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**ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE OF CONSUMER HEALTH PROTECTION/FOOD  
SAFETY IN GERMANY**


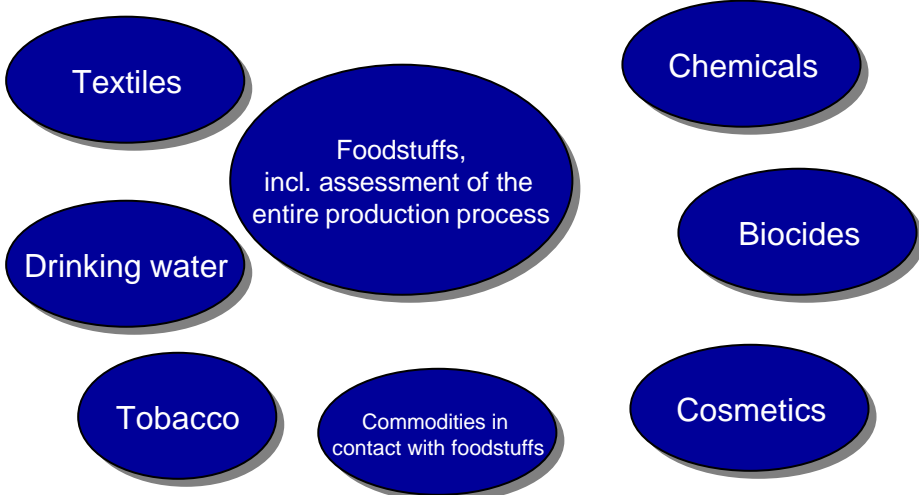
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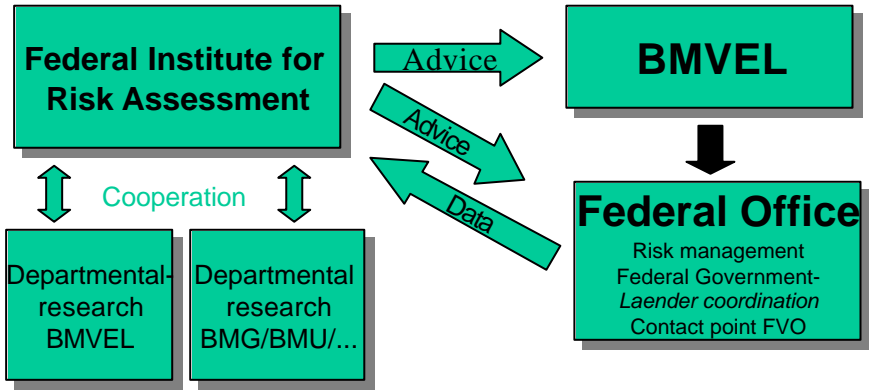
 <p>Bundesministerium für Verbraucherschutz, Ernährung und Landwirtschaft</p>		
<h2>Administrative structure of consumer health protection/ food safety in Germany</h2> <h3>Results of the Working Group</h3>		


 <p>Bundesministerium für Verbraucherschutz, Ernährung und Landwirtschaft</p>	<h2>Outline</h2>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Initial situation</li> <li>• Organisational structure of consumer protection and food safety</li> <li>• Origin of resources</li> <li>• Topics, set tasks and interfaces <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Scientific agency</li> <li>– Federal Office of Consumer Protection and Food Safety</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		
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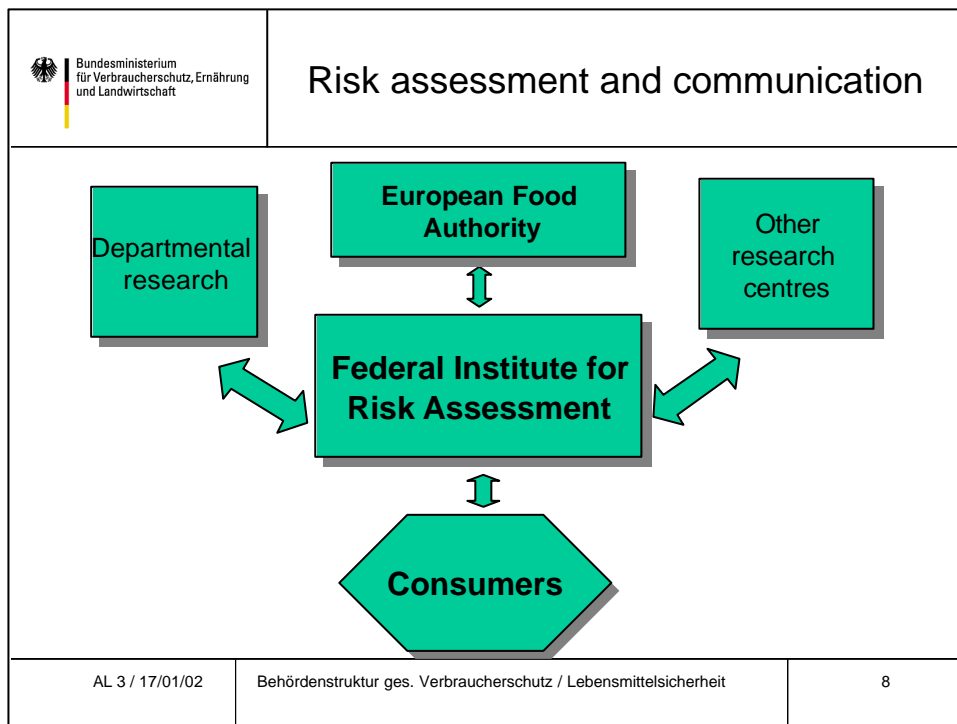
 <p>Bundesministerium für Verbraucherschutz, Ernährung und Landwirtschaft</p>	<h2>Initial situation</h2>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deficits in the field of risk assessment                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– no central assessment agency</li> <li>– capacity shortages</li> <li>– combination with risk management</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Only rudimentary risk communication</li> <li>• Deficits in risk management                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Fragmentation of responsibilities across the Ministries</li> <li>– Fragmentation of responsibilities in the Federal authorities</li> <li>– Unsatisfactory EU-Federal Government-Laender coordination</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		
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 <p>The diagram consists of eight blue ovals arranged around a central oval. The central oval is the largest and contains the text 'Foodstuffs, incl. assessment of the entire production process'. Surrounding it are seven smaller ovals: 'Textiles' (top-left), 'Chemicals' (top-right), 'Drinking water' (middle-left), 'Biocides' (middle-right), 'Tobacco' (bottom-left), 'Commodities in contact with foodstuffs' (bottom-center), and 'Cosmetics' (bottom-right).</p>		
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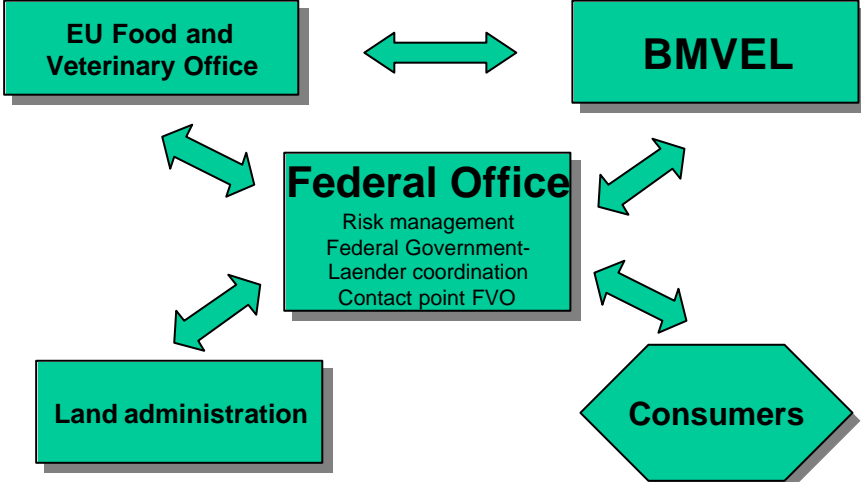
 <p>Bundesministerium für Verbraucherschutz, Ernährung und Landwirtschaft</p>	<h2>Key points of the proposal</h2>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pooling of responsibilities in the Federal Ministry of Consumer Protection, Food and Agriculture (BMVEL)</li> <li>• Separation of risk assessment / risk communication and risk management</li> <li>• Establishing an independent and credible scientific agency to assess health risks</li> <li>• Pooling management and coordination tasks</li> </ul>		
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 <pre> graph TD     FIRAS[Federal Institute for Risk Assessment]     BMVEL[BMVEL]     FO[Federal Office Risk management Federal Government- Laender coordination Contact point FVO]     DR1[Departmental research BMVEL]     DR2[Departmental research BMG/BMU/...]      FIRAS &lt;--&gt; Cooperation  DR1     FIRAS &lt;--&gt; Cooperation  DR2     FIRAS -- Advice --&gt; BMVEL     BMVEL -- Advice --&gt; FIRAS     FIRAS -- Data --&gt; FO     BMVEL --&gt; FO     </pre>		
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 <p>Bundesministerium für Verbraucherschutz, Ernährung und Landwirtschaft</p>	<h2>Tasks of the Institute for Risk Assessment</h2>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identification and assessment of risks                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– on its own initiative</li> <li>– on demand by risk management</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Elaborating options for action risk communication : public relations work to inform consumers and to create transparency</li> <li>• Cooperation with the European Food Authority</li> <li>• Research in the field of consumer health protection</li> </ul>		
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 <p>Bundesministerium für Verbraucherschutz, Ernährung und Landwirtschaft</p>	<h2>Tasks of risk management</h2>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preparation of law-making for uniform risk management (AVV)</li> <li>• Coordination of food inspection by the Federal Government/<i>Laender</i></li> <li>• Crisis management</li> <li>• Approval body for veterinary medicinal products, feed additives, plant protection products</li> <li>• Coordination of control by EU (FVO)</li> </ul>		
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 <p>Bundesministerium für Verbraucherschutz, Ernährung und Landwirtschaft</p>	<h2>The foundations for new structures</h2>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pooling of existing resources from the Federal Institute for Health Protection of Consumers and Veterinary Medicine (BgVV), the Biological Research Centre for Agriculture and Forestry (BBA) and other institutions in the purview of the Ministries</li><li>• Additional personnel and capital investment on a scale still to be quantified</li></ul>		
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