

Legal basis for the work of the Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR)

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No.	Regulation	BfR statutory task In individual cases, the wording of the regulation shall apply.
1.	§ 2 Para. 1 No.1 BfR law (BfRG)	Issuing scientific opinions on food safety and consumer protection relating to human health
2.	§ 2 Para. 1 No.2 BfRG	Providing scientific advice to federal ministries and the Federal Office of Consumer Protection and Food Safety (BVL)
3.	§ 2 Para. 1 No.3 BfRG	Cooperation at the national, European and international level, especially with the European Food Safety Agency, and coordination of scientific information exchange in the area of food safety and consumer protection
4.	§ 2 Para. 1 No.4 BfRG	Scientific research as much as it is closely related to the activities of the BfR
5.	§ 2 Para. 1 No.5 BfRG	Assessment of the danger of chemicals as well as documentation and information on cases of poisoning
6.	§ 2 Para. 1 No. 6 BfRG	Compilation and assessment of replacement and complementary methods to animal testing
7.	§ 2 Para. 1 No.7 BfRG	Risk assessment of genetically modified animals, plants and microorganisms and genetically modified feed and feed additives
8.	§ 2 Para. 1 No.8 BfRG	Processing health issues relating to the transportation of hazardous goods
9.	§ 2 Para.1 No.9 BfRG	Participation in food monitoring and national surveys in the area of feed and feed additives
10.	§ 2 Para.1 No.10, 11 BfRG	Performing the duties associated with 17 national reference laboratories

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11.	§ 2 Para. 1 No.12 BfRG	Within the BfR's areas of activities, providing information to the public on health risks and other insights gained and work results
12.	§ 2 Para. 1 No. 13 BfRG	Informing and advising the Federal Government on the effects of pesticides on the health of humans and animals
13.	§ 2 Para. 5 BVL law (BVLG)	Representation, in an advisory capacity, in two committees of the BVL responsible for preparing "General Administrative Regulations" (AVV)
14.	§ 2 Para. 10 BVLG	Participation of the BfR by the BVL in all scientific activities in the area of BfR's tasks
15.	§ 51 Para. 5 Food and Feed Code (LFGB)	Assessment of the data collected through monitoring
16.	§ 5 Plant Protection Act (PflSchG)	Collaboration on the action plan for a sustained application of pesticides with a view to protecting the health of humans and animals
17.	§ 17 Para. 2 PflSchG	Issuing of consent to the BVL regarding approval of the use of pesticides on surfaces intended for public use
18.	§ 18 Para. 4 PflSchG	Issuing of consent to the BVL regarding approval of the use of pesticides sprayed from aircrafts
19.	§ 29 Para. 3 PflSchG	Issuing of consent to the BVL for the purpose of approving banned pesticides in special cases
20.	§ 34 PflSchG	Issuing of consent to the BVL regarding approval of pesticides and assessment of pesticides in terms of their health effects on humans and animals, users, employees and other persons present, avoidance of damage to health by contaminating the soil and concerning analytical methods for residues

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21.	§ 41 PflSchG	Collaboration on European approval procedures for active pesticide ingredients and testing of basic substances, safeners and synergists; in particular through assessment of the effects on the health of humans and animals, avoidance of damage to health by contaminating the soil and concerning analytical methods for residues.
22.	§ 42 Para. 3 PflSchG	Issuing of consent to the BVL regarding the decision on approving additives
23.	§ 4 Chemicals Act (ChemG)	Implementation of the REACH regulation, Directive (EC) No. 1907/2006, as the body responsible for the assessment of health and consumer protection
24.	§ 12a Para. 2, § 12c Para. 1 ChemG	Issuing scientific opinions for the Federal Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (BAuA) as the Federal Office for Chemicals in application of Regulation (EU) No. 528/2012 concerning the making available on the market and use of biocidal products
25.	§ 12d Para. 2 Sentence 1 No. 3 ChemG, § 12d Para. 2 Sentence 2 in conjunction with § 12 c Para. 3 ChemG	Issuing of consent to BAuA as the Federal Office for Chemicals regarding approval of biocidal products in terms of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - their effects on human and animal health, - proposals on the establishment of maximum residue limits in food or feed, - risk assessment regarding the health of humans, pets and farm animals, including the assessment of risk mitigation measures, - proposals on the establishment of maximum quantities for active substances contained in biocidal products
26.	§ 16e Para.1-3 ChemG	Transmission of manufacturer information on hazardous mixtures and biocidal products and poisoning reports from the medical profession to medical institutions of the federal states.

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27.	§ 16e Para. 4 ChemG	Answering queries in emergencies and ascertaining the need for risk management measures on the basis of statistical analysis
28.	§ 19b Para. 2, § 19d Para. 1 ChemG	Functions of the Federal Office for Good Laboratory Practice
29.	§ 10 Washing and Cleaning Act (WRMG)	Receipt of data sheets from manufacturers of washing and cleaning agents and passing on this information to medical institutions of the federal states
30.	§ 14 Para. 2 WRMG	Issuing of consent to the Federal Environment Agency (UBA) for the purpose of prohibiting the sale of washing and cleaning agents
31	§ 4 Para. 1 Infection Protection Act (IfSG)	In the area of zoonosis and food poisoning caused by microbes: involvement in - the detection and prevention of the spread of infections and - conceptual works
32.	§ 18 Para. 2 IfSG	Issuing of consent to the BVL regarding official listing of disinfectants and other insecticides and testing effectiveness and effects on human health
33.	§ 16 Para. 4 Genetic Modification Act (GenTG)	Issuing of consent to the BVL regarding the decision on the release and regarding the decision on granting or extending a permit for launching genetically modified organisms
34.	§ 3 Para. 1 und Para. 2 EC Genetic Engineering Implementation Act (EGGenTDurchfG)	Issuing of consent to the BVL regarding the assessment of food and feed safety of genetically modified food and feed in accordance with Articles 6 and 18, in both cases Para. 3b, Directive (EC) No. 1829/2003 and Opinions for the BVL on environmental risk assessment and on safety assessment of genetically modified food and feed in accordance with Articles 6 and 18, in both cases Para. 4, Sentence 3, of Directive (EC) No. 1829/2003

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35.	§ 7 a Law on the transportation of hazardous goods (GGBefG)	Opinion before the enactment of a regulation on hazardous goods transportation
36.	§ 5 Para. 2 Maritime Responsibilities Act (SeeAufgG)	Supporting the Federal Maritime Agency with measures to prevent the spread of foreign organisms through ships and with preparatory measures and international approval procedures
37.	§ 15a Animal Welfare Act (TierSchG), § 45 Regulation on Animal Welfare and Experimental Animals (TierSchVersV)	Providing advice to the competent German authorities and animal-welfare bodies on matters dealing with the acquisition, breeding, accommodation, care and use of animals used for scientific purposes as well as information exchange on the operation of animal-welfare bodies and best practice within the European Union
38.	§ 46 TierSchVersV	Providing advice to the competent German authorities on issues concerning alternatives to animal testing
39.	§ 16g Para. 2 TierSchG	Cooperation with the other European Member States and the European Commission on issues of the suitability of alternative approaches proposed for validation
40.	§ 41 TierSchVersV	Publication of the submitted summary of approved animal testing proposals on the internet and public announcement in the German Federal Gazette
41.	§ 1 Para. 2 Regulation on Novel Foods and Food Ingredients (NLV)	Issuing of consent to the BVL regarding the essential equivalence of novel foods
42.	§ 35 Para. 4 Wine monitoring ordinance (WeinÜV)	Functions of a senior expert office
43.	§ 1 Regulation on the Assignment of the Function of a National Reference Laboratory (RZV)	Functions of 17 national reference laboratories

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44.	§ 4 Para. 2 Meat Inspection Statistics Regulation (FIUStatV)	Drawing up scientific designs, surveys and opinions as part of risk assessment based on the data sent by the ministry BMELV.
45.	§ 1 Para. 2, § 2 Para. 1 Fertilisation Advisory Board Regulation (DüBV)	A member of the BfR provides advice to the BMELV in the scientific advisory board on questions of fertilisation
46.	§ 17 Para. 4 Sentence 7 Drinking Water Regulation (TrinkwV)	Supporting the UBA in the field of hygienic assessment of materials used for the winning, processing, distribution of drinking water and in contact with drinking water
47.	§ 10 Para. 3, § 11a Para. 1, 3 General Administration Regulation Framework Monitoring (AVV RÜb)	Contribution to the BVL's drawing up of yearly control plans
48.	§ 14a Para. 1 AVV RÜb	Issuing of consent to the BVL regarding a list of food of non-animal origin from third countries which should primarily be subject to import control
49.	§ 19 Para. 1 AVV RÜb	Information exchange with other authorities on questions of official control and food safety
50.	§ 22 Para. 3 AVV RÜb	Cooperation with the BVL in compiling the annual reports for control plans
51.	§ 4 Para. 3 General Administration Regulation Monitoring (AVV Monitoring)	Programme suggestions to the BVL for processing special topics in the field of monitoring
52.	§ 1 Para. 3 und § 2 Para. 3 AVV Monitoring	Representation in the Monitoring Committee and in the expert groups of the BVL
53.	§ 6 Para. 1 General Administration Regulation Zoonosis Food Chain (AVV Zoonosis Food Chain)	Yearly draft proposal of the zoonosis sample and assessment of the results of zoonosis monitoring in Germany

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54.	§ 7 Para. 2 AVV Zoonosis Food Chain	Representation in the Zoonosis Committee of the BVL
55.	§ 9 Para. 2 und Para. 3 AVV Zoonosis Food Chain	Provision and transmission of data systems and issuing of consent to the BVL regarding a data transmission system
56.	§ 10 Para. 2 AVV Zoonosis Food Chain	Annual assessment of zoonosis monitoring data and providing information to the federal states and the public
57.	§ 11 and § 12 AVV Zoonosis Food Chain	Yearly recording and reporting on food and food-borne illness outbreaks and implementation of training sessions on BELA, plus advice upon request of a competent state authority as part of epidemiological investigations of food-borne illness outbreaks
58.	§ 7 Para. 4 General Administration Regulation Rapid Alert System (AVV SWS)	Defining reporting criteria for food with residues
59.	§ 7 Para. 5, § 7a Para. 4 AVV SWS	Drawing up criteria catalogues for assessing food with regards to bacteria, toxins and viruses etc. and food utensils
60.	§ 7 Para. 7 und § 8 Para. 5 AVV SWS	Involvement in the decision of the BVL on the discontinuation of reports on food and feed via the Rapid Alert System (RASFF)
61.	§ 8 Para. 3 AVV SWS	Drawing up a criteria catalogue of unwanted substances in feed
62.	Annex 4, 3.9.4.1 General Administration Regulation on Food Hygiene (AVV LmH)	Making available the test germ Bacillus subtilis BGA for official food monitoring