

EFSA Public Consultations - Privacy Statement

1. Objective

The objective of EFSA's public consultations is to receive the views of stakeholders or people concerned by the specific topic of the consultation and to publish these on the EFSA website, under the responsibility of the Head of Unit in charge who is also the controller with regard to processing of personal data. As the public consultation process implies the collection and 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 applicable¹.

2. Which 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 your first and family name, affiliation, country, e-mail, including your contribution on the topic concerned. The processing of personal data linked to the organisation and management of public consultations is necessary for the management and functioning of EFSA, as mandated by EFSA's Founding Regulation².

Technical information

EFSA public consultations are carried out by means of the European Commission's official survey management tool 'EUSurvey'. The reference installation of the tool is hosted at DG DIGIT of the European Commission and contributions are collected in the DG DIGIT datacentre. After the closure of the consultation, an EFSA staff member in charge downloads in a secure manner the data file with the contributions into EFSA's Document Management System with a restricted access setting on a need-to-know basis. For the aspects not covered in this Statement, please refer to EUSurvey Privacy Statement [here](#).

Explanatory Note

As a respondent to an EFSA public consultation, please take account of the **Explanatory Note** accompanying the consultation, especially on what is mentioned therein concerning the copyright requirements on your contribution and the publication of your contribution (including the publication of personal data).

¹ Regulation (EC) n° 45/2001 is expected to be replaced in the course of 2018 by a new Regulation aligned with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) (EU) N° 2016/679

² Regulation (EC) n° 178/2002 of 28 January 2002, i.e. recitals 55 and 56 and Article 42

3. Contact Information

If you have questions regarding the public consultation or concerning any information processed, or on your rights, feel free to contact the EFSA Unit in charge of the consultation referred to in the Explanatory Note. You may also contact EFSA's data protection officer – DataProtectionOfficer@efsa.europa.eu

4. Recourse

As a contributor to an EFSA public consultation, you have at any time the right to have recourse regarding the processing of your personal data to the [European Data Protection Supervisor](#).