

Data Protection Notice

General Data Protection information applicable to all Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine customers is available here:

<https://www.gov.ie/en/organisation-information/ef9f6-data-protection/>

The following data is specific information in relation to personal data processed for the National Farm Safety Measure 2023.

1. Specified purpose:

The personal data sought from you, or previously furnished by you, the participant, is required for the purpose of participating in the National Farm Safety Measure 2023.

The purpose of the National Farm Safety Measure 2023 is to promote farm safety and assist in the reduction of the number of fatalities and injuries that occur on farms by providing participants in the Measure with a financial contribution to purchase PTO shaft covers and quad bike (ATV) helmets.

The Department may also use data from the National Farm Safety Measure 2023 for the purposes of facilitating the processing of an application for participation in other related schemes operated by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine or for the purposes of updating information on the relevant databases held by the Department in connection with these schemes. Each scheme or measure has its own legal basis as outlined under their own Terms and Conditions.

In addition, the following divisions also process information obtained via the National Farm Safety Measure 2023 expression of interest and payment claim process to facilitate the administration of the Measure and compliance with the terms and conditions of the Measure:

- Integrated Controls Division
- Crop Policy, Evaluation & Certification Division
- Finance Division
- IT Division

2. Legal basis:

The processing of data for the National Farm Safety Measure 2023 will fall under Article 6(1)(e) of GDPR as processing in the public interest. This Public Interest arises in the

area of safety of farmer workers and is directly associated with a strategic goal of the Department to promote and safeguard public, animal and plant health.

The Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (the Department) will also use existing customer data held for the purpose of aiding administrative efficiencies and the use of the data in this way is considered compatible with its original purpose of collection. The use of existing data held by DAFM falls under Article 6(4) of GDPR - Regulation (EU) 2016/679.

3. Recipients:

Some of the information held by the Department and submitted in the application for payment, which is required for the implementation of the National Farm Safety Measure 2023 may be shared with other divisions within the Department, for the purpose of processing other related scheme applications in a timely and efficient manner.

When you submit a National Farm Safety Measure 2023 expression of interest or application for payment, some of your personal data may be made available to other Government Departments /Agencies/Local Authorities, but only where there is a valid legal basis to do so, and a data sharing agreement will be put in place where necessary. The purpose of this sharing of data is for audit, evaluation purposes, cross compliance controls, controls relating to the legislation underpinning cross compliance and Rural Development measures. Personal information may also be released under the terms of the relevant Data Protection legislation in force and the Freedom of Information Act 2014.

Personal data may be used for statistical, research and analysis purposes in some circumstances, but will only be done so in compliance with Data Protection legislation in force. Data used for such purposes will be pseudonymised (masked) or anonymised, as appropriate, to protect the security and confidentiality of the data. The use of the data in this way may facilitate the Department in informing policy decisions into the future, which would benefit Irish farmers and the Agriculture Sector.

The Department may provide information concerning participants in response to requests received from the Office of the Revenue Commissioners, An Garda Síochána, and other bodies, and will only do so in accordance with current data protection legislation.

If you participate in the National Farm Safety Measure 2023, you may be requested by the Department or relevant agents acting on its behalf, to supply data in relation to your participation in the measure, where required for the purpose of assessment, verification, evaluation or research purposes as provided for under the terms and conditions of the measure. Not to supply such information may invalidate/cancel your participation in the Measure.

4. Transferred outside the EU:

Information provided in support of an Expression of Interest to participate in the National Farm Safety Measure 2023 or a payment claim under the National Farm Safety Measure 2023 is not currently transmitted outside of the EU.

5. Retention Period:

The data submitted in support of the expression of interest and the application for payment by the data subject under the National Farm Safety Measure 2023 will be retained by the Department for a minimum of five years from the date of payment and 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 will be destroyed in line with internal guidelines or guidelines for destruction received from the National Archives Office or associated permissions received from them.

6. Data provision being statutory or contractual obligation:

The Department will use existing customer data, held for the purpose of aiding administrative efficiencies and the use of the data in this way is considered compatible with its original purpose of collection. If the customer chooses not to provide this information their participation for the National Farm Safety Measure 2023 cannot proceed.

7. Automated Decision Making:

Personal data provided in the submission of an application under the National Farm Safety Measure 2023 will be processed automatically for the purpose of the efficient running of the measure, and the timely payment of participants.

Automated decision making may also be used for the purpose of selecting participants for inspection.

8. System generated text messages:

The Department uses personal data supplied in order to issue system generated text messages in relation to the Measure to participants. These text messages may relate to reminders, correspondence issued or payments.

Participants in the measure will have the option to opt out of text messaging.

9. Technical information on data collected:

Technical information on the cookies used on the Gov.ie website is available at the following link: <https://www.gov.ie/en/help/privacy-policy/?section=cookies>

10. Information from 3rd party

Not applicable.