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Dr. Katharina Sommerkorn is a European registered toxicologist working as a risk assessor at the German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR) in the department food and feed safety in the food chain. She is a biochemist by training with a PhD background combining toxicology and biochemistry. Her area of expertise is human health risk assessment, with a focus on chemical contaminants in food, particularly on per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). In her work at the BfR, she evaluates toxicological and exposure data to conduct scientifically sound risk assessments, thereby ensuring the protection of consumer health.