

# Mela sickness allowance and the processing of personal data

*The EU's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) requires that you are informed about how your personal data is processed in connection with your Mela sickness allowance application by the Farmers' Social Insurance Institution Mela.*

## **Why and on what grounds is your personal data processed by Mela?**

Your personal data is required for resolving your Mela sickness allowance application. If Mela does not receive the requested data, it will be unable to determine your entitlement to sickness allowance.

Data collected for the purpose of processing your Mela sickness allowance application is also used for statistical and research purposes.

Mela may use in individual cases data collected from Mela sickness allowance applications for processing other benefits if the data is relevant for other benefits and if the law requires that the data be taken into consideration for the benefits in question.

Mela processes your personal data in order to comply with its statutory obligations.

## **Mela's right to obtain, disclose and transfer your personal data**

Mela is legally entitled to obtain and disclose data required for processing your Mela sickness allowance application.

If the obtaining or disclosure of your personal data is not legally required, you will be asked for consent that you may subsequently withdraw.

When processing your Mela sickness allowance application, Mela may contact authorities or insurance institutions, for example.

If necessary, your data may be transferred to EU and EEA countries, Switzerland and outside the EU based on the EU's General Data Protection Regulation and international social security agreements. Further information about the obtaining, disclosure and transfer of your personal data, as well as the parties processing personal data on behalf of Mela, is available on the Mela website.

## **You are entitled to check your data**

You are entitled, if you wish, to find out what data is kept about you on Mela's registers. You may also obtain a copy of your personal data.

You may request that imprecise or incorrect personal data be corrected. You may also supplement incomplete personal data if it is relevant to the processing of your personal data.

You may request that Mela restrict the processing of your personal data if you believe that the data is inaccurate or that it is being processed illegally. In this case, Mela may process your data only with your consent or for purposes specifically set forth in the General Data Protection Regulation.

Personal data requests and replies are generally free of charge.

If Mela does not take action regarding your personal data on the basis of your request, you will receive notification of this within one month. If your request cannot be implemented, Mela will give a reason.

## **Restricted GDPR rights**

The processing of your application is based on the law, so you are not entitled to object to the processing of your personal data or request that data required for processing your claim be removed or transferred to another register.

## **Right of appeal**

If you are dissatisfied with Mela's resolution of your claim concerning your personal data or if you consider that Mela has violated the EU's General Data Protection Regulation in the processing of your personal data, you are entitled to file a complaint with the Data Protection Officer.

## **Storage of your personal data**

The data required for processing your Mela sickness allowance application is retained for the statutory period. The statutory period is generally six years.

## **Automated processing**

Automated processing means that claims may be resolved by generating the decision automatically on the basis of data gathered from various sources. Mela utilises automated decision-making when processing Mela sickness allowance applications. Mela is legally entitled to make automated decisions in these cases.

Automated decisions are made when the processing of the application is based on data whose accuracy has been checked and when the grounds for granting the allowance are simple and formulaic. Mela makes automated decisions when Mela sickness allowance applications are submitted to Mela and Mela has already examined the grounds for granting a sickness allowance.

In cases in which the granting of a sickness allowance and calculating the amount require the judgement of Mela, the case is handled by an officer at Mela.

You are entitled, if you so wish, to request that an automated decision you have received is reviewed by Mela. You also have the right to appeal the decision.

## **Controller**

Mela is the controller of your personal data collected for your Mela sickness allowance claim.

## **Mela's Data Protection Officer**

Can be contacted by secured e-mail via Mela's website, or by phone +358 29 435 11.

**Further information about the processing of personal data is available on the Mela website.**

