



Statens tilsyn for planter, fisk, dyr og næringsmidler

# Focal Point Meeting

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# The Norwegian Food Safety Authority

**Director General:** Harald Gjein

**Yearly FTE:** 1255

**Established:** 1.1.2004

**Head office** (6 office sites)

**5 regional offices**

**32 local departments** (70 office sites)

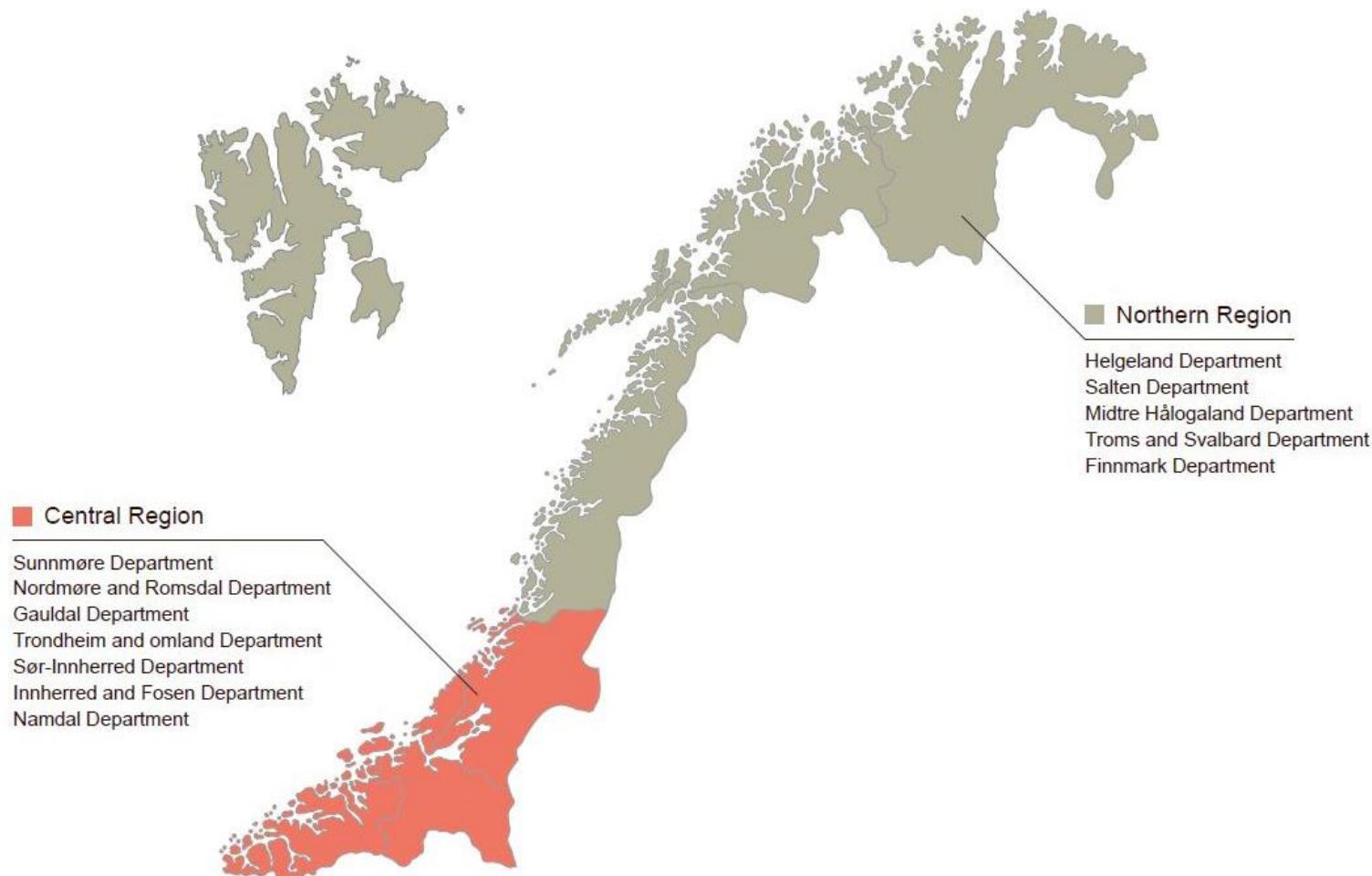
**Answers to three ministries:**

**Ministry of Agriculture and Food (administrative responsibility)**

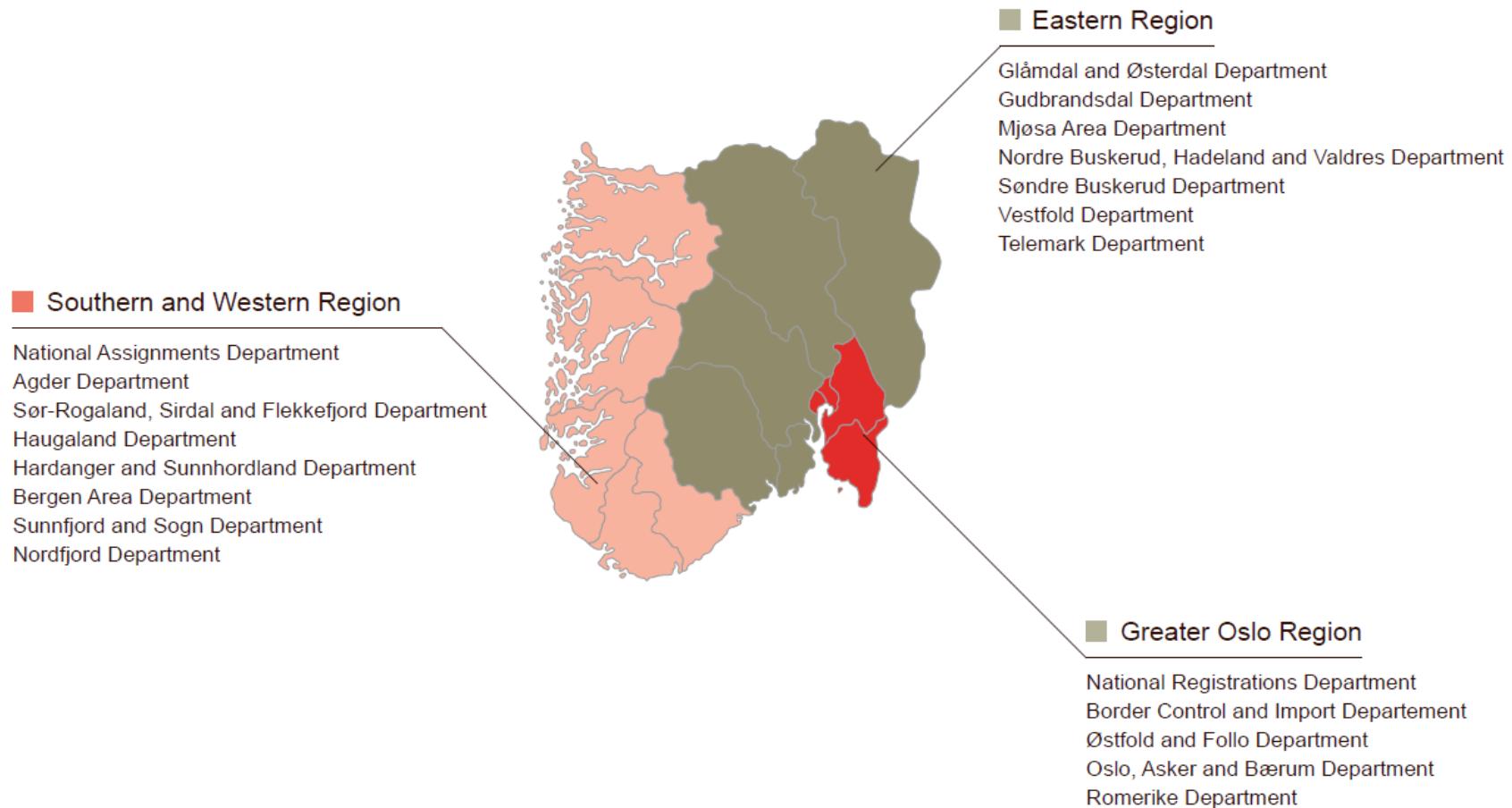
**Ministry of Trade, Industry and Fisheries**

**Ministry of Health and Care Services**

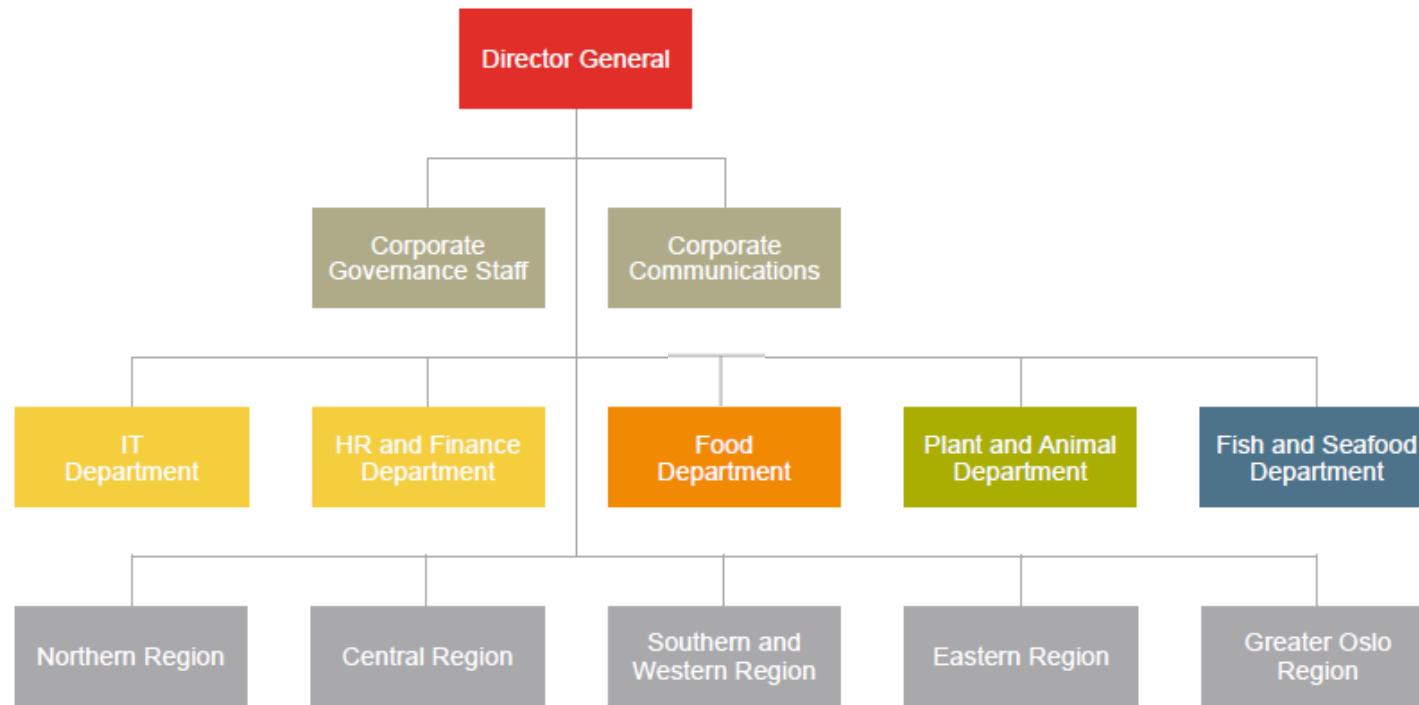
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# Head office and the five regions of the NFSA



# The mission of the NFSA is to promote:

Safe, healthy food

Safe drinking water

Healthy plants, fish and animals

Excellence in animal welfare and respect for fish and animals

Environmentally friendly production

Health, quality and consumer interests throughout the food production chain

# Legislation administered by the NFSA

## **The Food Safety Act:**

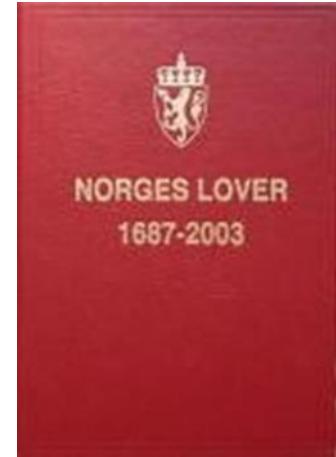
is designed to guarantee healthy, safe food and safe drinking water for consumers, promote health, regulate environmentally friendly production and prevent the spread of animal and plant diseases

## **Act concerning the welfare of animals:**

is designed to ensure ethical keeping of animals and fish

## **Act relating to cosmetic products and other body care products, etc.:**

is designed to ensure that cosmetics and body care products safeguard human and animal health



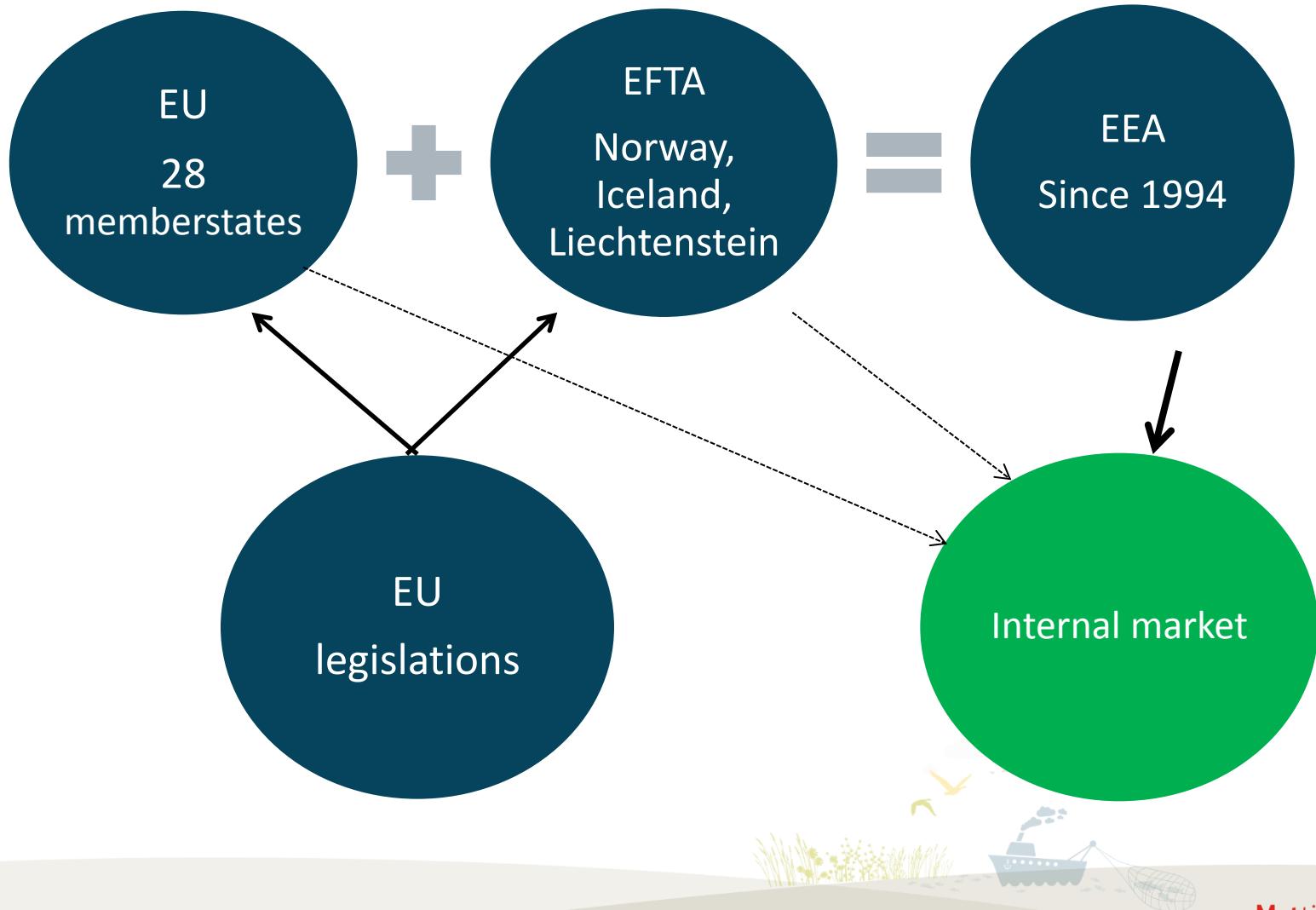
# The NFSA also administers:

- Acts relating to veterinarians and other animal health personnel
- Acts relating to the plant breeder's right
- Acts relating to livestock breeding

Regulations appurtenant to these acts lay down more detailed provisions.

The majority of the Norwegian acts and regulations are included in the EEA Agreement and constitute common European rules.

# Regulatory framework - Norway and the EU



# Designated initiatives 2017

## Areas the ministries asked us to prioritise:

- Fish health and welfare
- Drinking water
- Smiley inspections
- Antibiotic resistance in livestock
- Chronic Wasting Disease



# The core tasks of the NFSA

Gathering  
information and  
analysing current  
conditions

Regulatory and  
legislative work

Supervision,  
control and  
inspections

Communication  
and guidance

# The NFSA's inspection activities in figures 2017

**Total of 70902 inspections:**

- **25 173 on food hygiene control**
- **27070 on animal primary production and welfare**
- **3445 on fish establishments**
- **6233 on boarder control**
- **8981 on other areas**
- **58831 export certificates for fish and seafood issued**



# Conclusions 2017

Food in Norway is safe

There is generally a low level of foreign substances in food

No findings give grounds for suspecting any illegal medication of animals

Plant and animal health is generally satisfactory

The salmon lice infestation level has decreased, but the situation related to fish health and welfare is still unsatisfactory

# Role of different institutions

Political



Nærings- og  
fiskeridepartementet



Landbruks- og  
matdepartementet



Helse- og  
omsorgsdepartementet

Operative



Scientific



**Mattilsynet**

**The Ministries**  
**Set the levels of risk**



**The Norwegian Scientific Committee for Food Safety**  
**Risk assessment**

**Research institutes:**  
**Advisory service**

**The Norwegian Food Safety Authority**  
**Risk management**  
**Official controls**  
**and reactions**

**Laboratories:**  
**Analysis**  
**Advisory service**

# Cooperation

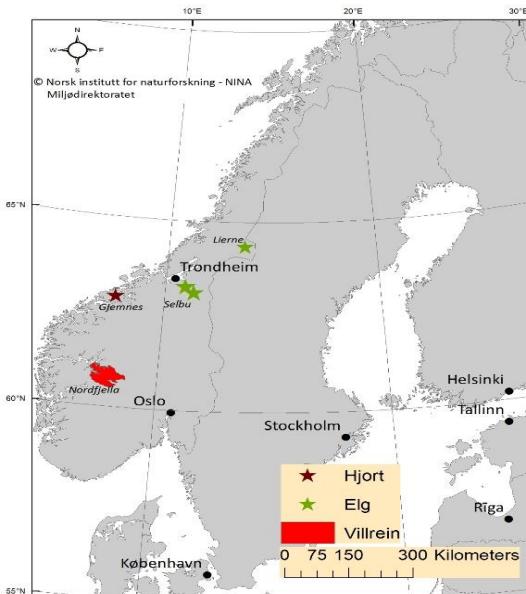
- Our risk management should be based on knowledge
- Risk assessments from VKM and EFSA are essential for
  - Regulations
  - Control and inspections
  - Communication
  - And for our reliability and trust
- Cooperation and sharing best practise makes risk assessments better





# Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Stauts in Norway

- Our goal is healthy cervidae in Norway
- CWD – a prion disease – no cure
- 40.000 animals tested 2016-2017, 22 animals found positive
- Culling of the Nordfjella zone 1 population is completed
- No indications of spreading outside Nordfjella
- Plan for 2018 is to test 30.000 animals
- Important success criteria for risk management and trust:
  - Risk assessment and updates from VKM
  - Cooperation between EFSA and VKM



# Risk assessment from VKM

## Some highlights from 2017

- Cleaner fish and the risks of transmitting infection to farmed salmon
- Risk assessment of radioactivity in food
- Still low probability that humans can be infected with Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD)
- Risk assessments of "other substances" in food supplements and energy drinks
- Use of electric shocks in order to control behaviour in animals
- Risk Assessment of Tomato leaf miner moth (*Tuta absoluta*)
- Welfare of dogs kept permanently outdoors and used for sled dog racing
- Suggests tolerable upper intake levels for selenium for the Norwegian population



# Regulatory and legislative work - international activities

The Norwegian Food Safety Authority  
participated in:

- 220 meetings within the EU
- 11 CODEX committees



# External audits 2016

## ESA Inspections

The EFTA Surveillance Authority (ESA) monitors Norway's compliance with EEA rules.

