

# **SPECIFIC PRIVACY STATEMENT**

## **PUBLIC CONSULTATION/SURVEYS/CASE STUDIES/INTERVIEWS**

### **IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE STUDY SUPPORTING THE REFIT EVALUATION OF THE EU LEGISLATION ON PLANT PROTECTION PRODUCTS AND PESTICIDES RESIDUES (REGULATION (EC) NO 1107/2009 AND REGULATION (EC) NO 396/2005)**

#### **1. OBJECTIVE**

The objective of the consultations, conducted in the framework of the Study supporting the REFIT Evaluation of the EU legislation on plant protection products and pesticides residues (Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 and Regulation (EC) No 396/2005), is to receive the views of stakeholders and the EU citizens and to contribute to answering the evaluation questions of the study, under the responsibility of the Head of Unit E4 “Pesticides and biocides”, Directorate-General for Health and Food Safety, European Commission.

As this activity involves the processing of personal data, it is subject to data protection rules as established by Regulation (EC) 45/2001<sup>1</sup>.

#### **2. WHAT PERSONAL INFORMATION DO WE COLLECT AND THROUGH WHICH TECHNICAL MEANS?**

##### **2.1. Identification Data**

Personal data collected and further processed are only those data which are necessary for the management of contributions such as: First name, Family name, Name of Organisation, Sector, E-mail address, Age Group, Country, as well as the views of contributors on the topics concerned.

The processing operations on personal data linked to the management of this consultation are necessary for the functioning of the Commission as mandated by the Treaties, and more specifically by Articles 5 and 13 TEU and Articles 244 - 250 TFEU

The lawfulness of processing is based on article 5(a) and (d) of Regulation 45/2001.

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<sup>1</sup> 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

## 2.2. Technical information

The Contractor (Ecorys) will make use of the EU Survey tool for the Open Public Consultation and the survey for small and medium enterprises (SME), and the [Checkmarket](#) platform for the stakeholder and Member State Competent Authority (MS CA) surveys. The Checkmarket platform is an online survey tool that allows for the creation and distribution of online surveys, and online collection of data. Stakeholders are invited to fill in the survey via an online link that will give access to the survey. Data collected via the survey will be transferable into a database, allowing for analysis of the data. The data collected via the Checkmarket survey tool is stored inside the EU, while a multi datacentre infrastructure is in place avoiding any risk of data loss.

## 3. WHO HAS ACCESS TO YOUR INFORMATION AND TO WHOM IS IT DISCLOSED?

- **For the MS CA, stakeholder and SME surveys, personal data will NOT be published** on a publicly available website. Thus, access to all personal data and information collected in the context of this study is only granted through UserID/Password to a defined population of users, without prejudice to a possible transmission to the bodies in charge of a monitoring or inspection task in accordance with Community legislation. These users are typically members of the Unit organising the consultation inside the DG, and its Contractor, acting as processor. No personal data is transmitted to parties which are outside the recipients and the legal framework mentioned. The European Commission will not share personal data with third parties for direct marketing purposes.
- **For the interviews, focus groups and case studies**, personal data such as names and email addresses will not be published on the web or in the study. However, reference will be made to the organisation that individual contributors represent, which may be published. If interviewees or participants in the focus groups do not agree with any reference to their organisation, their contribution will not be taken into account.
- **For the Open Public Consultation**, the received contributions, together with the identity of the contributor, will be published on the Internet or on printed publication (for studies), unless the contributor objects to publication of his/her personal data on compelling legitimate grounds related to his or her specific situation. In this case, the contribution may be published without disclosing the contributor's personal data, such as the first and family name. Any objections concerning publication of personal data should be sent to the service responsible for the consultation (see Contact information below).

## 4. HOW DO WE PROTECT AND SAFEGUARD YOUR INFORMATION?

The collected personal data and all information related to the above mentioned consultation is stored on a computer of the external Contractor, which has to guarantee the security and confidentiality of the collected information. Received contributions will also be recorded in a secured and protected database hosted by the Data Centre of the European Commission, the operations of which abide by the Commission's security decisions and provisions established by the Directorate of Security for this kind of servers and services. The database is not accessible from outside the Commission. Inside the Commission, 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, have it modified, corrected or deleted, object to its processing or withdraw consent at any time, please contact us using the Contact Information below and explicitly specifying your request.

## **6. HOW LONG DO WE KEEP YOUR DATA?**

- Your personal data will remain in the Commission database until the results of the consultation have been completely analysed and usefully exploited. Personal data will be deleted, at the latest, 1 year after the last action in relation to the evaluation/study in the framework of which the consultation activity was conducted.
- The collected personal data and all information related to the evaluation/study will be erased by the Contractor at the latest six months after the end of the contract.

## **7. CONTACT INFORMATION**

In case you wish to verify which personal data is stored, have it modified, corrected, or deleted, or if you have questions regarding the information processed in the context of the consultation, or on your rights, feel free to contact the support team of the Controller at:

Directorate-General for Health and Food Safety  
Directorate E - Food and feed safety, innovation  
Unit E4: Pesticides and biocides  
[SANTE-PESTICIDES-EVALUATION@ec.europa.eu](mailto:SANTE-PESTICIDES-EVALUATION@ec.europa.eu)

## **8. RECOURSE**

Any questions concerning the processing of your personal data can also be addressed to the European Commission's [Data Protection Officer](#).

Complaints, in case of conflict, can be addressed to the [European Data Protection Supervisor](#).