



Marine Management Organisation

Privacy Notice

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The Marine Management Organisation is the controller for the personal data we collect. Our [personal information charter](#) explains more about what you can expect when we process your personal data, your rights, and how to contact us or make a complaint.

MARINE CONSERVATION – DISPERSANTS – PRIVACY NOTICE

This privacy notice tells you what to expect us to do with your personal information when MMO collects it in relation to applications for dispersants.

Purpose for processing – why we are collecting your personal data

MMO collects information to determine your application for the approval of an oil spill treatment product.

What personal data is collected

MMO collects the following information to determine your application:

- Name
- Email address
- Telephone number

How your personal data has been obtained

MMO has obtained your information through the oil spill treatment product approval application form. We may also collect information through an incident report form.

Why we are able to process your personal data

The lawful basis for processing your data is that it is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest, which is laid down by law, Section 107 of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009. This task is for us to administer the testing of and determine applications for the approval of oil spill treatment products.

Consent to process your personal data

The processing of your personal data for assessing your application is not based on consent. You cannot withdraw it.

Who we share your personal data with

MMO will share the personal data collected under this privacy notice with the Centre for Fisheries and Aquaculture Science (Cefas).

Cefas may use your personal details to contact you directly to resolve queries regarding your product and your application. For product renewals and re-branding, your information will be used to reconcile your product with the relevant current product approval. Details of previous approved products (and supporting information including applicant details) is retained because previously approved products can be used in the UK marine area in exceptional circumstances. On such occasions, full details regarding the previous approval must remain available if required.

MMO will only share your personal data where we are legally permitted to do so.

MMO respects your personal privacy when responding to access to information requests. We only share information when necessary to meet the statutory requirements of the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 and the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

How long we are keeping your personal data

MMO will keep your personal data until seven years has passed since your product's approval has expired.

Please refer to our [Personal Information Charter](#) and the section 'How long we will keep data' for information on any potential exceptions.

Use of automated decision-making or profiling

The personal data you provide is not used for:

- automated decision making (making a decision by automated means without any human involvement)
- profiling (automated processing of personal data to evaluate certain things about an individual)

What happens if you do not provide the personal data

Failure to provide this information will mean that we may not be able to administer the testing of, or determine your application for approval of, your oil spill treatment product.

Transfer of your personal data outside of the United Kingdom

Where necessary, we may transfer or store personal information outside the UK to another country or Crown Dependency that is deemed adequate for data protection purposes. This means that the country or Crown Dependency has equivalent levels of data protection to that of the UK.

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MMO may also in some circumstances transfer data to other countries without an adequacy agreement, having first taken all precautions to ensure that it was safe to do so, complying with the terms of the UK GDPR by making sure [appropriate safeguards](#) are in place.

Where necessary, our data processors may share personal information outside of the UK. When doing so, they comply with the UK GDPR, making sure that the country has been deemed adequate or [appropriate safeguards](#) are in place.

For further information or to obtain a copy of the appropriate safeguard for any transfers, please contact us using the contact information in our [Personal Information Charter](#).

Your rights

Based on the lawful processing above, your individual rights are:

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- The right to be informed

- The right of access
- The right to rectification
- The right to restrict processing
- The right to object
- Rights in relation to automated decision making and profiling

Read our [Personal Information Charter](#) to find out about your rights under the UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA 2018).

How to contact us or make a complaint

Read our [Personal Information Charter](#) to find our contact details, or how to make a complaint about our use of your personal data.