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In the department Biological Safety at the BfR in the unit “Viruses in Food”, the following temporary position is available for one year from 1 June 2023 as part of the third-party funded project “Stability of hepatitis E virus in meat products”:

Scientific officer in the project “Stability of hepatitis E virus in meat products” (f/m/x)

Reference number: 3198 | Salary group 13 TVöD | Application deadline: 20 February 2023 | Place of employment: Berlin

Part-time employment is possible.

Remuneration will be paid in line with the tasks undertaken and the applicant's qualifications.

This role is part of the project “Stability of hepatitis E virus in meat products” funded by the Federal Food Safety and Veterinary Office (BLV, Switzerland). The aim of this project is to determine the inactivation rate of the hepatitis E virus during the production and preparation of specific meat products.

Tasks:

- Optimisation of cell culture methods for infectivity testing of hepatitis E viruses in meat products
- Examination of the stability of hepatitis E viruses during the production and temperature treatment of meat products
- Analysis and publication of the obtained data

Requirements:

- Completed university degree (master's, diploma or similar university degree) in human or veterinary medicine, biology or a similar subject, a doctorate desired
- Very good knowledge and experience with molecular biological, serological and virological analytical methods required
- Practical professional experience with cell culture techniques required
- Practical professional experience in handling infectious pathogens necessary
- Proven independent publication activity advantageous
- Very good knowledge of written and spoken English required, knowledge of German is advantageous but not a prerequisite
- Good IT skills as well as a conscientious approach to work, flexibility, capacity for teamwork, resilience and willingness to travel on business are also required

What we can offer you:

- A varied range of tasks in a growing departmental research institution
- Flexible working hours without fixed working hours
- 30 days' annual leave (5-day week) plus 24 and 31 December as non-working days
- Additional days-off options via time credits
- Job ticket with a monthly employer contribution up to EUR 40
- Mobile working options
- Very good connection to the public transport network
- Comprehensive further training opportunities for professional and personal development within the context of your position
- VBL company pension
- Capital accumulation benefits
- Employee welfare (AWO) family service

Application process:

Interviews are expected to take place on 21 March 2023.

Does this position appeal to you?

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