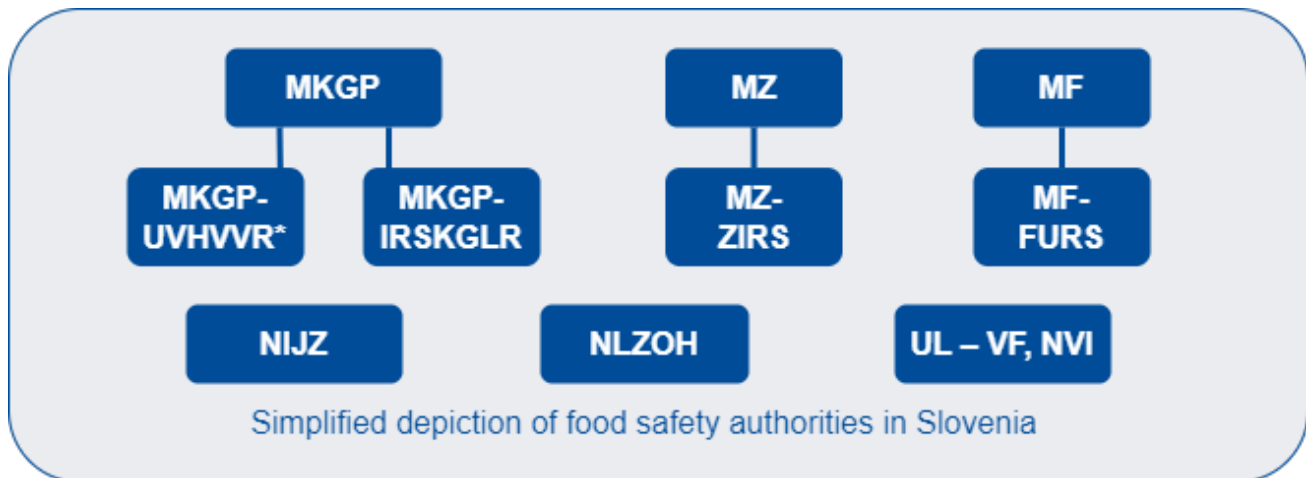


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Several national laws and governmental regulations represent the legal foundation for food legislation and official controls. Infringement of these regulations can lead to administrative and/or penalty measures being taken by the Administration for Food Safety, Veterinary Sector and Plant Protection (UVHVVR), the Health Inspectorate of the Republic of Slovenia (ZIRS), the Inspectorate of the Republic of Slovenia for Agriculture, Forestry, Hunting and Fisheries (IRSKGLR), and the Financial Administration (FURS). Measures can also be taken under criminal law (Public Prosecution Office) and civil law (civil claims). The above measures are based on legal requirements or on risk analyses in cases where no EU or national legal requirements exist. The final decision on the legality of measures taken rests with the courts.

The processes of risk assessment and risk management are institutionally separated.

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Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Food

Name	Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Food
Acronym	MKGP
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Risk communication• Risk management
Responsibilities	
Location	Ljubljana
URL	https://www.gov.si/drzavni-organi/ministrstva/ministrstvo-za-kmetijstvo-gozdarstvo-in-prehrano/ .

The Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Food (MKGP) is responsible for the policy and legislative framework in the areas of agriculture, fisheries and forestry, including food and feed quality, e.g. marketing standards for food, protected designation of origin, protected geographical indication, traditional speciality guaranteed, and indication of products of higher quality.

Administration for Food Safety, Veterinary Sector and Plant Protection

Name	Administration for Food Safety, Veterinary Sector and Plant Protection
Acronym	UVHVVR
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Risk management• Risk communication• Inspection and controls• RASFF contact point• Codex Contact Point• EFSA Focal Point
Responsibilities	
Location	Ljubljana
URL	https://www.gov.si/drzavni-organi/organi-v-sestavu/uprava-za-varno-hrano-veterinarstvo-in-varstvo-rastlin/novice-uprave-za-varno-hrano-veterinarstvo-in-varstvo-rastlin/

The Administration for Food Safety, Veterinary Sector and Plant Protection (UVHVVR), a body within the MKGP, is the principal competent authority for food and feed safety, animal health and welfare, and plant health. It is responsible for the preparation and implementation of the legislative framework, risk monitoring, managing the public, animal and plant health risks, as well as for official inspection and controls along the entire food and feed chain.


The competencies of the UVHVVR comprise administrative, technical and inspection tasks in the area of the safety, quality and labelling of food (including genetically modified organisms (GMOs), natural mineral waters) and feed; food safety in the catering sector, animal health and welfare, zoonoses, use of veterinary medicinal products, animal by-products, plant health protection, registration and use of plant protection products, and residues of pesticides.

The UVHVVR requests analyses of official samples and risk assessments from appointed scientific institutions and research organisations, such as:

- University of Ljubljana, Veterinary Faculty – National Veterinary Institute
- National Laboratory of Health, Environment and Food
- National Institute of Public Health
- Agricultural Institute of Slovenia
- National Institute of Biology
- Slovenian Institute for Hop Research and Brewing
- Slovenian Forestry Institute.




Within international trade, the UVHVVR is responsible for market access with regard to food safety, veterinary and phytosanitary requirements. Import and export controls in these sectors are implemented in close cooperation with the customs authority of FURS.

Inspectorate of the Republic of Slovenia for Agriculture, Forestry, Hunting and Fisheries

Name	Inspectorate of the Republic of Slovenia for Agriculture, Forestry, Hunting and Fisheries
Acronym	IRSKGLR
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inspection and controls
Responsibilities	
Location	Ljubljana
URL	https://www.gov.si/drzavni-organi/organi-v-sestavi/inspektorat-za-kmetijstvo-gozdarstvo-lovstvo-in-ribistvo/


The Inspectorate of the Republic of Slovenia for Agriculture, Forestry, Hunting and Fisheries (IRSKGLR) is responsible for official controls (on-the-spot checks) with regard to the identification and registration of animals.

Ministry of Health

Name	Ministry of Health
Acronym	MZ
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Risk communication • Risk management
Responsibilities	  
Location	Ljubljana
URL	https://www.gov.si/drzavni-organi/ministrstva/ministrstvo-za-zdravje/

The Ministry of Health (MZ) is responsible for the policy and legislative framework in the area of healthcare, including public health and health insurance. The portfolio of the MZ includes safety of food and drinking water and drafting and implementing a general policy on nutrition. Within the food safety area, the MZ is specifically responsible for the preparation of legislation and overseeing its implementation with regard to food for specific groups, food supplements and food contact materials. The MZ requests risk assessments from appointed scientific institutions, such as the National Institute of Public Health (NIJZ) and the National Laboratory of Health, Environment and Food (NLZOH).

Health Inspectorate of the Republic of Slovenia

Name	Health Inspectorate of the Republic of Slovenia
Acronym	ZIRS
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Risk management • Inspection and control
Responsibilities	
Location	Ljubljana
URL	https://www.gov.si/drzavni-organi/organi-v-sestavi/zdravstveni-inspektorat/

The Health Inspectorate of the Republic of Slovenia (ZIRS) is responsible for the official control of food supplements, food for specific groups, food contact materials and drinking water.

Ministry of Finance - Financial Administration (FURS)

Name	Ministry of Finance - Financial Administration (FURS)
Acronym	MF
Activities	• Inspection and controls
Location	Ljubljana
URL	https://www.fu.gov.si/

The Financial Administration (FURS) is subordinate to the Ministry of Finance (MF). The FURS is responsible for official import controls regarding:


- Products of animal origin for personal consumption
- Foodstuffs of non-animal origin (except for the increased level of controls)
- Documentary and identity checks on animal feedstuffs of non-animal origin
- Wooden packaging materials
- Detection of illegal imports

National Institute of Public Health

Name	National Institute of Public Health
Acronym	NIJZ
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Risk assessment • Risk communication • Research • Regulatory science
Responsibilities	
Location	Ljubljana
URL	https://www.nijz.si/en

The National Institute of Public Health (NIJZ) is a national scientific organisation responsible for chemical, nutritional, microbiological and novel food risk assessments and risk communication. The NIJZ works in close collaboration with national and international organisations in the field of food safety.

National Laboratory of Health, Environment and Food

Name	National Laboratory of Health, Environment and Food
Acronym	NLZOH
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Risk assessment • Research
Responsibilities	
Location	Ljubljana
URL	https://www.nlzoh.si/en/

The National Laboratory of Health, Environment and Food serves as a National Reference Laboratory pursuant to Regulation (EU) No. 2017/625 and is responsible for sampling, analysis and risk assessment of the official control samples.

University of Ljubljana - Veterinary Faculty, National Veterinary Institute

Name	University of Ljubljana - Veterinary Faculty, National Veterinary Institute
Acronym	UL - VF, NVI
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Risk assessment • Research
Responsibilities	
Location	Ljubljana
URL	https://www.vf.uni-lj.si/en/nvi

The National Veterinary Institute conducts official sampling of food of animal origin for microbiological testing, conducts diagnostic tests for rabies, and performs tasks in the field of animal health. The NVI is designated as the NRL for residues of veterinary medicinal products and contaminants in food of animal origin, and antimicrobial resistance (AMR).

Regional and local levels

The Republic of Slovenia consists of 212 municipalities and has a centralised structure. The food supervision activities come under the responsibility of the UVHVVR, which comprises a head office, ten + regional offices and two Border Inspection Posts (BIPs), and the ZIRS, which has a head office and seven regional offices.

Article 36 institutions

Institutions involved in the EFSA network pursuant to Article 36 Reg. (EC) No. 178/2002

1. Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Food (Ministrstvo za kmetijstvo, gozdarstvo in prehrano - MKGP) (EFSA Focal Point)
2. National Institute of Public Health (Nacionalni inštitut za javno zdravje - NIJZ)
3. Agricultural Institute of Slovenia (Kmetijski inštitut Slovenije - KIS)
4. University of Maribor (Univerza v Mariboru - UM)
5. Jozef Stefan Institute (Institut "Jožef Stefan" - IJS)
6. National Institute of Biology (Nacionalni inštitut za biologijo - NIB)
7. National Laboratory of Health, Environment and Food (Nacionalni laboratorij za zdravje, okolje in hrano - NLZOH)
8. Slovenian Forestry Institute (Gozdarski inštitut Slovenije - GIS)
9. Nutrition Institute (Inštitut za nutricionistiko - NUTRIS)
10. University of Ljubljana (Univerza v Ljubljani - UL)
11. Slovenian Institute of Hop Research and Brewing (Inštitut za hmeljarstvo in pivovarstvo Slovenije - IHPS)

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