

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/>

Information specific to the personal data being collected:

The following data is specific information in relation to the personal data processed for the following schemes:

Organic Farming Scheme

Organic Capital Investment Scheme

Market Supports

ERS payments to Retired Farmers

Organic Processing Investment Grant

Online Organic Register

Database for organic and in-conversion plant reproductive material, organic animals and organic aquaculture juveniles.

1. Specified purpose:

The personal data sought from you, or previously furnished by you, the applicant, is required for the purpose of making an application under any of the above schemes or for ongoing processing of your contract under the scheme. Failure to provide all the personal data required to facilitate the processing of the application and contract, including data testing, under the scheme will result in DAFM being unable to further process the application. Failure to provide certain information which you are required to provide under the Terms and Conditions of the scheme may result in the necessity to repay monies already paid under the scheme. You should consult the Terms & Conditions and Specification of the scheme in this regard.

Personal data may be used for statistical, research and analysis purposes in some circumstances, but data used for such purposes will be pseudonymised (masked) or anonymised, as appropriate, to protect to the security and confidentiality of the data.

2. Legal basis:

Organic Farming Scheme (OFS)	OFS 2023 - Regulation (EU) No 2018/848 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 May 2018, Council Regulations (EU) No 2021/2115 and 2021/2116 of 2 December 2021, Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1172 of 4 May 2022 and Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/1173 of
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	31 May 2022 OFS 1,2 Cereals, 3 and 4 - Regulation (EU) No 1306/2013, 1305/2013, 2020/2220, 2018/848, 392/2013 & 882/2004. Commission Regulation (EC) No 1235/2008. Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 808/2014. Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 807/2014 & 640/2014
Organic Capital Investment Scheme	Council Regulation (EU) No. 1306/2013, 1305/2013 and Commission Regulations (EU) 807/2014, 808/2014 and 809/2014
Market Supports	Regulation 2016/1239 Art 2 and 907/2014 ANNEX (3)(B)(ii).
ERS payments to Retired Farmers	European Communities (Retirement of Farmers) Regulations, 1974
Organic Processing Investment Grant	Commission Regulation (EU) No 702/2014 of 25 June 2014
Online Organic Register	Regulation (EU) No. 848/2018 of the European Parliament and of the council of 30 May 2018
Database for organic and in-conversion plant reproductive material, organic animals and organic aquaculture juveniles.	Commission Regulation No. 2018/848 Article 26

3. Recipients:

Information provided as part of any of the above scheme applications will be shared, with other divisions within the Department, for the purposes of processing other related scheme applications in a timely and efficient manner.

Information provided as part of the database will be shared between two third parties who are contracted by the Organic Unit to provide information regarding the availability of organic and in-conversion plant reproductive material, organic animals and organic aquaculture juveniles.

Information will be shared within the Department for the purposes of monitoring and evaluating CAP as per the Regulations (EU Reg 1306/2013) in accordance with the Data Protection legislation in force.

Some personal data will be made available to other Government Departments/Agencies/Local Authorities, but only where there is a valid legal basis to do so. The purpose of this sharing of data is for audit, evaluation purposes, cross compliance controls, controls relating to the legislation underpinning cross compliance and all Rural Development measures, as required by Article 65 of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 809/2014.

Personal information may be released under the terms of the relevant Data Protection legislation in force and the Freedom of Information Act 2014.

4. Transferred outside the EU:

Information provided in support of an application under the above schemes is not currently transmitted outside of the EU.

Information provided for the purposes of the database for organic and in-conversion plant reproductive material, organic animals and organic aquaculture juveniles, will be transmitted outside of the EU to a UK based company who have been contracted to manage the database. The information will only be used for the purpose of keeping the information on the database up to date.

5. Retention Period:

The data submitted in support of the application by the data subject under the above Schemes will be retained by DAFM 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 DAFM 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 data provided for this purpose is being requested under the requirements of the above Schemes and if the customer chooses not to provide this information their application for that specific scheme cannot proceed.

7. Automated Decision Making:

Certain personal data submitted in support of applications in above schemes will be processed automatically for the purpose of the efficient running of the scheme, and the timely payment of participants.

Automated decision making will also be used for the purposes of selecting participants for inspection in accordance with the regulations (EU Regulations 1306/2013 & 809/2014).

8. Information from Third Party:

N/A

9. Technical information on data collected:

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