



Federal Office of
Consumer Protection
and Food Safety



Organisation of food safety in Germany

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History

Numerous crises in the EU
(dioxin, antibiotics in pork, BSE)



Reorganisation of health-related consumer protection

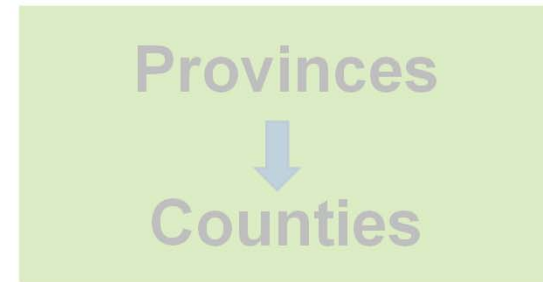
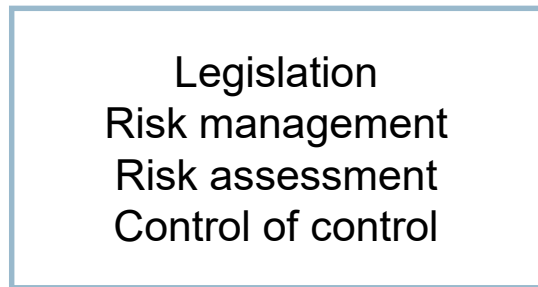


Separation of risk assessment and risk management
risks concerning consumer health protection
should be evaluated and managed by (two) different institutions

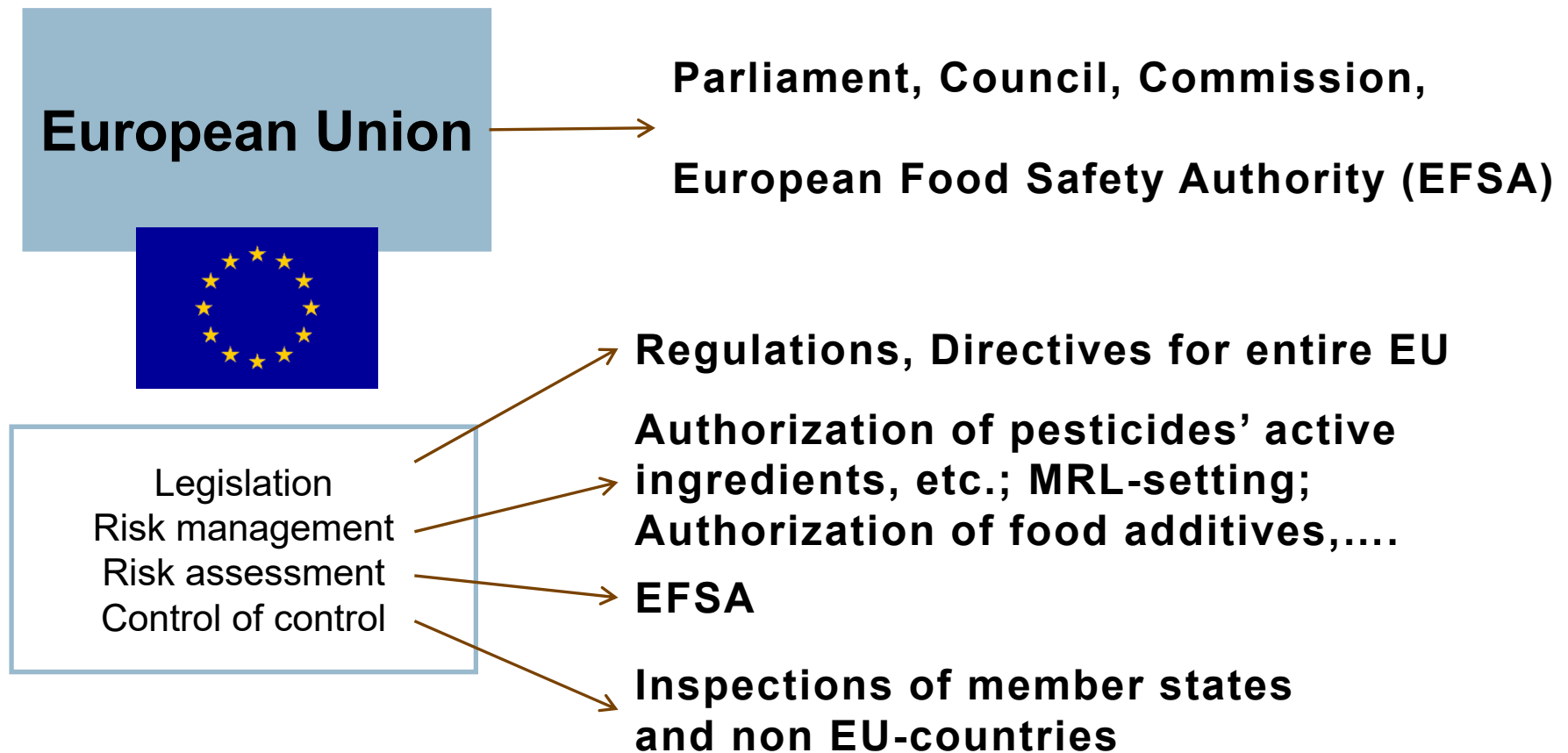
Governmental /administrative competencies



Food control authorities at EU level



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Structures at national level





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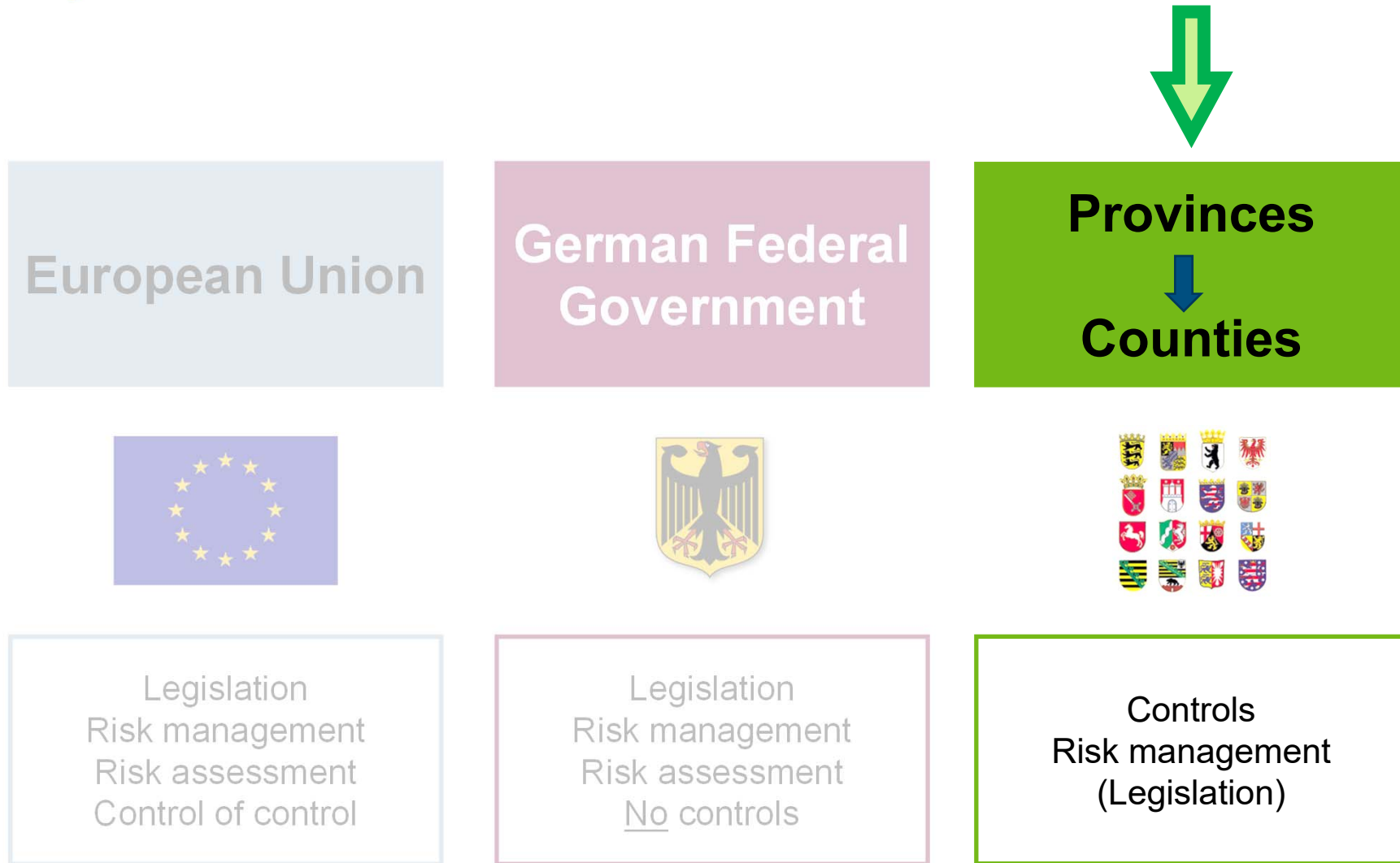
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Risk assessment
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Laws at national level

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Activities of food control authorities



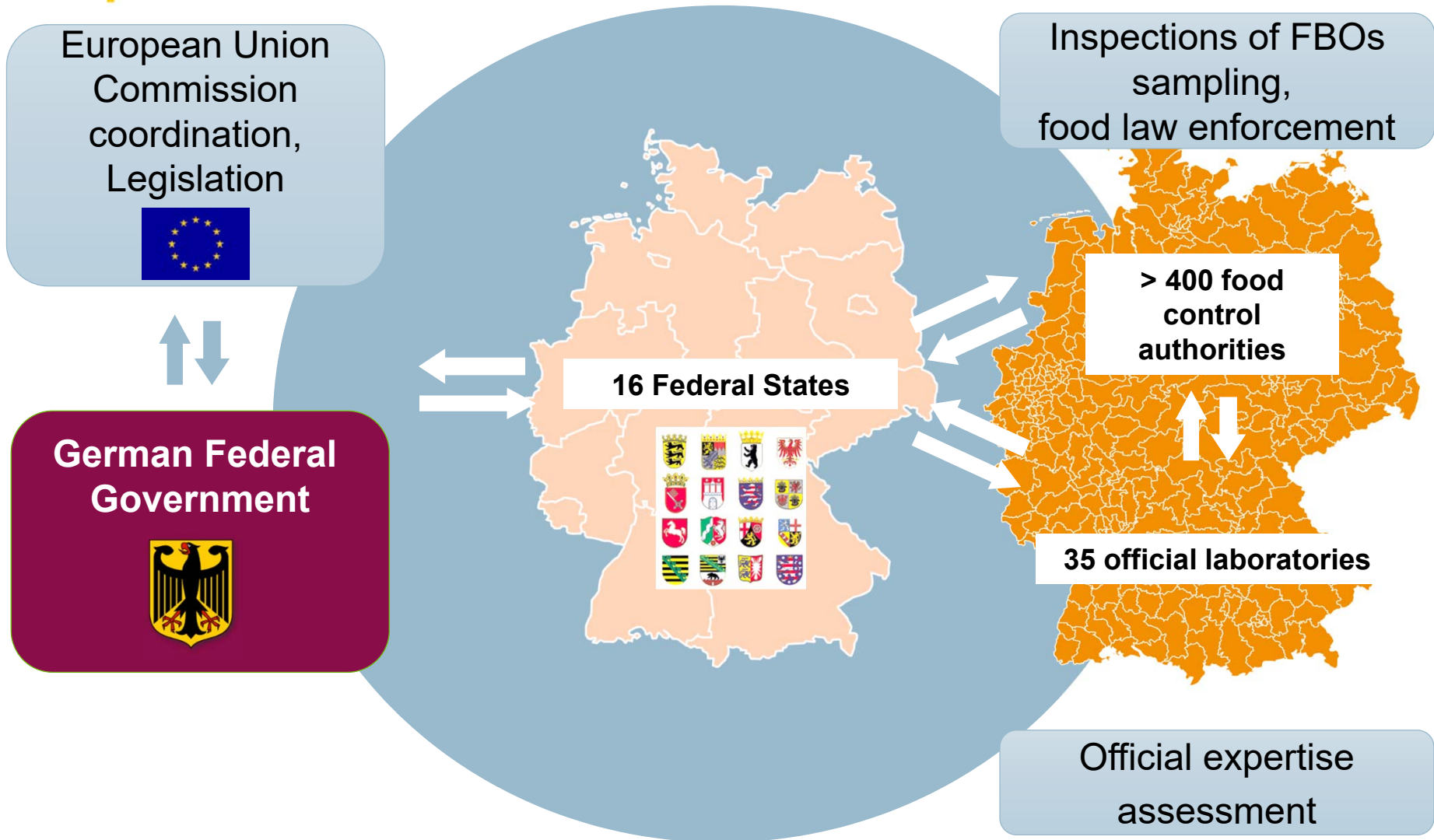
- **Inspections of food establishments at all levels**
- **Official meat inspection**
- **Sampling of foodstuffs at all levels of food chain**
- **Import controls**
- **Registration and authorization of food businesses**
- **Issuing export licenses for establishments exporting food of animal origin to third countries**
- **Advice to consumers**
- **Crisis management**

Food control authorities in the provinces and counties



- **More than 400 Food and Veterinary Offices**
- **Competent authorities for enforcement of food control (according to the German Constitution)**
- **Responsible for the enforcement of food control legislation**
- **Food control systems are organised by each province on its own responsibility**

Food Safety (National Level)



Risk analysis

Legal Definition according to Article 3 No 10 Regulation (EC) No 178/2002
A Process consisting of three interconnected components



Article 6 No 1 Regulation (EC) No 178/2002

- General objective: a high level of protection of human health and life
- food law shall be **based on risk analysis** except where this is not appropriate to the circumstances or the nature of the measure



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Tasks of the BVL

- Risk management -

- Working Groups and Committees
- Coordination of Monitoring Programmes
- Data Management
- Crisis Management
- Standardised federal system for recording data on foods implicated in disease outbreaks (BELA)
- Joint expert commission for classification of substances
- E-Commerce control (G@zielt)
- Food warning of consumers (www.lebensmittelwarnung.de)
- Reference Laboratory
- Cross-Border Infringements
- Assistance in EU and Third-Country Inspections in DE

Coordinated Control Programmes - Aims

(Preventive) Protection of health – Prevention of fraud

Monitoring

Assessment of
consumer exposure

- sampling is carried out randomly
- representative data

- Monitoring of food, commodities/ consumer products and cosmetics
- Monitoring of zoonoses

Risk based controls

Control of Compliance with the
current legislation

- Risk-based sampling
- Data not representative

- Federal Control Plan
- National Report on Pesticide Residues
- European coordinated control programmes
- National Control plan on Residues in food of animal origin

Thank you for your attention!

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