

Data management policy

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The World Steel Association (worldsteel) promotes competition and efficiency and provides its members, governments and the public with statistics related to the steel industry.

To achieve its role, worldsteel needs to collect, process, store and disseminate steel related data. The data management policy ensures that data treatment respects confidentiality and meets data protection standards as well as antitrust requirements.

The worldsteel Data Management Team, made up of permanent worldsteel staff, leads and advises on the administration of worldsteel statistics under the supervision of the Director General. The Team ensures adherence to external data guidelines as prescribed by authorities such as the International Standards Organisation, the United Nations, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development and other data gathering authorities.

Data management policy in World Steel Association respects principles of privacy policy, link [here](#).

Data management at worldsteel is underpinned by the following principles:

Data collection

- The purpose of data collection should be clearly defined.
- Information, which worldsteel collects and processes, should be related to specific projects and not surplus to requirements.
- Data are collected in accordance with international and/or national regulations and worldsteel antitrust guidelines.

Data processing

- Data provided to worldsteel should be accurate and up-to-date and aligned with worldsteel methodologies.
- worldsteel reserves the right to adjust data according to its methodologies in order to ensure consistency across data sets.

Data storage

- worldsteel data are stored using up-to-date technologies to avoid unauthorised access, accidental deletion and malicious hacking attempts.

Data dissemination

- Rules of data dissemination differ depending on the subject and commercial sensitivity. The rules may be adapted following worldsteel member recommendations, but need to meet antitrust requirements. Suggestions are subject to approval from worldsteel's Director General.
- Through dissemination of information, worldsteel does not make recommendations, suggestions or disguised inferences to its members on antitrust sensitive topics.
- Where advisable, collection and utilisation of data should not be carried out by the same individuals.

Data protection

- worldsteel data are protected by intellectual property rights