

# FOOD SAFETY

Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Forestry

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The organisations that work in the food sector are responsible for the products they place on the market: they take the appropriate steps to produce safe, healthy products and are accountable to the ministry's control authority (DGAL), which carries out inspections.



**+500,000**  
farms  
to inspect



**+400,000**  
processing, retail  
and catering sites  
to inspect



**+4,000**  
inspectors  
in the decentralised  
services



**14,000**  
State-registered  
public health  
veterinarians



Total cost  
of health inspections:  
**€350 million/year**

## PRODUCTION

arable and livestock  
farms and fisheries

## PROCESSING

cooperatives, dairy industry,  
abattoirs, manufacturing  
of fish – or meat – based products,  
animal feed

## DISTRIBUTION

transport, warehousing,  
institutional or commercial  
catering services  
and shops

## BORDERS

on animals, plants  
and imported or exported  
foodstuffs



## WHERE ARE INSPECTIONS CARRIED OUT ?

### ALL LINKS IN THE FOOD CHAIN ARE INSPECTED THROUGHOUT THE YEAR



**75,000**  
site inspections  
to check  
food safety



**30,000**  
farms  
inspections



**6,900** inspections  
on the use  
of plant health  
products on farms  
or during  
distribution

### WHAT IS INSPECTED ?



Implementation of **appropriate measures**  
to ensure product quality in terms of health.



Compliance with **hygiene conditions** at sites  
(animal cleanliness, integrity of the cold chain, etc.).



The **presence of contaminants\*** in animal and plant  
foodstuffs and animal feed, by taking samples  
that are analysed by a network of accredited  
laboratories and **30 national reference laboratories**.  
Over **800,000** analysis results are produced.

\*banned and anabolic substances, veterinary medicines,  
environmental contaminants and harmful biological agents –  
salmonella, listeria, etc.



### IN CASES OF NON-ADHERENCE TO REGULATIONS OR COMPLIANCE FAILURES

Operators can be ordered to pay fines or charged with an offence, products can be withdrawn from the market or destroyed, and authorisations can be suspended or sites closed down.