In Germany, the federal states are responsible for food control. In most federal states, food control is divided into three levels: At the uppermost level, the responsible ministry coordinates the food control. Below that, the provincial authorities or the regional government offices are responsible for the supervisory control of the food control authorities in the district or municipal authorities ('Kreise und Kreisfreie Städte'). These local offices for food and veterinary control carry out the investigations locally.

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