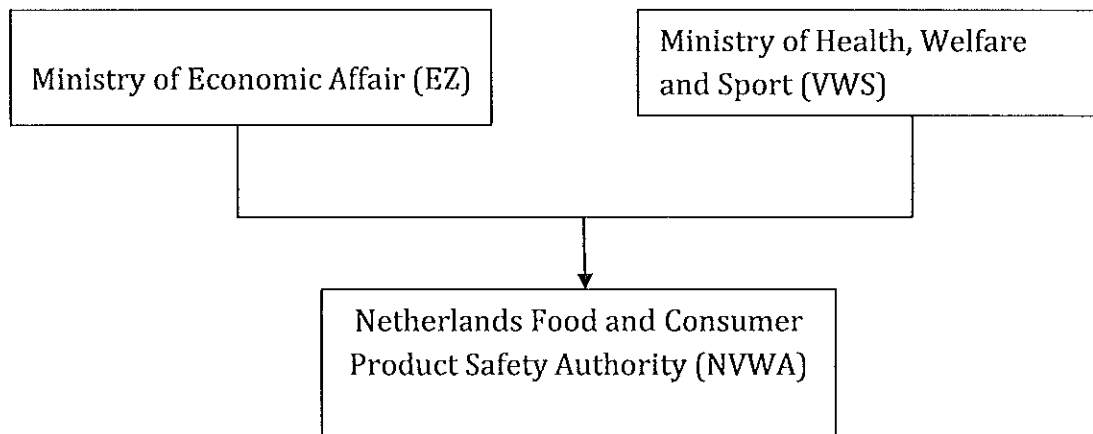


1. Structure of Regulatory Authority in Netherlands



The NVWA safeguards the health of animals and plants, animal welfare and the safety of food and consumer products and maintains the legislation in the field of nature.

The Front Office Food and Product Safety operated by Dutch National Institute for Public Health and the Environment (RIVM) and RIKILT* answers ad-hoc questions about the safety of food and consumer products posed by the Netherlands Food and Consumer Product Safety Authority (NVWA).

- * RIKILT is part of Wageningen University & Research and carries out independent research into the safety and reliability of food. RIKILT carries out Statutory Research tasks for the Ministry of Economic Affairs and the Netherlands Food and Consumer Product Safety Authority (NVWA).
- The Dutch National Institute for Public Health and the Environment (RIVM) deals with:
 - Nutrition , Prevention and Health Services
 - Safety of Substances and products
 - Health Protection
 - Zoonoses and Environmental Microbiology