                    |
| <b>SB</b>          | Ministry of Health   |

| Abbreviation      | Acronym   |
|-------------------|---|
| <b>SENASA</b>     | Servicio Nacional de Sanidad y Calidad Agroalimentaria (National Agrifood Health and Quality Service) |
| <b>SENASICA</b>   | National Service of Agro-Alimentary Health, Safety and Quality  |
| <b>SEPC</b>       | Shellac Export Promotion Council  |
| <b>SEREMIS</b>    | Ministerial Regional Secretaries  |
| <b>SERNAPESCA</b> | National Fisheries and Aquaculture Service  |
| <b>SFA</b>        | Singapore Food Agency   |
| <b>SFCA</b>       | <i>Safe Food for Canadians Act</i>  |
| <b>SFCR</b>       | <i>Safe Food for Canadians Regulations</i>  |
| <b>SFPA</b>       | Sea-Fisheries Protection Authority  |
| <b>SGL</b>        | State General Laboratory  |
| <b>SIE</b>        | State Inspection Services   |
| <b>SIM</b>        | Municipal Inspection Services   |
| <b>SIMI</b>       | Sistema Integral de Monitoreo de Importaciones  |
| <b>Sinmetro</b>   | National System for Metrology, Standardization and Industrial Quality                                 |
| <b>SJV</b>        | Swedish Board of Agriculture  |
| <b>SLV</b>        | Swedish Food Agency   |
| <b>SM</b>         | Ministry of Social Affairs  |
| <b>SMLPC</b>      | Center for Health Education and Diseases Prevention   |
| <b>SNAS</b>       | Slovak National Accreditation Service   |
| <b>SNCA</b>       | National Food Control System  |
| <b>SNCA</b>       | Sistema Nacional de Control de los Alimentos (National Food Inspection System)                        |
| <b>SON</b>        | Standards Organization of Nigeria   |
| <b>SP</b>         | Scientific Panels   |
| <b>SPKC</b>       | Centre for Disease Prevention and Control   |
| <b>SPL</b>        | State Phytosanitary Laboratory  |
| <b>SPS</b>        | Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures   |
| <b>SPVCP</b>      | Service de la Protection des Végétaux et du Contrôle Phytosanitaire                                   |
| <b>SSI</b>        | Statens Serum Institut  |
| <b>STAMEQ</b>     | Vietnam Directorate for Standards, Metrology and Quality  |
| <b>SVA</b>        | State Veterinary Administration   |
| <b>SVA</b>        | National Veterinary Institute   |
| <b>SVFA</b>       | State Veterinary and Food Administration  |
| <b>SVFA SR</b>    | State Veterinary and Food Administration of the Slovak Republic                                       |
| <b>SVFI DK</b>    | State Veterinary and Food Institute in Dolný Kubín  |
| <b>SVI</b>        | Scientific Veterinary Institutes  |
| <b>SZPI</b>       | Czech Agriculture and Food Inspection Authority   |
| <b>SZU</b>        | <u>National Institute of Public Health</u>  |
| <b>TA</b>         | Health Board  |
| <b>TAGEM</b>      | General Directorate of Agricultural Research and Policies   |
| <b>TBT</b>        | Technical Barriers to Trade   |

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|---------------------------|--|
| <b>TGA</b>                | Therapeutic Goods Administration                                       |
| <b>TESSy</b>              | The European Surveillance System                                       |
| <b>TOB</b>                | Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry                                   |
| <b>UCPH</b>               | University of Copenhagen   |
| <b>UKZUZ</b>              | Central Institute for Supervising and Testing in Agriculture           |
| <b>ULAC</b>               | Centre for Communicable Diseases and AIDS                              |
| <b>UL – VF</b>            | University of Ljubljana - Veterinary Faculty                           |
| <b>UOKiK</b>              | Office of Competition and Consumer Protection                          |
| <b>UST</b>                | The Environment Agency   |
| <b>UVHVVR</b>             | Administration for Food Safety, Veterinary Sector and Plant Protection |
| <b>VAAD</b>               | State Plant Protection Service   |
| <b>VD</b>                 | Veterinary Directorate   |
| <b>VKM</b>                | Norwegian Scientific Committee for Food and Environment                |
| <b>VMVT</b>               | State Food and Veterinary Service                                      |
| <b>VO BiH</b>             | Veterinary Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina                            |
| <b>VS</b>                 | Veterinary Services  |
| <b>VTL</b>                | Veterinary and Food Laboratory   |
| <b>VWS</b>                | Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport                                  |
| <b>WBVR</b>               | Wageningen Bioveterinary Research                                      |
| <b>WFSR</b>               | Wageningen Food Safety Research  |
| <b>WHO</b>                | World Health Organization  |
| <b>WOAH (earlier OIE)</b> | World Organisation for Animal Health                                   |
| <b>ZIRS</b>               | Health Inspectorate of the Republic of Slovenia                        |
| <b>ZM</b>                 | <u>Ministry of Agriculture</u>   |
| <b>ŽŪM</b>                | Ministry of Agriculture  |
| <b>VATŽŪM</b>             | State Plant Service  |
| <b>VCIS</b>               | Vietnam Customs Intelligence Information System                        |
| <b>VDMS</b>               | Vietnam Directorate of Market Surveillance                             |
| <b>VDU</b>                | Vytautas Magnus University   |
| <b>VFA</b>                | Vietnam Food Administrative  |
| <b>VM</b>                 | Ministry of Health   |
| <b>VNACCS</b>             | Vietnam Automated Cargo and Port Consolidated System                   |















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