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**BVL annual course on
Food Safety Risk Management**

BERLIN, GERMANY

Aims of the Training

The International Training for Safer Food (ITS Food) is an advanced international training event on the subject of food safety risk management.

ITS Food provides you with in-depth knowledge on food safety as well as risk and crisis management in Germany and the European Union. The training will cover relevant aspects which are crucial to a comprehensive risk management for safe food, feed and consumer products. In each session, a specific topic of global relevance is highlighted. For example, previous courses included a state-of-the-art insight into food fraud and food authenticity, into control programmes and crisis management as well as lab visits.

The intention of this training program is to increase knowledge and foster mutual understanding on food safety risk management amongst participants from public food safety bodies.

Practitioners from competent authorities, official laboratories and research institutions will share their insight and experience in order for participants to increase their level of expertise, share and identify best practices in their field of work, check out various tools for the different tasks and take home knowledge to share with colleagues. Participants will enjoy a high-level and hands-on technical exchange and have the opportunity to build new networks with colleagues from around the globe.

Speakers

Our speakers are experienced experts from the German Federal Office of Consumer Protection and Food Safety (BVL), the German Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture (BMEL) and from other public food safety institutions and cooperation partners in Germany and beyond. The experts are also available during the breaks to meet and exchange with participants.

Curriculum

The training will focus on the following topics through interactive presentations, panel discussions and visits:

- ▶ Implementation of food safety regulations in the European Union and Germany
- ▶ Authorisation procedures in the context of food safety
- ▶ Tools for risk management in official controls
- ▶ Insights into the work of the control authorities in Germany – e.g. visit to a food business operator with local competent authority
- ▶ The network of Reference Laboratories in the European Union – e.g. visit to EU and National Reference Laboratories
- ▶ Food safety alert and information systems
- ▶ Prevention, incident and crisis management
- ▶ Food authenticity/food fraud
- ▶ Management of undesired substances in food

Participants will receive a certificate of participation upon completing this training.





Requirements for participation

This training is aimed at you if:

- ▶ You are a government official engaged in food safety/public health.
- ▶ You have an academic background in biology, chemistry, food chemistry, medicine, veterinary medicine or other relevant discipline.
- ▶ You already have comprehensive professional experience in food/feed safety and risk management.
- ▶ You have a very good command of the English language (equivalent to the Cambridge Certificate in Advanced English (CAE) or TOEFL®). Working language during the training will be English.

How to apply?

The online application period for the International Training for Safer Food will open in advance of the next training course.

Please subscribe to our newsletter or check our website for updates on the next training:

www.bvl.bund.de/its-food

The German Federal Office of Consumer Protection and Food Safety looks forward to welcoming you to ITS Food, our international course on food safety and risk management!



Venue/Virtual classroom

The International Training for Safer Food will either take place in Berlin or will be hosted virtually with access to the training platform from around the globe.

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Fees

Virtual trainings are free of charge. The fee for on-site training courses is calculated on a net cost basis and will be announced in advance to the respective event.

The Federal Office of Consumer Protection and Food Safety

The Federal Office of Consumer Protection and Food Safety (BVL) was founded in 2002 as an autonomous superior federal authority under the jurisdiction of the Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture (BMEL) for the purpose of risk management in the food safety sector. The BVL's main focus is the protection of consumer health. Its tasks include improving coordination between the Federal Government and the Federal States, making the communication of risks more transparent and managing risks before they turn into crises.

The BVL coordinates, for example, the monitoring programs implemented by the Federal States concerning food, feed and consumer products. It is the national contact point for the Rapid Alert System (RASFF) of the European Union. In times of crisis, it serves as a situation center for the crisis management group of the BMEL. Additionally, the Task Force "Food and Feed Safety" can be convened.

Furthermore, the BVL is the competent authority for the authorisation of plant protection products and veterinary medicines in Germany and for approval procedures concerning genetically modified organisms.

The BVL hosts one European and eight National Reference Laboratories for certain residues and contaminants, and carries out the resistance monitoring of pathogenic agents in animals.

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