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List of Abbreviations

AID    Auswertungs- und Informationsdienst für Ernährung, Landwirtschaft und Forsten (Information Center for Nutrition, Agriculture, and Forestry), Germany

AgV    Arbeitsgemeinschaft der Verbraucherverbände (Federal Consumer Association), Germany

BDL    Bund der Landwirte (Farmers’ Union), Germany

BEUC   Bureau Européen des Unions de Consommateurs (The European Consumers’ Organization), Brussels

BfR    Bundesinstitut für Risikobewertung (Federal Institute for Risk Evaluation), Germany

BgVV   Bundesinstitut für Gesundheitlichen Verbraucherschutz und Veterinärmedizin (Federal Institute for Consumer Health Protection and Veterinary Medicine), Germany

BGA    Bundesgesundheitsamt (Federal Health Office), Germany

BMG    Bundesministerium für Gesundheit (Federal Ministry of Health), Germany

BML    Bundesministerium für Ernährung, Landwirtschaft und Forsten (Federal Ministry for Nutrition, Agriculture and Forestry), Germany

BMVEL  Bundesministerium für Verbraucherschutz, Ernährung und Landwirtschaft (Federal Ministry for Consumer Protection, Nutrition, and Agriculture) (2001-2005), Germany


BSE    Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy
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<td>Bundesamt für gesundheitlichen Verbraucherschutz und Lebensmittelsicherheit (Federal Office for Consumer Health Protection and Food Safety), Germany</td>
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<td>CAP</td>
<td>Common Agricultural Policy</td>
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<td>CBL</td>
<td>Centraal Bureau Levensmiddelen (Central Retailers’ Association), The Netherlands</td>
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<td>CIAA</td>
<td>Confédération des Industries Agro-alimentaires de l'Union Européenne (Confederation of the EU Food and Drink Industry)</td>
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<td>CMA</td>
<td>Centrale Marketing-Gesellschaft der Deutschen Agrarwirtschaft (Central Marketing Agency of German Agricultural Industries), Germany</td>
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<td>COGEGA</td>
<td>General Committee for Agricultural Co-operation in the EU</td>
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<td>COPA</td>
<td>Committee of Professional Agricultural Organizations in the EU</td>
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<td>DBV</td>
<td>Deutscher Bauernverband (Farmers’ Union), Germany</td>
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<td>DEFRA</td>
<td>Department of Environment, Rural Affairs, and Food, UK</td>
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<td>DG AGRI</td>
<td>Directorate-General for Agriculture, Rural Development and Fisheries, European Commission.</td>
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<td>DG SANCO</td>
<td>Directorate-General for Consumer and Health Protection (DG Santé et Protection des Consommateurs), European Commission.</td>
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<td>EUREPGAP</td>
<td>Euro Retail Produce Working Good Agricultural Practice</td>
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<td>FMD</td>
<td>Foot-and-Mouth-Disease</td>
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<td>FSA</td>
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<td>GFL</td>
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<td>GMOs</td>
<td>Genetically Modified Organisms</td>
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<td>HACCP</td>
<td>Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points</td>
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<td>LEI</td>
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Research Institute), The Netherlands

**LNV**

**LOHAS**
Lifestyle of Health and Sustainability

**LTO**
Land- en Tuinbouw Organisatie (Agricultural and Horticultural Association), The Netherlands

**MAFF**
Ministry for Agriculture, Food, and Fisheries, United Kingdom

**MBM**
Meat-and-Bone-Meal

**NACNE**
National Advisory Committee on Nutrition Education, UK

**NFU**
National Farmers’ Union, UK

**nvCJD**
New Variant of Creutzfeld-Jakob-Disease

**OVO**
Onderzoek, Voorlichting, and Onderwijs (Research, Information, and Teaching)

**QS**
Qualitätssicherung Stufenübergreifend (Quality Assurance Scheme Across the Food Chain), Germany

**RASFF**
Rapid Alert System for Food and Feed

**TAB**
Büro für Technikfolgen-Abschätzung beim Deutschen Bundestag (Federal Office for Technology Assessment), Germany

**TSE**
Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies

**VWA**
Voedsel en Waren Autoriteit (Food and Consumer Products Authority), The Netherlands

**VWS**
Ministerie van Volksgezondheid, Welzijn, en Sport (Ministry of Public Health, Welfare and Sports), The Netherlands

**VZBV**
Verbraucherzentrale Bundesverband (Consumer Association), Germany