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APHA privacy notice for exotic, notifiable and reportable diseases

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Your data is being collected by

The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) is the data controller for the personal data you give APHA.

APHA also works with Scottish Government and the Welsh Government and we are joint controllers for any relevant personal data.

You can contact the Animal and Plant Health Agency's Data Protection Manager at:

Data Protection Manager
Animal and Plant Health Agency
County Hall
Spetchley Road
Worcester
WR5 2NP
enquiries@apha.gsi.gov.uk

The Defra Data Protection Officer is responsible for monitoring that APHA is meeting the requirements of Data Protection legislation and contact details are in APHA's Personal Information Charter.

What your data is being collected and used for and the legal basis for processing

Personal data is collected and stored to support APHA's role in the protection of animals from exotic, notifiable and reportable diseases as governed by policy and relevant legislation in England, Scotland and in Wales.

Data in relation to all livestock species, including ownership and the premises where they are kept, are collected and stored to support APHA's cross-cutting functions. These include the promotion of the reduction of risk to animal health and welfare, the monitoring of those statuses, taking action to control these when necessary, and to inform policy-making.

Where required to by law, data may be published on UK Government or EU websites. Data may also be used for research purposes when compliant with GDPR.

More information about APHA can be found at www.gov.uk/apha.

Legal bases for processing include:

- The performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority vested in the controller

- For compliance to a legal obligation on the controller

Who your data may be shared with

Personal data may be made available to local authorities and other public bodies in the UK and EU to meet legal requirements. We may share data with Defra and its agencies, Welsh Government, Scottish Government, Food Standards Agency, Public Health, and other organisations and enforcement authorities. When testing we will usually only need to share pertinent data if a positive result is identified at the laboratory.

We may share data with Defra and its agencies, Welsh Government, Scottish Government, Food Standards Agency, Public Health, and other organisations and enforcement authorities.

We may have to release information (including personal data and commercial information) under the following legislation:

- General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)
- UK Data Protection Act 2018
- Freedom of Information Act 2000
- Environmental Information Regulations 2004

We will not allow any unwarranted breach of confidentiality and we will not act in contravention of our obligations under UK data protection legislation.

How long we will keep your data for

All information within APHA is held in accordance with our retention policy, if you would like more information please contact enquiries@apha.gsi.gov.uk

In specific circumstances information may be held for longer periods. Examples include:

- appeal
- audit activity
- complaint
- irregularity
- legal action
- a formal request for information

- if it sets a precedent
- scientific or historical research purposes

Consequences of not providing personal data

For statutory and public interest purposes it is necessary to provide data as stated in the relevant legislation.

For a current list of legislation managing these disease please visit www.legislation.gov.uk.

The use of automated decision making or profiling

The information you provide is not connected with:

- individual decision making, in other words making a decision solely by automated means without any human involvement
- or profiling, in other words automated processing of personal data to evaluate certain things about an individual How we use particularly sensitive personal information

The transfer of data outside the European Economic Area (EEA)

The data you provide will largely not be transferred outside of the EEA. On rare occasions, when it is lawful and complementary to our work carried out in the public interest, research data may be transferred securely outside of the EEA.

Your rights

A list of your rights under the General Data Protection Regulation, and the Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA 2018), is accessible at the [Information Commissioner's Office website](#).

Please consult the [APHA Personal Information Charter](#) below for a full description of how your rights are upheld and made accessible by the Agency. This includes a full range of contact details.

How to raise a complaint

You have the right to lodge a complaint with the Information Commissioner's Office (supervisory authority) at any time. Should you wish to exercise that right full details are available on the [individual rights](#) page

We keep our Privacy Notices under regular review. This document was last updated April 2020.



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The Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) is an executive agency of the Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs, and also works on behalf of the Scottish Government and Welsh Government.