

EFSA Public Consultation - Specific Privacy Statement

Title: Draft EFSA's policy on independence. How the European Food Safety Authority assures the impartiality of professionals contributing to its operations.

1. Objective

The objective of this public consultation is to receive the views of stakeholders or people concerned by the topic of the public consultation and potentially to publish them on the EFSA website, under the responsibility of the Head of the Legal and Assurance Services Unit, acting as the Controller. The Controller guarantees that the results of the public consultation will be used in an aggregated form and that the report on the results of the consultation will not allow the identification of individuals within a response category. As the public consultation process implies the collection and limited further processing of certain personal data, Regulation (EC) 45/2001, of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2000 on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data by the Community institutions and bodies and on the free movement of such data, is applicable.

2. What personal information do we collect and through which technical means?

Identification Data

The personal data collected and further processed are data necessary for the participation in the public consultation, such as Title, First Name, Family Name, Organization, Department/Service, organization Address, Phone, E-Mail account, including their contribution on the topics concerned. The processing of personal data linked to the organisation and management of this public consultation is necessary for the management and functioning of EFSA, as mandated by EFSA's Founding Regulation.

Technical information

The public consultation is carried out via an electronic form available on the EFSA website. The system uses session 'cookies' in order to ensure communication between the respondent and the EFSA server. Therefore, your browser must be configured to accept 'cookies'. However, the EFSA server does not collect personal or confidential information of any kind, nor any IP address from your PC. The cookies disappear once the session has been terminated.

3. Who has access to your information and to whom is it disclosed?

The access to all personal data as well as all information collected in the context of this consultation is only granted to a limited number of users at EFSA, without prejudice to a possible transmission to the bodies in charge of a monitoring or inspection task in accordance with European Union legislation. These users typically are staff in the EFSA Unit organising the consultation (the Controller), as well as staff of the ITOP Unit ensuring technical support. No personal data is transmitted to parties which are outside the recipients and the legal framework mentioned. EFSA will not share personal data with third parties for direct marketing.

4. How do we protect and safeguard your information?

Your replies, together with your chosen language used for drafting the contribution, are recorded in a secured and protected database hosted by the EFSA server supervised by the DTS Unit, the operations of which abide by the EFSA's security decisions. The database is not accessible from outside EFSA. Inside EFSA, the database can be accessed using a UserId/Password.

5. How can you verify, modify or delete your information?

In case you want to verify which personal data is stored on your behalf by the responsible controller, have it modified respectively corrected or deleted, please contact the Controller by using the Contact Information below and by explicitly specifying your request.

6. How long do we keep your data?

Your personal data will remain in the database until the results have been completely analysed and will be rendered anonymous when they have been usefully exploited, and at the latest after 1 year from the end of the consultation.

7. Publication of personal data

Comments submitted may be published by EFSA and may be re-used by the Authority, also in a different context. Comments submitted by individuals in a personal capacity will be presented as such, be made publicly accessible and attributed to their author, indicated by their first name and their family name. Comments submitted on behalf of an organisation will be made publicly available and attributed to the organisation.

8. Contact Information

In case you wish to verify which personal data is stored on your behalf by the responsible controller, have it modified, corrected, or deleted, or if you have questions regarding the public consultation, or concerning any information processed in the context of the public consultation, or on your rights, feel free to contact the Controller, using the following contact information: Legal and Assurance Services Unit, +39 0521 036 823, legal@efsa.europa.eu

9. Recourse

Data subjects have the right at any time to have recourse to the [European Data Protection Supervisor](#).