

Privacy Protection Policy

For the protection of your personal information and privacy rights, the following statements by the Ministry of Agriculture are intended to inform you of the purposes, categories, and the scope and methods of application of personal data collected for the Organic Agricultural Product Certification Auditor Online Training Platform (hereinafter referred to as the Platform) and legal rights you may exercise regarding relevant matters. Through those statements and notifications, you will have an understanding of the Ministry of Agriculture's Personal Data Protection Policy. If you still have questions regarding our personal information and privacy protection policy, kindly reach the Ministry of Agriculture through a contact person in relation to your business, and the Ministry of Agriculture will promptly reply to you.

■ Definition of Organic Agricultural Certification Body and Certification Auditor

In accordance with the provision of Article 17 Paragraph 1 Subparagraph 1 of the Organic Agriculture Promotion Act, organic agricultural products can be sold, labeled, or advertised as organic when the organic agricultural products are certified by a domestic or foreign certification body accredited by ROC, given that the certification activities are performed within the territory prescribed on the accreditation certificate. Under that provision, the certification of organic agricultural products can be performed outside the territory of ROC as long as the performing certification body has been accredited by an approved accreditation body and the certification activities are performed in the regions or countries listed on their accreditation certificates. In addition, as excerpted from the Appendix of Regulations for Approving and Supervising Organic Accreditation Bodies, Article 3 Paragraph 2 Subparagraph 4 "Required Items for the Accreditation Standards of Accreditation Bodies " 2.1.3, Certification Auditors shall undergo at least 40 hours of training and obtain the corresponding certificates on the applicable laws of organic agricultural products and domestic and foreign certification systems, processes and the technologies for the production, storage, and distribution of agricultural products, audit skills, methods, and case analysis. 2.1.5 adds that for those not graduated from an agriculture- and food-related department, the hours of training shall be no less than 60 hours. All domestic and foreign auditors shall complete the aforementioned training before obtaining their Certification Auditor qualification.

In addition to face-to-face courses, an Online Training Platform is established to help Certification Bodies train their auditors. Its content is available in both Chinese and

English. For course moderators, it offers functions like course editing, account management, and trainee qualification review. For trainees, they can log in to the system, select and take courses, take exams, or conduct other steps.

■ **Scope of Application**

This Privacy Protection Policy and the notifications are only applicable to the websites owned or outsourced to operate by the Ministry of Agriculture. This Platform may contain services that require connection to outside websites. For their privacy policy and notifications about personal data and privacy protection, please refer to the corresponding websites.

■ **The Specific Purposes for Data Collection and Data Categories**

For the purposes including providing training courses, protecting the rights and interests of participants and related stakeholders, and conducting lawful operations, depending on the nature of services provided, the Ministry of Agriculture may collect the brand and version of your browser, your IP addresses, cookies, e-mail addresses, passwords, names, date of birth, gender, ID number or passport numbers, phone/mobile numbers, nationalities, locations, occupations (optional), education level, departments in the university, fields of expertise (optional), and other personal information that can directly or indirectly reveal the user's identity.

The specific purposes include but are not limited to:

109 Education or Training Administrative

139 Agricultural Product Promotion Information

140 Agricultural Food Administration

158 Student data administration

173 Other government for the purpose of supervision and management of the industry-competency

The categories that correspond to the above specific purposes include but are not limited to:

C001 Type for identifying individuals

C002 Type for identifying finance

C003 Type for identifying in government data

C011 Individual description

C051 School Records.

C052 Qualification or technique.

C061 Current status of employment.

■ Cookies

For the convenience of users, the platform uses cookie technology in order to provide services that are better suited to users' personal needs; the cookie is a technology used by the website server to communicate with the user's browser, which may store certain information on the computers of users, and our platform will access the cookie data stored on the computers of users. Users can cancel or restrict this function through browser settings, but doing so may hamper parts or the whole of the website's functions.

■ Time Periods, Territories, Recipients and Methods of Data Use

The personal data collected that reveals users' personal identity is only handled and used by the Ministry of Agriculture and certification bodies accredited under ROC laws for the stated collection purposes. Unless otherwise stated in advance, necessary for the provision of services, fulfilling contractual obligations, providing services or functions users have registered to use, or required by relevant laws and regulations or orders or requests from the competent authority, the Ministry of Agriculture will not provide personal data that can reveal the user's identity to any third-party (domestic or foreign) or use such data for purposes other than the stated collection purposes. Within the valid period of registration and owning qualification, as well as the retention period required by laws, the Ministry of Agriculture will continue to keep, handle, and use relevant data.

■ Data Security

The Ministry of Agriculture will use reasonable technologies and procedures that comply with industry standards to maintain the security of your personal data. All information you send to the Platform is protected by advanced technologies. Protection mechanisms are implemented for all submitted data.

■ Rights of Data Owners

Users may exercise the following rights to the data submitted by logging in to the Platform or via email:

1. To search for or view their data.
2. To request a copy of their data; the Ministry of Agriculture may charge a fee to cover the cost.
3. To request an amendment or addition.
4. To request the stop of the collection, handle, or use of their data.
5. To request restrictions on data use.
6. To request restrictions on automated decision-making.

7. To have your data deleted. You may use email to contact us, and we will send you a confirmation mail informing you that the request is being processed. And then we will erase as much relevant data as possible within 15 workdays (unless the retention is required by laws or that data is relevant to improper usage or illegal usage). The platform may not be able to completely delete your user account because of the data scattered across the network through your account usage. In this case, the account deletion process may fail. In addition, the Ministry of Agriculture reserves the right not to accept account deletion in conditions permitted by laws.
8. To request data portability. Please understand that exercising the aforementioned rights or providing insufficient or inaccurate data may result in the Platform's inability to provide parts or the whole of its services. When the specific purpose for data collection no longer exists or upon the expiration of relevant time periods, you can request to have your personal data erased and stopped from being handled or used, unless such steps are necessary for the Ministry of Agriculture to carry out its duties and operations.

■ **Impacts**

For this Platform to provide its services or fulfill its obligations, if you are not unwilling to provide relevant personal information to the Ministry of Agriculture required by each service, nor do you agree to allow the Ministry of Agriculture to collect, handle, use, and transfer overseas your personal data under relevant laws and regulations on the personal information, the Ministry of Agriculture's service agreement terms, and its privacy policy and relevant notifications, the Ministry of Agriculture will comply with your decision. But depending on the nature of each service, you may be blocked from using certain services or completing certain transactions. The Ministry of Agriculture reserves the right to not provide you with such services or process such transactions under those circumstances.

■ **Rights to Amend**

The Ministry of Agriculture reserves the right to amend this Privacy Policy and related notifications at any time and may post revision notes in an appropriate place on the platform without further notice. You may review the revised Privacy Policy and related notifications on the platform at any time. If you choose to continue using this platform after an amendment, you will be seen as having read, acknowledged, and agreed to that amendment or change, and if you do not agree with this amendment term, you should stop using this service.