

Privacy Statement

This Privacy Policy governs the processing of your personal data by the Cyprus Customs and Excise Department under the Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Cyprus, based on the following legislation:

- Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Directive 95/46/EC (General Data Protection Regulation)
- Directive (EU) 2016/680 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data by competent authorities for the purposes of the prevention, investigation, detection or prosecution of criminal offences or the execution of criminal penalties, and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Council Framework Decision 2008/977/JHA
- Law providing for the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and for the free movement of such data (Law 125(I) of 2018).
- Law providing for the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data by competent authorities for the purposes of the prevention, investigation, detection or prosecution of criminal offences or the execution of criminal sanctions and for the free movement of such data (Law 44(I) of 2019)

According to the legislation, 'personal data' means any information relating to an identified or identifiable natural person; an identifiable natural person is one who can be identified, directly or indirectly, in particular by reference to an identifier such as a name, an identification number, location data, an online identifier or to one or more factors specific to the physical, physiological, genetic, mental, economic, cultural or social identity of that natural person.

1. Processing of personal data

Your personal data is collected and processed for a specified, explicit and legitimate purpose and is not further processed in a manner incompatible with those purposes.

2. Purpose and legal basis of processing

The Customs Department shall process the personal data it collects in the performance of its responsibilities in the context of the control of cash, on the basis of the following legislation:

- REGULATION (EU) 2018/1672 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 23 October 2018 on controls on cash entering or leaving the Union and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1889/2005
- Law providing for the control on cash entering or leaving the Community and the exercise of intra-Community controls on cash (Law 53(I) of 2009)

3. Who processes your personal data?

Your personal data is processed by the Cyprus Customs and Excise Department.

4. Who is your personal data shared with?

Your data may be shared with any authority with legal authority to carry out audits of the activities of the Department, including the Audit Office of the Republic. In addition, your data may be shared with the Tax Department, the Unit for Combating Money Laundering (MOKAS), the Police, the European Commission, other competent authorities of EU Member States and third countries.

5. Storage of personal data

Personal data shall be stored, in paper form, in files maintained by the Customs and Excise Department and/or, in electronic form, in a computerised system to which only the authorised staff of the Department have access.

6. How is your personal data protected?

Access to computer systems is limited to specific officers of the Department who have a unique user code and password. In the case of printed files, access to them is limited only to the staff/persons required to have access to carry out their duties.

7. How long is your personal data stored?

The cash declarations and the personal data contained therein, which are kept in digital form, shall be kept for a period not exceeding five (5) years, with the possibility of extension by three (3) years if objective reasons so need. The time of deletion of the data in the printed files is considered to be the time of their forwarding to the Registrar of the State Archive for destruction, in accordance with the State Archive Law of 1991 (Law 208/1991).

8. What are your rights?

You have the right to request the Customs Department to access and correct the data held about you.

You also have the right to request the deletion of your personal data if the data is no longer necessary in relation to the purposes mentioned in paragraph 2 above.

Finally, you have the right to lodge a complaint to the Commissioner for Personal Data Protection in relation to the implementation of legislation on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data.

9. More information

For more information, please contact the Customs and Excise Department in writing at: headquarters@customs.mof.gov.cy