



The German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR) is the national institute which prepares expert reports and opinions on questions of food, feed and chemical safety and consumer health protection in Germany on the basis of internationally recognised scientific assessment 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 now available in the “Chemical Safety” unit in the BfR’s Chemical and Product Safety department:

Head of Safety of Chemicals unit (f/m/x)

Reference number: 3417 | Salary bracket A15 BBesO | Place of work: Berlin | Application deadline: 11.12.2023

As a family-friendly institute, we also offer part-time working models for management positions among our work options.

The post will be granted on condition that the client meets the general civil service law requirements and possesses all the appropriate qualifications. The post can alternatively be filled by a salaried employee. Remuneration will be paid in line with the tasks undertaken and the applicant’s qualifications.

Tasks:

- Professional and organisational management of the Safety of Chemicals unit in the BfR’s Chemical and Product Safety department with currently approx. 20 employees
- Team leader for the coordination and technical responsibility of the health assessment of chemicals and risk assessment for consumers for the implementation of the legal responsibilities according to REACH and CLP regulations
- Strategic work planning, including the identification and prioritisation of chemicals requiring regulation, in cooperation with other federal authorities
- Representation of toxicological and risk assessments in the European Chemicals Agency ECHA panels and EU/ECHA expert panels
- Supporting the European Chemicals Agency ECHA scientific panels
- Writing scientific reports on the health and risk assessment of substances as part of various procedures under REACH and CLP (in particular proposals for the restriction of substances and proposals for harmonised classification and labelling)
- Participation in the further development of test strategies and assessment guidelines as well as in the further development of the methodology for the risk assessment of chemicals at international level (EU, OECD, WHO)
- Participation in advising the Federal Government and federal authorities on consumer health protection and chemical safety issues
- Representation of the BfR in national and international expert panels

Your profile:

- University degree (diploma, master's or comparable university degree) in medicine, veterinary medicine, biochemistry, toxicology, pharmacy, chemistry, medical chemistry, biology or a comparable field
- Doctorate
- Good knowledge of chemicals regulations
- Strong sense of responsibility and ability to delegate as well as a high degree of willingness to learn, communication skills and conflict resolution
- Result and resource-oriented way of working
- Understanding of family-conscious leadership behaviour, as well as of the connections between leadership behaviour, motivation and willingness to perform
- Willingness to develop leadership skills
- Good time management, conscientious working methods, flexibility, high resilience and commitment, good communication skills and enjoyment in managing staff as well as willingness to travel on business are required
- Good IT skills and practical experience in using standard IT applications and handling databases

Desired:

- Management experience of interdisciplinary science teams
- Professional qualifications in toxicology
- Specialist knowledge in human toxicology
- Professional experience in toxicological fields/research projects (ideally several years of experience in regulatory toxicology at EU and OECD level)
- Experience in collaboration at national and international level
- Experience abroad
- Experience in acquiring third-party funding and writing scientific publications

Application process:

Does this position appeal to you?

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Then please apply by 11.12.2023 via our online system.

Please address any questions in connection with the application process to bewerbung@bfr.bund.de.

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