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# GDPR Fair Processing Notice

The EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018 change data protection law in Ireland. They strengthen the rights of individuals and increase the obligations on organisations that use personal data.

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*The SFPA is required to be transparent about its use of personal data, including by providing information in concise, easy to understand and clear language. This notice is intended to give you information about the GDPR and how the SFPA deals with your personal data.*

**Personal data is defined as any information that can identify an individual living person. It includes a name, an ID number, location data, an email address, a postal address, online browsing history, images or anything relating to the physical, physiological, genetic, mental, economic, cultural or social identity of a person. It does not include data relating to companies or deceased persons.**

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## **SFPA**

The SFPA is Ireland's Competent Authority for the enforcement of sea fisheries law and is an Official Agency of the Food Safety Authority of Ireland for the enforcement of food safety law in the seafood sector up to the point of retail.

In fulfilling its statutory mandate, and for the necessary administrative functions which underpin this work, the SFPA collects a wide range of data including personal data and special categories of personal data. Data may be collected from a variety of sources including: Industry, National, European or International Control Authorities, other State Agencies, employees, contractors, agents, and other customers.

The SFPA is required to ensure that all personal data processed by the organisation takes place in accordance with the provisions of applicable Data Protection legislation.

The SFPA keeps all personal data safe and secure and implements technical measures to ensure the safety and security of the systems which hold this data.

In this publication we describe your rights as a data subject, and our rights as a data controller and processor, and we also detail the exemptions and restrictions which apply under the Data Protection Act 2018. Further and more detailed information is available on our website at:

**[www.sfpa.ie](http://www.sfpa.ie)**

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## Restrictions and Exemptions

The GDPR and the Data Protection Act 2018 set out a number of restrictions on the rights of a data subject including:

- For the prevention, detection, investigation and prosecution of criminal offences and the execution of criminal penalties.
- To safeguard cabinet confidentiality, judicial independence and court proceedings, parliamentary privilege, national security, defence and the international relations of the State.
- In contemplation of or engagement in a legal claim, prospective legal claim, legal proceedings or prospective legal proceedings whether before a court, statutory tribunal, statutory body or an administrative out of court procedure.
- For the enforcement of civil law claims including matters relating to any liability in respect of damages, compensation or other liabilities or debts related to the claim.
- For estimating the amount of the liability of a controller whether in respect of damages or compensation in any case in which the application of those rights or obligations would likely prejudice the controller in relation to the claim.
- An expression of opinion given in confidence to a person who has a legitimate interest in receiving the information on the understanding that it would be treated as confidential.
- The data is kept by the Commission or the Information Commissioner for the performance of the functions of the Commissioner.



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For further information,  
contact our Data Protection Officer:

Data Protection Officer, SFPA,  
Clogheen, Clonakilty, County Cork.

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**E** [SFPADataProtection@sfpa.ie](mailto:SFPADataProtection@sfpa.ie)

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## Your Rights

- To obtain details about how your data is processed by an organisation or business;
  - To obtain a copy of the personal data that we hold about you;
  - To have incorrect or incomplete data corrected;
  - To have your data erased where, for example, we have no legitimate reason for retaining the data;
  - To obtain your data from us and to have that data transmitted to another organisation;
  - To object to the processing of your data by an organisation in certain circumstances;
  - To not be subject to (with some exceptions) automated decision making, including profiling.
  - To lodge a complaint with the Data Protection Commissioner [info@dataprotection.ie](mailto:info@dataprotection.ie), Canal House, Station Road, Portarlington, Co. Laois, or **0761 104 800** or LoCall **1890 252231**.
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## Our Responsibilities

- We must collect no more data than is necessary for the purpose for which it will be used;
- We must obtain personal data fairly from the individual by giving them notice of the collection and its specific purpose;
- We must retain the data for no longer than is necessary for that specified purpose;
- We must keep data safe and secure; and
- We must provide an individual with a copy of his or her personal data if they request it.