

# Cookie Policy

At theGFSI, we believe in being clear and open about how we collect and use data related to you. We have a proactive approach to user privacy and ensure the necessary steps are taken to protect the privacy of its users throughout their visiting experience. This website complies with all European laws and requirements for user privacy. In the spirit of transparency, this policy provides detailed information about how and when we use cookies. This cookie policy applies to any of theGFSI products or services that links to this policy or incorporates it by reference.

## Does theGFSI use cookies?

Yes. We use cookies and other technologies to ensure everyone who uses theGFSI services has the best possible experience. Cookies also help us keep your account safe. By continuing to visit or use our services, you are agreeing to the use of cookies and similar technologies for the purposes we describe in this policy.

## What is a cookie?

A cookie is a small file placed onto your device that enables theGFSI features and functionality. For example, cookies enable us to identify your device, secure your access to theGFSI and our sites generally, and even help us know if someone attempts to access your account from a different device.

## When does theGFSI place cookies?

Any browser visiting these sites will receive cookies from us.

## What types of cookies does theGFSI use?

There are two types of cookies; persistent cookies and session cookies.

**Persistent Cookies** helps service providers to recognise you as an existing user, so it's easier to return to the site and interact with services without signing in again. After you sign in, a persistent cookie stays in your browser and will be read by the service provider when you return to one of its sites or a partner site that is linked.

**Session cookies also called a transient cookie** only last for as long as the session (usually the current visit to a website or a browser session). This type of cookie is erased when the user closes the Web browser. The session cookie is stored in temporary memory and is not retained after the browser is closed. Session cookies do not collect information from the user's computer.

***We use both the Persistent and Session Cookies.***

## What are cookies used for?

Cookies can be used to recognise you when you visit theGFSI, remember your preferences, and give you a personalised experience that's in line with your settings. Cookies also make your interactions with theGFSI faster and more secure. Cookies can be used to match your user experience with advertising.

***We do not share your information with third parties.***

theGFSI uses cookies to improve the users experience. Where applicable this website uses a cookie control system allowing the user on their first visit to the website to allow or disallow the use of cookies on their computer / device. This complies with recent legislation requirements for websites to obtain explicit consent from users before leaving behind or reading files such as cookies on a user's computer / device. Users are advised that if they wish to deny the use and saving of cookies from this website on to their computers hard drive they should take necessary steps within their web browsers security settings to block all cookies from this website and its external serving vendors.

Categories of Use	Description
Authentication	If you're signed in to theGFSI, cookies help us show you the right information and personalise your experience.
Security	We use cookies to enable and support our security features, and to help us detect malicious activity and violations of our Terms of Use.
Preferences, features and services	Cookies can tell us which language you prefer and what your communications preferences are. They can help you fill out forms on theGFSI more easily.
Performance, Analytics and Research	Cookies help us learn how well our site performs in different locations. We also use cookies to understand, improve, and research products, features, and services, including when you access theGFSI from other websites, applications, or devices such as your work computer or your mobile device.

This website uses tracking software to monitor its visitors to better understand how they use it. This software is provided by Google Analytics which uses cookies to track visitor usage. The software will save a cookie to your computer hard drive in order to track and monitor your engagement and usage of the website, but will not store, save or collect personal information. You can read Google's privacy policy here for further information <http://www.google.com/privacy.html>. Other cookies may be stored to your computer hard drive by external vendors when this website uses referral programs, sponsored links or adverts. Such cookies are used for conversion and referral tracking and typically expire after 30 days, though some may take longer. No personal information is stored, saved or collected.

## What is Do Not Track (DNT)?

DNT is a web browser setting that requests that a web application disable its tracking of an individual user. When you choose to turn on the DNT setting in your browser, your browser sends a special signal to websites, analytics companies, ad networks, plug in providers, and other web services you encounter while browsing to stop tracking your activity.

DNT is a concept that has been promoted by regulatory agencies for the Internet industry to develop and implement a mechanism for allowing Internet users to control the tracking of their online activities across websites by using browser settings. The World Wide Web

Consortium (W3C) has been working with industry groups, Internet browsers, technology companies, and regulators to develop a DNT technology standard. While some progress has been made, it has been slow. No standard has been adopted to this date. As such, theGFSI does not generally respond to "do not track" signals.

### **What third-party cookies does theGFSI use?**

We do not use third party cookies.

### **What to do if you don't want cookies to be set or want them to be removed?**

You can opt-out of some cookies on your settings page. In order for us to recognise that you have opted out of cookies, we have to place our theGFSI opt-out cookie on your device so we can know not to set other theGFSI cookies the next time you visit.

If you do not want to receive cookies, you can also change your browser settings on your computer or other device you're using to access our services.

If you use theGFSI without changing your browser settings, we'll assume that you're happy to receive all cookies on the theGFSI website.

Most browsers also provide functionality that lets you review and erase cookies, including theGFSI cookies. Please note that the theGFSI site will not work properly without cookies.

**Signed:** *A Davidson*

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To find out more about cookies, including how to see what cookies have been set and how to manage and delete them, visit [wikipedia.org](http://wikipedia.org), [www.allaboutcookies.org](http://www.allaboutcookies.org), <http://www.whatarecookies.com/> or [www.aboutcookies.org](http://www.aboutcookies.org).

Other helpful resources

To learn more about advertisers' use of cookies the following links are helpful:

- [European Interactive Digital Advertising Alliance \(EU\)](http://www.europeandigitaladvertisingalliance.com/)
- [Internet Advertising Bureau \(US\)](http://www.internetcasestudies.com/)
- [Internet Advertising Bureau \(EU\)](http://www.internetcasestudies.com/)

Browser manufacturers provide help pages relating to cookie management in their products. Please see below for more information.

- [Google Chrome](http://www.google.com/chrome/permissions/cookies.html)
- [Internet Explorer](http://www.microsoft.com/ie/permissions/cookies.aspx)
- [Mozilla Firefox](http://support.mozilla.org/kb/cookies-what-are-they)
- [Safari \(Desktop\)](http://support.apple.com/HT204048)
- [Safari \(Mobile\)](http://support.apple.com/HT204048)
- [Android Browser](http://www.android.com/permissions/cookies)
- [Opera](http://www.opera.com/help/faq/cookies)
- [Opera Mobile](http://www.opera.com/help/faq/cookies)

For other browsers, please consult the documentation that your browser manufacturer provides.