


The Icelandic Food and Veterinary Authority

On 1 January 2008 the Icelandic Food and Veterinary Authority (MAST) commenced operation as an inspection and administrative body and as the Competent Authority (CA) in Iceland in the field of food safety, animal health and welfare, control of feed, seed and fertilisers, plant health and water for human consumption. The primary roles of the Authority (Icelandic name: Matvælastofnun – MAST) are:

- Food safety legislation and control
- Control of primary production of animal products, including fish products
- Import and export control of all foodstuffs
- Supervision of domestic food control by municipal authorities
- Veterinary services
- Plant protection services
- Feed, seed and fertiliser services
- Meat classification services
- Administration and management

MAST is assigned to carry out various inspection and administrative tasks pursuant to law and has taken over the tasks that have been carried out by the following authorities:

- The Agricultural Authority of Iceland (Chief Veterinary Officer (CVO), Feed, Seed and Fertiliser Services, Meat Grading, Plant Protection Service, Organic production, Administrative tasks carried out by the Farmers' Association of Iceland)
- The food division of the Environmental and Food Agency of Iceland
- The food division of the Icelandic Directorate of Fisheries



The Icelandic Food and Veterinary Authority's role is to promote the health and welfare of animals, plant health and the safety and quality of food by enforcing legislation and providing education and services to the fisheries and agricultural sectors, businesses and consumers.

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