

PLANT HEALTH SAFETY THE FRENCH ORGANIZATION



PLANT HEALTH IS ASSURED

BY INTERNATIONAL REGULATIONS

The International Plant Protection Convention:

- facilitates international cooperation for the control of plant pests;
- prevents the spread of pests internationally.

It provides for the implementation of the necessary measures by countries signing the convention to prevent:

- the spread of plant pests;
- the introduction of pests on plants and plant products.

BY EUROPEAN REGULATIONS

The main EU directives:

- Plant health: 2000/29/EC and related decisions on emergency measures
- Use of pesticides compatible with sustainable development: 2009/128/EC
- Marketing of propagating material: around ten directives such as 2008/90/EC and its implementing directives 2014/98/EU, 2014/97/EU and 2014/96/EU (for fruit plants), 2002/56/EC (for seed potatoes)
- Food sanitary safety: 178/2002.

The above regulations are controlled, and fine-tuned where necessary, by the individual Member States.

BY FRENCH REGULATIONS

The Ministry of Agriculture and Food

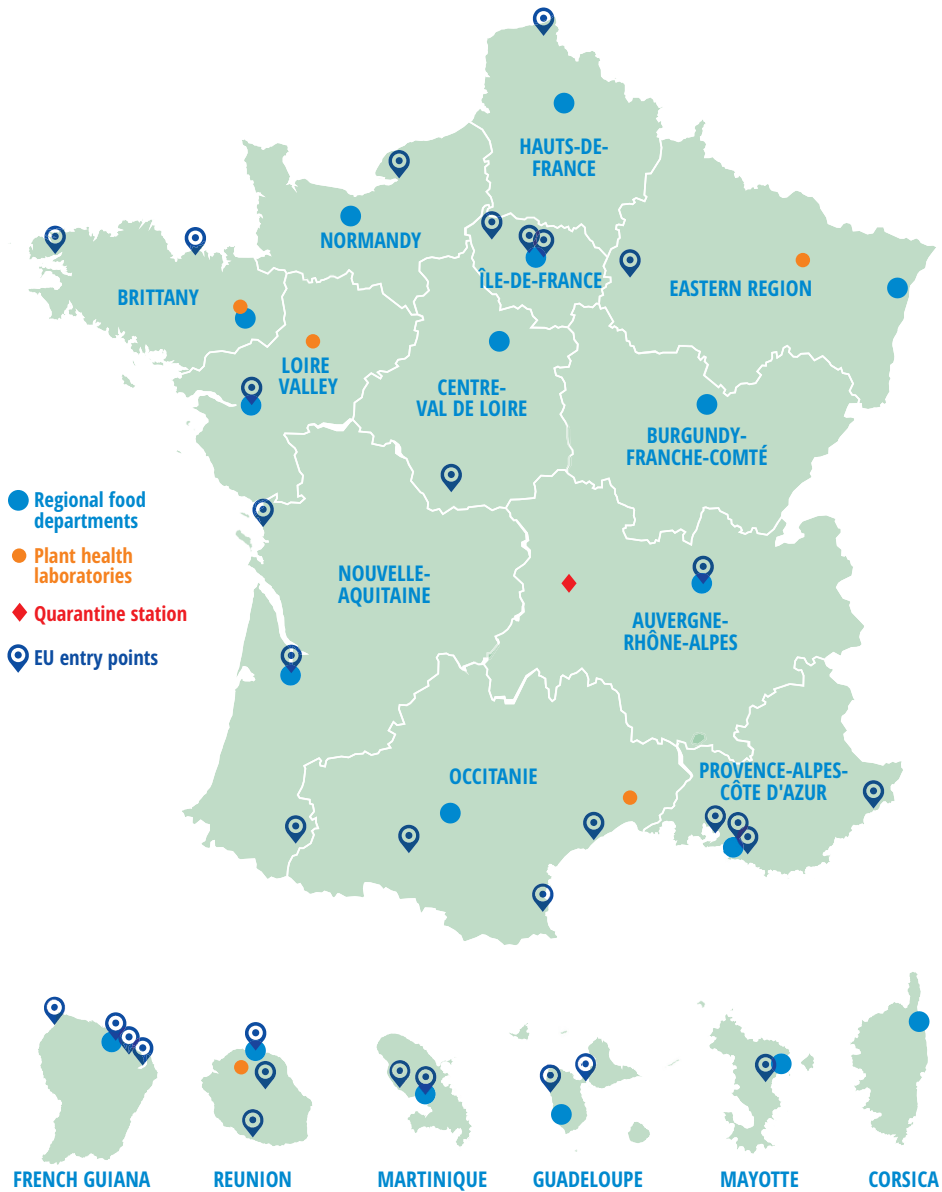
Whose organisation is dedicated to plant quality and protection, can rely on the skills of government officers:

- **45 staff** in the General Directorate of Food (DGAL)
- **350 inspectors** in regional food departments
- A network of **16 expert referents** per sector and/or skill area

A network of laboratories for risk assessment and analysis, with:

- **The national reference laboratory:** the plant health laboratory of the French Agency for Food, Environmental and Occupational Health & Safety (ANSES).
The laboratory has 80 staff based in 6 facilities, one of which is a quarantine station.
In this laboratory **every discipline relevant to plant health is represented:** bacteriology, virology, entomology, mycology and nematology.
- **25 laboratories** approved by the Ministry for **pest detection testing.**
- **9 laboratories** approved by the Ministry for **residue testing.**

Regional departments, reference laboratories and EU entry points: a nationwide network



THE PLANT SURVEILLANCE AND CONTROL PLAN



PLANT HEALTH

7,000
producers

1,200
Non-producing distributors
Inspected annually

4 600 inspections conducted in connection with issuance of European Plant Passports under the regulations governing circulation of plants in the EU

4 300 observers
represent the
nationwide biological
surveillance network

14,000 parcels under observation
3,400 plant health bulletins
published each year



PLANT PROTECTION PRODUCTS

6,450 inspections of plant protection products
are carried out for oversight of users

650 inspections at the distribution stage

GOOD HYGIENE PRACTICES

450 inspections
on holdings

CONTROLS ON IMPORTED PLANTS:



47,000 batches of plants
and plant products from third
countries inspected, of which:

687 batches are rejected

CERTIFICATION OF PLANTS FOR EXPORT:



74,000 phytosanitary certificates every year:

20 % seed stock

6 % seeds for consumption and processing

18 % fruit & vegetables

3 % plants for planting (including tubers and bulbs)