

Privacy policy

How we handle your personal data, your rights and our privacy notices.

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The Food Standards Agency is what is known as the 'Controller' of the personal data we collect from you or which is provided to us.

When we collect your personal information, we will:

- make sure you know why we need it and why we are legally allowed to hold it
- only ask for what we need, and not to collect too much or irrelevant information
- protect it and make sure nobody has access to it who shouldn't
- let you know if we share it with other organisations
- make sure we don't keep it longer than necessary

All the personal data we process is located on servers within the European union. Our cloud based services have been procured through the government framework agreements and these services have been assessed against the national cyber security centre cloud security principles.

Visitors to our websites

This privacy statement only covers Food Standards Agency websites. It does not cover links within our sites to other websites.

The system will record your email address and other information if volunteered to us by you. This shall be treated as proprietary and confidential. It may be used for internal review and to notify you about updates to our websites.

Your rights

You have a right to see the information we hold on you by making a request in writing to the email address below. If at any point you believe the information we process on you is incorrect you can request to have it corrected. If you wish to raise a complaint on how we have handled your personal data, you can contact our Data Protection Officer who will investigate the matter.

If you are not satisfied with our response or believe we are processing your personal data not in accordance with the law you can complain to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO).

Our Data Protection Officer in the FSA is the Information Management and Security Team Leader who can be contacted at:

informationmanagement@food.gov.uk

Privacy notices

We provide privacy notices for the following services:

- [Advisory Committee on Animal Feedingstuffs](#)
- [Advisory Committee on the Microbiological Safety of Foods](#)
- [Advisory Committee on Novel Foods and Processes](#)
- [Advisory Committee for Social Science](#)
- [Animal Feed, TSES and animal by-products legislation and policy](#)
- [Animal Feed Third Country Representation List](#)
- [Annual surveillance to monitor levels of acrylamide and furans](#)
- [Approved meat establishments and applications for approval](#)
- [Better Training for Safer Food courses](#)
- [Board Members](#)
- [Campylobacter retail survey](#)
- [Committee on Toxicity \(COT\)](#)
- [Consultations](#)
- [Correspondence regarding policies on food and feed hygiene, safety and standards](#)
- [COVID-19 Incidents](#)
- [Criminal Investigation and Prosecution Team](#)
- [Exception reports for Approved Assurance Schemes](#)
- [External complaints against the FSA](#)
- [Evidence Package Tracker](#)
- [Evidence Portfolio including Strategic Evidence Fund](#)
- [Feed Registrations and Approvals Lists](#)
- [Food and feed importers](#)
- [Food and You Survey](#)
- [Food chain information](#)
- [Food contact materials](#)
- [Food Hygiene Rating Scheme](#)
- [Food incidents](#)
- [Freedom of Information and Environmental Information requests](#)
- [Guest User Access](#)
- [Health, Safety and Wellbeing Unit](#)
- [Honours and Awards](#)
- [HR staff data](#)
- [Invitation and circulation of information about FSA board meetings](#)
- [Job application and pre-employment screening data](#)
- [Labelling and Standards in Northern Ireland](#)
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[Local Authority contacts](#)

- [Local Authority Enforcement Monitoring System \(LAEMS\)](#)
- [MyHACCP](#)
- [National Food Crime Unit](#)
- [News and alerts subscription service](#)
- [Northern Ireland Food Advisory Committee](#)
- [Northern Ireland Official Controls for Food and Feed](#)
- [Notification of a prohibited person database](#)
- [Novel foods and GM foods policy](#)
- [Ongoing information received from individuals as part of the Consultation on the EU Review of Official Controls](#)
- [Policy development records for meat hygiene](#)
- [Private Office correspondence](#)
- [Procurement contracts](#)
- [Procurement tenders](#)
- [Records from GM research programmes](#)
- [Register a food business](#)
- [Register a food business support service for Local Authorities](#)
- [Registering as a milk production holding](#)
- [Register of Specialists](#)
- [Regulating Our Future Newsletter](#)
- [Reporting a food problem](#)
- [Research participants](#)
- [Science Council](#)
- [Shellfish sanitary survey data](#)
- [Stakeholder contact information](#)
- [Stakeholder contact information in Northern Ireland](#)
- [Temporary Certificate of Competence and Certificate of Competence](#)
- [UK Food Surveillance System](#)
- [UK Wine Producers](#)
- [Welsh Food Advisory Committee](#)
- [Welsh language services](#)

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