

A Profile of the German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment



Bundesinstitut für Risikobewertung

Science in the service of humanity

The German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment – BfR for short – is a scientifically independent institution within the portfolio of the Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture (BMEL) in Germany. It advises the Federal Government and Federal Laender on questions of food, chemical and product safety. The BfR conducts its own research on topics that are closely linked to its assessment tasks.

Research is conducted on the basis of state-of-the-art scientific processes, the networking of scientific capabilities and cooperation with other scientific institutions.

A young girl with long brown hair, wearing a pink long-sleeved shirt, is seen from the side, looking towards a shopping bag. An adult's hand is holding the handles of the bag, which is filled with fresh produce including a large red bell pepper, a head of green lettuce, and a carrot. The background is blurred, suggesting a grocery store setting.

The protection of human health
is at the centre of our work.

Facts and Figures

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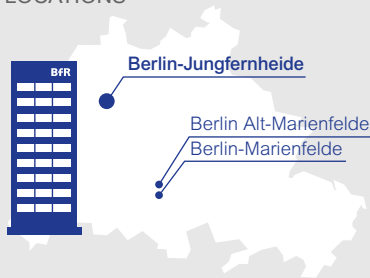
within the portfolio of the former
Federal Ministry of Consumer Protection,
Food and Agriculture (BMVEL)



Certified

Quality management
(DIN EN ISO 9001)

LOCATIONS



INDEPENDENT

Research



Assessment



Communication



WORKFORCE

approximately **950**

employees in
science and administration





The results of the work performed by the BfR provide decision-makers with a scientifically well-founded basis.





Goals and Tasks of the BfR

The protection of human health is the focus of all activities at the BfR. Through independent scientific assessment and research and the transparent communication of health risks, they contribute to consumer safety. On this basis, the BfR sets scientific standards in consumer health protection.

The results achieved by the BfR provide decision-makers from politics, science, trade and industry with a scientifically well-founded basis and are available to all social interest groups. The BfR promotes an objective and social discourse with public institutions, non-government organisations, associations and the media.



The BfR sets scientific standards
in consumer health protection –
so that the world becomes
a safer place for people to live.

International Cooperations

The BfR cooperates with a number of international partners, such as the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) and the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO).

In the European region, the BfR cooperates closely with the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA). Other important partners are sister institutions from EU member states, such as the French Agency for Food, Environmental and Occupational Health & Safety (ANSES) and Danish Food Institute (DTU), as well as international sister Institutions, such as the South Korean National Institute for Food and Drug Safety (NIFDS) and Brazilian Health Authority (ANVISA).



The work areas of the BfR



FOOD SAFETY



PRODUCT SAFETY



ALTERNATIVE METHODS TO ANIMAL EXPERIMENTS

CHEMICAL SAFETY



RISK COMMUNICATION



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