

# Privacy notice - Northern Ireland Official Controls for Food and Feed

Information on Northern Ireland's Official Controls for Food and Feed privacy policy, why we require data, what we do with the data and your rights.

The Food Standards Agency is what is known as the 'Controller' of the personal data provided to us.

## Why we need it

The personal data we hold on you consists of the name and address of your business and associated contact details.

The Food Standards Agency obtains this data from a number of sources, including direct individuals, industry bodies, District Councils, Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) and any other relevant government departments.

We need to collect this data for the purposes of fulfilling our statutory obligations under Regulation (EC) No 882/2004 and Regulation (EC) No. 854/2004 as retained in UK law in relation to feed and food official controls.

We may analyse this data along with other information we hold about you and information we have obtained from public and/or private sources for the purpose of helping us evaluate risk. We do this in line with the exercise of official authority vested in us under the Food Standards Act and the performance of a task carried out in the public interest.

## How and where we store your data and who we may share it with

We retain personal data only for as long as necessary to carry out these functions, and in line with our retention policy. This means this information will be retained for minimum of 7 years from receipt or for as long as the business is trading and for a certain period after it ceases trading or as new information becomes available.

No third parties have access to your personal data unless the law allows them to do so. In line with this commitment your information may be passed to DAERA or District Councils.

For more information, please see the [How and where we store your data and who we may share it with](#) section in our Personal Information Charter.

## International transfers

For more information on international transfers, please see the [International transfers](#) section in our Personal Information Charter.

## EU citizens

For more information on EU Citizens Privacy Notice, please see the [EU citizens](#) section in our Personal Information Charter.

## **Your rights**

For more information on your rights, please see the [Your rights](#) section in our Personal Information Charter.

## **Contact us**

If you have any queries concerning this Privacy Notice, your personal information or any questions on our use of the information, please email our Data Protection Officer in the FSA, who is the Information Management and Security Team Leader using the address below.