



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

## **PROTECTION OF YOUR PERSONAL DATA**

**This privacy statement provides information about the processing and the protection of your personal data.**

**Processing operation:** CERTIDER (Certified Defence-related Enterprises Register)

**Data Controller:** European Commission, Directorate-General for Defence Industry and Space, Unit DEFIS.A1 Defence Industry and Market Policy (hereinafter DEFIS.A1)

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## **1. Introduction**

The European Commission (hereafter “the Commission”) is committed to protect your personal data and to respect your privacy. The Commission collects and further processes personal data pursuant to [Regulation \(EU\) 2018/1725](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2018 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data by the Union institutions, bodies, offices and agencies and on the free movement of such data (repealing Regulation (EC) No 45/2001).

This privacy statement explains the reason for the processing of your personal data, the way we collect, handle and ensure protection of all personal data provided, how that information is used and what rights you have in relation to your personal data. It also specifies the contact details of the responsible Data Controller with whom you may exercise your rights, the Data Protection Officer and the European Data Protection Supervisor.

The information related to processing operation “CERTIDER (Certified Defence-related Enterprises Register)” undertaken by DEFIS.A1 is presented below.

## **2. Why and how do we process your personal data?**

The purpose of [CERTIDER](#) is to set up a central register of defence undertakings certified by EU member states under Article 9 of Directive 2009/43, and make this register publicly accessible in order to allow the Commission, national competent authorities and interested parties to comply with relevant EU requirements. This will also help suppliers of defence-related products throughout the EU to identify entities to which they can supply their products under a General Transfer Licence pursuant to Directive 2009/43.

CERTIDER also contains copies of certificates provided by Member States and the list of national EU competent authorities for certification. It also includes relevant information on EU and national legislation on intra-EU transfers of defence-related products and copies of General Transfer Licences issued by Member States.

Purpose of the processing operation: the Commission processes your personal data to allow for access to the restricted CERTIDER register and to make public information on certified defence undertakings, including a copy of the published certificates, in which personal data may be contained.

Alongside the public CERTIDER website, there is also a restricted CERTIDER webgate, which allows national competent authorities to introduce information about certified defence undertakings, after the Commission has provided them with access to the webgate. The authentication is managed via ECAS (e.g. “EU Login”). Your personal data will not be used for an automated decision-making including profiling.

## **3. On what legal ground(s) do we process your personal data?**

The processing of personal data is lawful under Article 5 of [Regulation \(EU\) 2018/1725](#) points 1(a), 1(b) and 1(d). The processing of personal data related to certified undertakings and for accessing the restricted webgate is necessary for “compliance with a legal obligation to which the controller is subject” under Article 9(8) of [Directive 2009/43/EC](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council of 6 May 2009, simplifying terms and conditions of transfers of defence-related products within the Community. The processing of personal data that is not required under Article 9(8) above, and the one contained on the list of national EU competent authorities, is based on consent.

#### **4. Which personal data do we collect and further process?**

In order to carry out this processing operation, DEFIS.A1 may process the following categories of personal data: name, EU login user name, e-mail, contact details and signatures of representatives of national competent authorities and of certified undertakings.

We have obtained the personal data from the information uploaded by national competent authorities on CERTIDER.

#### **5. How long do we keep your personal data?**

The personal data included in the public certificates are retained online for their period of validity. The expired certificates are retained in the database for a period of 5 years following their expiry, and are then automatically deleted.

Concerning the CERTIDER webgate, all user information is kept for as long as they continue to be valid. When users change professional assignment, the administrator/manager modifies settings and users lose access to it. CERTIDER webgate is also equipped with a build-in system that will remove automatically all users and their personal data in the database after 2 years without logon (from last logon date).

#### **6. How do we protect and safeguard your personal data?**

All personal data in electronic format (e-mails, documents, databases, uploaded batches of data, etc) are stored on the servers of the European Commission. All processing operations are carried out pursuant to the [Commission Decision \(EU, Euratom\) 2017/46](#) of 10 January 2017 on the security of communication and information systems in the European Commission.

In order to protect your personal data, the Commission has put in place a number of technical and organisational measures. Technical measures include appropriate actions to address online security, risk of data loss, alteration of data or unauthorised access, taking into consideration the risk presented by the processing and the nature of the personal data being processed. Organisational measures include restricting access to the personal data solely to authorised persons with a legitimate need to know for the purposes of this processing operation.

#### **7. Who has access to your personal data and to whom is it disclosed?**

Access to your personal data is provided to the Commission staff responsible for carrying out this processing operation and to authorised staff according to the “need to know” principle. Such staff abide by statutory, and when required, additional confidentiality agreements.

Some personal data of representatives of certified undertakings and national competent authorities is published.

#### **8. What are your rights and how can you exercise them?**

You have specific rights as a “data subject” under Chapter III (Articles 14-25) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725, in particular the right to access, rectify or erase your personal data and the right to restrict the processing of your personal data. You also have the right to object to the processing or the right to data portability.

If you have consented to provide your personal data for the present processing operation, you can withdraw your consent at any time by notifying the data controller. The withdrawal of your consent will not affect the lawfulness of the processing carried out before you have withdrawn the consent.

You can exercise your rights by contacting the Data Controller, or in case of conflict the Data Protection Officer. If necessary, you can also address the European Data Protection Supervisor. Their contact information is given under Heading 9 below.

Where you wish to exercise your rights in the context of one or several specific processing operations, please provide their description (i.e. their Record reference(s) as specified under Heading 10 below) in your request.

## **9. Contact information**

### **– The Data Controller**

If you would like to exercise your rights under Regulation (EU) 2018/1725, or if you have comments, questions or concerns, or if you would like to submit a complaint regarding the collection and use of your personal data, please feel free to contact the Data Controller in DEFIS.A1 via [DEFIS-CERTIDER-ADMINISTRATOR@ec.europa.eu](mailto:DEFIS-CERTIDER-ADMINISTRATOR@ec.europa.eu).

### **– The Data Protection Officer (DPO) of the Commission**

In case of disagreement with the Data Controller, you may contact the Data Protection Officer ([DATA-PROTECTION-OFFICER@ec.europa.eu](mailto:DATA-PROTECTION-OFFICER@ec.europa.eu)) with regard to issues related to the processing of your personal data under Regulation (EU) 2018/1725.

### **– The European Data Protection Supervisor (EDPS)**

You have the right to have recourse (i.e. you can lodge a complaint) to the European Data Protection Supervisor ([edps@edps.europa.eu](mailto:edps@edps.europa.eu)) if you consider that your rights under Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 have been infringed as a result of the processing of your personal data by the Data Controller.

## **10. Where to find more detailed information?**

The Commission Data Protection Officer (DPO) publishes the register of all processing operations on personal data by the Commission, which have been documented and notified to him. You may access the register via the following link: <http://ec.europa.eu/dpo-register>.

This specific processing operation has been included in the DPO's public register with the following Record reference: DPR-EC-02024.