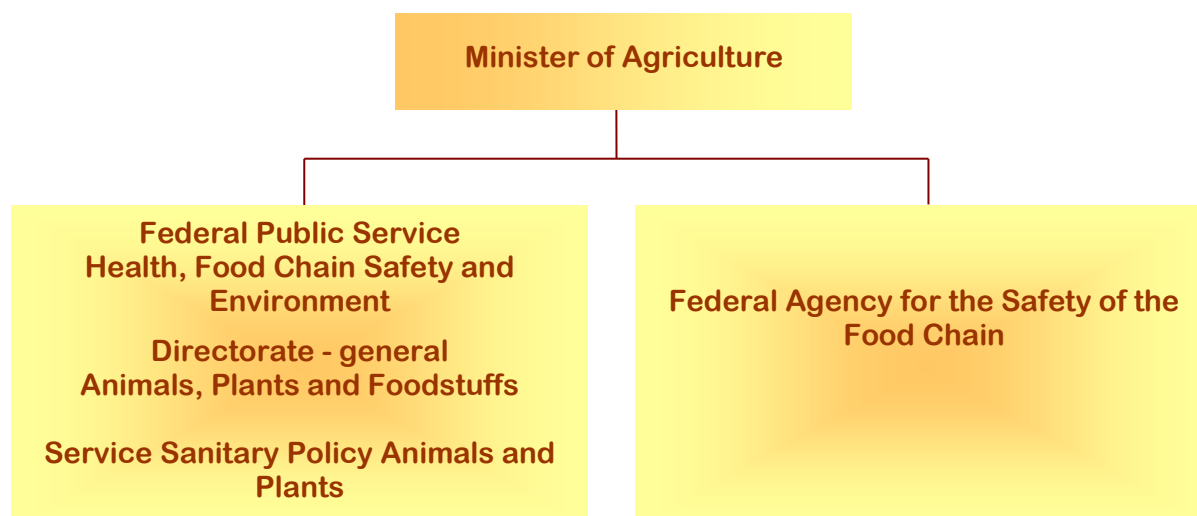


Structure of the Belgian NPPO



In Belgium the responsibilities for plant protection issues are divided between the Directorate-general Animals, Plants and Foodstuffs of the Federal Public Service Health, Food Chain Safety and Environment on the one hand and the Federal Agency for the Safety of the Food Chain on the other hand. Both instances operate under the responsibility of the Minister of Agriculture.

Responsibilities of the Directorate-general (DG) Animals, Plants and Foodstuffs of the Federal Public Service for Health, Food Chain Safety and Environment

The major responsibilities of the DG Animals, Plants and Foodstuffs concerning plant protection are:

- Preparation of policy concerning plant health
- Normalisation and legislation (draft, consultation, transposition of European Directives)
- International relations concerning these responsibilities
- IPPC Official Contact Point

The DG Animals, Plants and Foodstuffs is mainly dealing with the **legislative aspects** of plant protection and is the **single official authority** for Belgium in this respect.

Responsibilities of the Federal Agency for the Safety of the Food Chain

The major responsibilities of the Federal Agency for the Safety of the Food Chain (shortly Food Agency) concerning plant protection are:

- Implementation of the inspection policy
- Legislation concerning controls and inspections
- Execution of phytosanitary controls and inspections
- Issuance of phytosanitary certificates
- International relations concerning these responsibilities

The Food Agency is dealing with the **implementation and execution** of the plant protection policy and is the **single official authority for phytosanitary controls** in Belgium.

Note:

Although plant protection issues, especially quarantine issues, are a federal responsibility, some related issues are under the responsibility of the Regions (Flemish Region¹, Walloon Region² and Brussels-Capital Region³).

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Division Effects on the
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Division Plant
Protection

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