1. DESCRIPTION OF THE PROCESSING OPERATION

Following Article 19 of Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 883/2013 concerning investigations conducted by the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF), the European Commission had the obligation to evaluate the application of the Regulation by the 2 October 2017. The evaluation was supported by a study carried out by ICF Consulting Services Limited (ICF International). This evaluation was completed on 2 October 2017, date of the publication of the Commission's report on the evaluation of Regulation 883/2013.

The evaluation exercise focused on the application of Regulation 883/2013. It assessed the key elements in the Regulation, and the extent to which the objectives pursued by Regulation 883/2013 have been meet and remain relevant. To this end, ICF International looked in particular at the functioning and impact of the Regulation in the current legal environment, and took into account Commission proposals amending Regulation 883/2013, as well as other policy developments in the area of the protection of the Union's financial interests.

ICF International contributed to the evaluation design and methodology; collected available evidence, conducted fact-finding, and assessed and summarised the evidence base; conducted stakeholder consultations, and analysed the results; and also drew up evaluation conclusions (evaluation report). ICF conducted online surveys and interviews with a broad range of stakeholders including OLAF staff, representatives of Member State judicial authorities, AFCOS, IBOA etc. The interviews were conducted by phone or face to face. The contractor also organised focus groups to collect further evidence from stakeholders. The data was collected with consent of participants. The interviews and focus groups could be recorded with agreement of participants. The audio files were used solely as a point of reference against which the interviewer's notes of the interview could be cross-referenced as necessary, not transferred to any recipients. The participants were re-contacted for quality control purposes, where necessary, if they consented to.

The time period covered by the evaluation was 1 October 2013 to December 2016.

Evidence base was available from monitoring information, from previous evaluations and other reports, from assessing the implementation and application of legislation, and from consultation of OLAF staff, interested parties and stakeholders in the context of the evaluation study.

The evaluation focused on consulting the following interested parties:
- Commission departments
- EU institutions
- EU bodies, offices and agencies
- OLAF's Supervisory Committee
- EU member states anti-fraud bodies and authorities
- Non-EU countries and international organisations that have worked with OLAF in the context of Regulation 883/2013
Prosecutors' and defence lawyers' associations
Academia (fraud and criminal law associations).

The processing of your data was not used for an automated decision making, including profiling.

2. **Legal Basis for the Processing**

The legal basis for this processing is Article 5 paragraph (b) of Regulation(EU) 2018/1725. The legal basis for the evaluation is Article 19 of Regulation 883/2013.

3. **Categories of Personal Data Collected**

In order to carry out this processing operation OLAF collected the following categories of personal data:
- name of the organisation
- address and contact person’s name, function, telephone number and e-mail
- replies to the interviews and surveys.

The provision of the personal data is not mandatory.

4. **Who Has Access to Your Information and to Whom is it Disclosed?**

OLAF staff responsible for carrying out this processing operation has access to your personal data. In addition, your data may be transferred to ICF International for conducting the evaluation.

5. **How do we protect and safeguard your information?**

In order to protect your personal data, a number of technical and organisational measures have been put 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 data being processed. Organisational measures include restricting access to the data to authorised persons with a legitimate need to know for the purposes of this processing operation.

6. **How Long do we keep your data?**

Your personal data may be retained by OLAF and ICF International for a maximum of 5 years. The contractor will destroy any audio files upon completion of the study, rather than being stored for a maximum of 5 years.

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

You have the right to request access to your personal data, rectification or erasure of the data, or restriction of their processing.

Any request to exercise one of those rights should be directed to the Controller ([OLAF-FMB-DATA-PROTECTION@ec.europa.eu](mailto:OLAF-FMB-DATA-PROTECTION@ec.europa.eu)). Where you wish to exercise your rights in the context of one or several specific processing operations or files, please provide their description and reference(s) in your request.

Exceptions based on Regulation 2018/1725 may apply.
8. **CONTACT DETAILS OF THE DATA PROTECTION OFFICER**

You may contact the Data Protection Officer of OLAF (OLAF-FMB-DPO@ec.europa.eu) with regard to issues related to the processing of your personal data under Regulation(EU)2018/1725.

9. **RIGHT OF RECOURSE**

You have the right to have recourse to the European Data Protection Supervisor (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 OLAF.