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**PROTECTION OF YOUR PERSONAL DATA**

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

**Processing operation: Autonomous Suspensions and Quotas Measures Management System**

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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 in relation to processing operation *the Autonomous Suspensions and Quotas Measures Management System* undertaken by DG TAXUD/B5 is presented below.

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

Purpose of the processing operation: DG TAXUD/B5 collects and uses your personal information to allow for the registration of new requests for suspensions and quotas, the registration of amendments of running suspensions and quotas as well as the registration of objections to enable the examination of these submissions by the European Commission, with the aid of the opinion of the ETQG. This examination also enables the European Commission to issue proposals to the Council of the biannual Regulations for suspensions (Regulations amending Council Regulation (EU) No 2021/2278) and quotas (Regulations amending Council Regulation (EU) No 2021/2283).

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

*We process your personal data, because the processing is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority vested in the Union institution or body.*

*The basis for the processing has been laid down in the following Union law:*

- *Article 31 of the Treaty of the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU)*
- *Communication from the Commission concerning autonomous tariff suspensions and quotas (Official Journal C 363 of 13.12.2011, p. 6). biannual*
- *Council Regulations of suspensions (Council Regulation (EU) 2021/2278) and quotas (Council Regulation (EU) 2021/2278).*

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

In order to carry out this processing operation DG TAXUD/B5 collects the following categories of personal data:

- *Name;*
- *Contact details of the producing or objecting company (e.g., e-mail address and telephone number);*

We have obtained your personal data from the request submitted to the competent central authority for receiving suspensions and quotas requests of your Member State and stored in CIRCABC. These sources are confidential and not publicly accessible.

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

DG TAXUD/B5 only keeps your personal data for the time necessary to fulfil the purpose of collection or further processing, namely for 5 years from the moment of registration in the SUSP database. After this time, based on evaluation of the usage of the suspension, the measure will either be prolonged automatically for another period, as long as the suspension is valid, or if objected, or not used – withdrawn. In that regard, it should be noted that, in case of objections against autonomous suspensions and quotas, it is important that the name of the existing EU manufacturer who objected to the suspension/quota measure or request is kept in the system. The information is archived for five years the purpose of public interest after the suspension/quota is withdrawn.

**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 in place. 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.

The recipients of the data include:

- Member states' authorities responsible for dealing with autonomous tariff suspensions and quotas requests and objections.

The controller will transfer your personal data based on Article 50(1) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725. There is no adequacy decision pursuant to Article 47 of the Regulation for the Republic of Türkiye for the following reasons:

- The data subject has explicitly consented to the proposed transfer, after having been informed of the possible risks of such transfers for the data subject due to the absence of an adequacy decision and appropriate safeguards (Article 50(1)(a)) and;
- The transfer is necessary for important reasons of public interest (Article 50(1)(d)).

**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, your personal data and to rectify them in case your personal data are inaccurate or incomplete. Where applicable, you have the right to erase your personal data, to restrict the processing of your personal data, to object to the processing, and the right to data portability.

You have the right to object to the processing of your personal data, which is lawfully carried out pursuant to Article 5(1)(a) on grounds relating to your particular situation.

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, DG TAXUD/B5, [TAXUD-UNIT-B5@ec.europa.eu](mailto:TAXUD-UNIT-B5@ec.europa.eu).

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- **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-01109*.