JOB ADVERTISEMENT

The German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR) is the national institute which prepares expert reports and opinions on questions concerning the safety of food, feed and chemicals, as well as consumer health protection, on the basis of internationally recognised scientific evaluation criteria. It advises the Federal Government and other institutions and interest groups in these areas. The BfR conducts its own research on topics that are closely linked to its assessment tasks. It is an institution with legal capacity within the portfolio of the Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture (BMEL).

The following permanent position is to be filled with immediate effect in the Safety in the Food Chain department at the BfR in the “Contaminants” unit:

Scientific Officer
- Salary group A 13 BBesO -

Reference number: 2136/2018

Appointment as a civil servant will be made upon presentation of the prerequisites under civil service law and complete fulfilment of the qualifications profile.

Part-time work is possible.

Alternatively, the position can be filled by persons subject to the collective salary agreement (TVöD).

Salary/pay will be commensurate with duties and qualifications.

Duties:

- Development of analytical methods for detecting marine biotoxins by means of LC-MS/MS within the scope of the tasks of the National Reference Laboratory for Marine Biotoxins
- Scientific accompaniment of the development and validation of multi-methods for determining contaminants in foods and feeds
- Collaboration in the standardisation of these methods in line with international protocols
- Organisation and conducting of workshops and training courses for representatives of official food monitoring bodies
- Independent initiation and conducting of research projects for the detection of natural toxins in foods and feeds
- Drafting of reports on research results for publication in scientific journals
- Representation of the BfR in national and international committees (ISO, CEN, DIN, Art. 64 German Food and Feed Code (LFGB), EURL/NRL network)
Requirements:

- University degree (master’s, diploma) or comparable university degree) in Food Chemistry, Chemistry or comparable subject, doctorate preferred
- Very good knowledge in the field of general food analytics and analytical chemistry, relevant practical and theoretical knowledge (professional experience) in the development of multi-methods by means of LC-MS/MS
- Experience in the field of high-resolution spectrometry preferred
- Knowledge of cytological methods of advantage
- Proven ability and authorisation to perform scientific tasks on an abstract level with evidence of the pertinent publications
- Proven ability to conduct research projects in a manner that focuses on results
- Knowledge and experience of collaboration in scientific and scientific-administrative work groups of advantage
- Very good written and spoken English
- Good computer literacy as well as a conscientious work approach, flexibility, ability to work in a team and the ability to cope with pressure are prerequisites, as is willingness to travel on business

The place of work is Berlin.

More detailed information is available from Dr. Preiß-Weigert (Tel.: 030 18412-3352) and Dr. Lahrssen-Wiederholt (Tel.: 030 18412-2362).

The BfR welcomes applications from people of all nationalities. The BfR is an innovative scientific institute offering family-friendly working conditions for which it was awarded the “audit berufundfamilie®” (work and family) certificate. The BfR guarantees equal career opportunities for women and men, and is therefore particularly interested in receiving applications from women. In the case of equal suitability, severely disabled applicants will be given preferential consideration and are only required to have a minimum level of physical suitability.

Application procedure

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