

DAFM Food Chain Information Privacy Notice

General Data Protection Regulation (Regulation (EU) 2016/679)

Slaughterhouse operators must obtain the food chain information required in this document in respect of all animals prior to slaughter. The operator must provide this information to the Official Veterinarian appointed by the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine, to ensure compliance with EU food Hygiene legislation. This information, which contains personal data, assists the official veterinarian to determine the required inspection procedures. Regulations (EC) No.s 852/2004, 853/2004, 2074/2005, 2017/625 and Implementing Regulation (EC) No. 2019/627 are applicable to these functions. When the Official Veterinarian uses this personal data, the Minister is the Data Controller for the purposes of data protection law.

The information gathered will be made available for audits, official controls and inspections carried out by regulatory authorities within the European Union, required by the above regulations. It may also be used to feed information back from the slaughterhouse to the holding of provenance of the animals, and to the farm veterinarian, as laid out in the above regulations. DAFM has elected to enable such feedback by combining information held on its AMPM and other relevant IT systems with data held by ICBF, based on an agreement between the two bodies. The personal data will only be used in accordance with the Data Protection legislation in force. The consequences of failure to provide your data could include that your animals would no longer be accepted for slaughter, or, if they are already in a slaughterhouse, be regarded as unfit for human consumption. The Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM) has a Data Protection regime in place; more information on this can be found on <https://www.agriculture.gov.ie/dataprotection/>.

The data collected by DAFM will be held only as long as there is a business need to do so in line with the purposes for which it was collected. After this time it will be marked for destruction, and it will be destroyed in line with internal guidelines, or guidelines for destruction received from the National Archives Office, or associated permissions received from them.

DAFM is fully committed to keeping all personal data submitted by its customers fully safe and secure during administrative processes. All necessary technical measures have been put in place to ensure the safety and security of the systems which hold this data. DAFM staff are also considered as customers of the Department from a Data Protection perspective and may exercise their data protection rights in the same way. Transparency and openness in the use of personal data held is important to the Department and therefore we aim to fully inform all our customers about the purpose(s) for which their data will be used and why, where it may be shared elsewhere and why and how long their data may be held by the Department.

The General Data Protection Regulation (Regulation (EU) 2016/679) came into effect on 25 May 2018; prior to that, the Data Protection legislation in Ireland is the Data Protection Act 1998, as amended by the 2003 Data Protection Act.

Where you provide personal data to DAFM, you have certain rights available to you in relation to that data. These rights are outlined below and can be exercised by contacting the Data Protection Officer, indicating which right(s) you wish to exercise. Where personal data is obtained from a third party, the slaughterhouse operator in this case, you are still entitled to exercise your rights in relation to the data. The Data Protection Officer can be contacted as follows: Data Protection Officer, Data Protection Unit, Corporate Affairs, Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Grattan Business Park, Dublin Road, Portlaoise, Co Laois. Email: dataprotectionofficer@agriculture.gov.ie

Prior to 25 May 2018, our customers have the following rights: access to their data, rectification of their data, erasure of their data, right to lodge a complaint with the Supervisory Authority (Office of the Data Protection Commissioner, Canal House, Station Rd, Portarlington, Co Laois R32 AP23; Email: info@dataprotection.ie). From 25 May 2018 onwards, our customers will also have the following additional rights: restriction of processing, data portability, objection to processing, withdrawal of consent if they previously gave it in relation to processing of their personal data, relating to any automated decision making, including profiling.

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