



# EWFC website privacy and cookie policy

EWFC stands for “*European Working Community for Food-Inspection and Consumer Protection*” and is founded 23 February 1991. It is registered in accordance with French law on 19 Sep 1991, in Metz (France). It has its legal seat in: Saint-Julien-lès-Metz (France). EWFC has no physical office. Contact is possible through the contact form on the website. (the form uses 3<sup>rd</sup> party cookies)

This privacy policy ("policy") will help you understand how EWFC uses and protects the data you provide to us when you visit and use our website.

We reserve the right to change this policy at any given time. The latest version is noted in the footer with a date stamp. If you want to make sure that you are up to date with the latest changes, we advise you to frequently visit this page.

## What user data we collect

The CMS (content management system) of our website is Joomla. Free modular software that has an inherent cookie structure to track performance and possible threats. The modules and plugins we use may track performance and possible misuse of that software. When you visit our website, or use parts of the website or contact us, we do or may collect the following data:

- Your IP address.
- Your contact information and/or email address.
- Other information such as interests and preferences and visited pages.
- Components in our website are from third parties, they may collect data on the performance of their software and/or the legitimate use of it.

## Why we collect your data

We are collecting your data for several reasons:

- To improve our services to the visitors, the working of website components or to react on your questions or remarks in parts of the website.
- To customize our website according to your online behavior and personal preferences. ( like the language switcher)

## Safeguarding and securing the data

EWFC is committed to securing your data and keeping it confidential. EWFC has done all in its power to prevent data theft, unauthorized access, and/or disclosure by implementing the latest technologies and software and keeping the website up-to-date with the latest software and components, which help us safeguard the website and all the information we collect online.

## **Our cookie policy and use**

In the case that you have agreed in the cookie banner message to allow our website to use cookies, you also agree to us on using your data we may collect regarding your online behavior (analyze web traffic, web pages you visit or have visited etc,) All this information is anonymous and aggregated, but is traceable by a IP address. Your agreement on the cookie banner is valid for 1 year.

The data we collect by using cookies is done by [cookieeyes.com](https://www.cookieeyes.com), an external company who stores the data on our behalf. We may use the data for statistical analysis. Data is removed from our systems after 1 year and the user needs to reaffirm the cookie policy again when visiting our website.

Please note that cookies don't allow us, and can not gain control of computers in any way. They are strictly used and placed to monitor which pages public visits (like going back to earlier visited parts), to find useful or not so that we can provide a better experience for visitors and to help them go around in the website easily.

## **Links to other websites**

Our website contains numerous links that lead to external websites. If you click on these links EWFC is not held responsible for your data and privacy protection. The visited website may ask you again to agree on cookie settings. Visiting those websites is not governed by this privacy policy agreement. Make sure to read the privacy policy documentation of the website you go to from our website.

## **Restricting the collection of your personal data**

If, at some point, you might wish to restrict the use and collection of your personal data, you can achieve this by doing the following:

If you have already agreed to share your information with us, feel free to contact us via the contact form and we will be more than happy to change this for you or delete information (like Email addresses).

If you want to disable cookies in your website(s), you can do it by accessing the settings of your internet browser. You can visit <https://www.internetcookies.com>, which contains comprehensive information on how to do this on a wide variety of browsers and devices.

EWFC will never give, sell or distribute any personal information to any third parties, unless we have your clear permission to do so if asked. By law and if the law lawfully forces us in investigations, we might do so if necessary and other options are not available.

The data guardian of the website is the “Dutch association of food and non-food products inspectors” based in the Netherlands. Chamber of commerce nr. 40345075

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