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# APHA privacy notice for the National Bee Unit statutory bee health programme

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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.

Fera Science Limited is the data processor contracted by Defra to process the data on their behalf.

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](mailto: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 for the APHA National Bee Unit's statutory functions in relation to honey bee biosecurity, pests & disease control and management under EU and UK legislation. Specifically notifiable pests and diseases, imports and exports, NBU training and advisory programme, Wildlife Incident Investigation Scheme (WIIS), and for statutory food safety monitoring purposes.

In addition, scanning surveillance functions carried out by APHA are necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority vested in the data controller to manage honey bee pests and diseases animal disease within the United Kingdom.

APHA also uses this data in order to conduct research into the control and management of these pests and diseases.

More information about APHA can be found at [www.gov.uk/apha](http://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
- The performance of a contract to which the data subject is party or in order to take steps at the request of the data subject prior to entering a contract
- Consent has been given to process data for one or more specified purposes

## 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.

We share data with Fera Science Limited for the purposes of processing this data and carrying out statutory and research functions on behalf of the data controllers.

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](mailto: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 APHA's statutory functions in relation to pest and disease control and management: specifically of honey bee imports, colony and bee movements and notifiable pests and diseases. There is a legislative requirement to provide necessary personal data.

For a list of the current honey bee and invasive species legislation please visit: [www.legislation.gov.uk](http://www.legislation.gov.uk).

For contractual based processing, your entrance into a contract with us is voluntary and necessary information is supplied to fulfill that contractual relationship.

For consent based processing you have a right to revoke this at any given time.

## 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](#) 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.

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