



ALBANIAN NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY

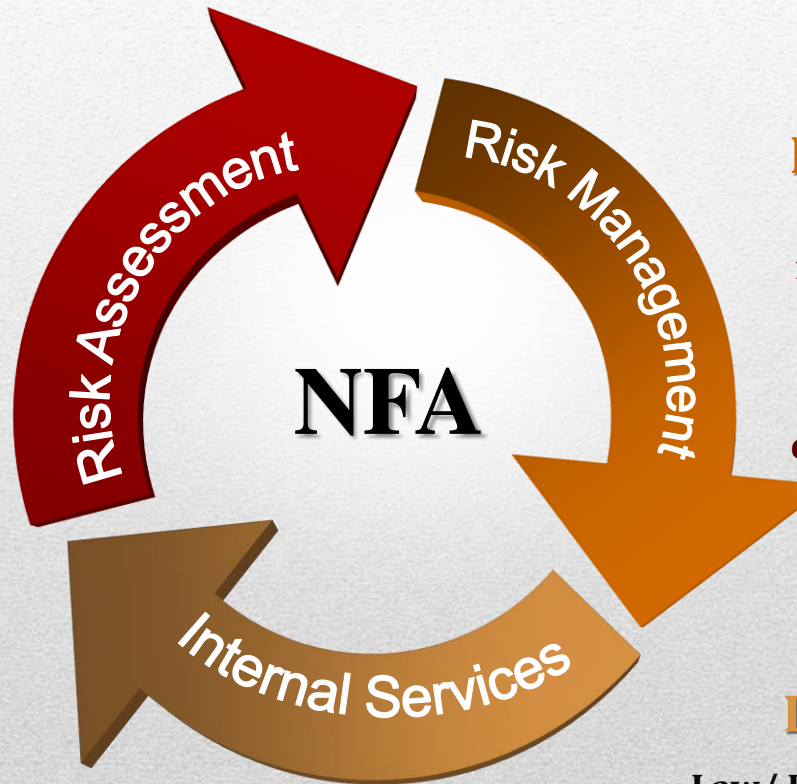
Role & Mission of NFA

National Food Authority performs inspection, technical and scientific activities pursuant to the Law No. 9863 dated 28.01.2008, amended and other specific laws to guarantee food safety, feed safety, animal health and welfare and plant protection. Its mission is to:

“Establish and consolidate the basis for ensuring a high level of human health and the protection of consumer interests, throughout the stages of production, treatment, processing and delivery of food and feed.”

Risk Assessment & Communication

Responsible Department for implementation of strategies and platforms of risk assessment and communication, including preliminary measures and procedures for a rapid dissemination of the proper information to the food industry and consumer.




Risk Management

Responsible Department for monitoring, inspection and reporting on the realization of National Plan for Official Controls carried out in the territory of the Republic of Albania as well as coordination and support of Regional Laboratories.

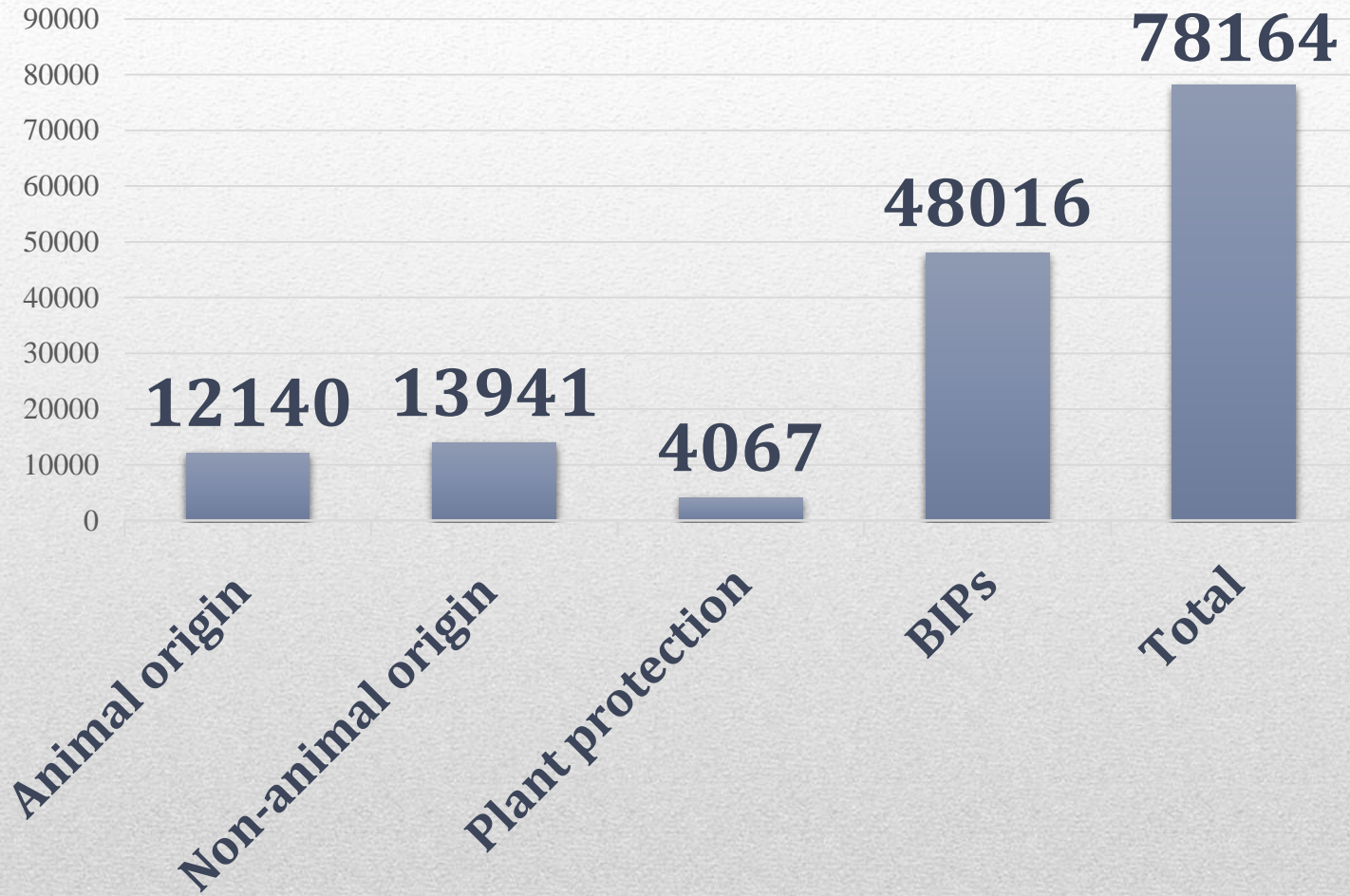
Internal Services

Law/ Finance/ Human Resources/ IT (AKUnet)



The information is obtained from field inspections/
regional directorates of NFA (12 of them, one per
Region)/ Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Development
and Water Administration/ Food Safety and Veterinary
Institute/other Ministries/Public Health
Institute/consumer complaints/etc.

NFA inspections from sectors for 2015



REPORTING OBLIGATIONS

By signing of the Stabilisation and Association Agreement the Albanian legislation within the food safety area is in a process of undergoing change. The process of harmonization of all the Albanian legislation with EU *Aquis* is carried out according to a pre-defined National Plan for Integration & Implementation of Stabilization Association Agreement.

Based on the Food Law secondary legislation has been adopted in line with EU requirements. Current legislation dealing with food safety in Albania is partially aligned with EU provisions, namely the Food Hygiene Package. Regulation (EC) 178/2002, part of the EC Regulation 882/2004 on official controls has been harmonized as well as Regulation 852/2004, 853/2004 and 854/2004 that have been adopted through means of Ordinances of the Minister of Agriculture, Rural Development and Water Administration.

Projects and International Cooperation

- European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) – NFA has signed an Agreement with EFSA in the context of risk assessment and capacity building of NFA human assets in January 2016, for a period of two years, under the framework of the Instrument of Pre-Accession Program II”, aiming at capacity building in risk assessment terms.
 - RASFF Contact Point
 - Turkish Agency for Cooperation and Coordination (TIKA)
 - Better Training for Safer Food - BTSF
 - TAIEX
 - WTO Programme – To facilitate trade with other countries.
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