

PROVISION OF POLLEN COUNT INFORMATION – REGULATION

The Portuguese Society of Allergology and Clinical Immunology (SPAIC) is frequently asked to provide information related to pollen counts collected by the Portuguese Aerobiology Network (RPA). Due to the increasing number of requests, it has become necessary to update the current regulation.

SPAIC will evaluate the request to provide this information for all initiatives it recognizes as having scientific interest and/or value.

1. Objective

This Regulation establishes the criteria and procedures for the free or paid provision of existing information on pollen counts in the RPA records and the conditions for its use.

2. Copyright

1. The ownership and provision of the information are subject to the applicable laws regarding copyright.
2. Without prejudice to the provisions of the previous paragraph and other applicable laws, any entity, public or private, is prohibited from using the RPA data for their purposes, transferring it to third parties in any form, including free of charge, reproducing, disclosing, or commercializing it, even if not for profit, without the express authorization of the SPAIC Board.

3. User Entity

A User Entity is any entity requesting the provision of information contained in the RPA records under any regulated conditions.

4. Terms of Use

1. The provision of RPA information will only occur after the User Entity accepts the provisions of this Regulation by signing the declaration of responsibility, the model of which is attached in Annex I.
2. The provision of information is subject to SPAIC's authorization and payment of the fees mentioned in Annex II, where applicable.

5. Format of the Information

The information will be provided in digital format.

6. Cost of Information

1. The information may be provided free of charge in the following situations:

a) For academic or research purposes, provided that the research team includes a full member of SPAIC, with dues up to date, and who conducts scientific activity in Allergology and Immunology. It will also be necessary to present a supporting document from the educational institution or Immunoallergology Units/Services and from the students/researchers involved in the project, as well as comply with the provisions of Article 4. In these cases, students/researchers must commit to presenting/publishing the results obtained at SPAIC meetings or in its scientific journals.

b) For other purposes deemed relevant by SPAIC, under a protocol with the User Entity.

2. In all other cases, the price for each month of information provided will be as stated in Annex II, which will be regularly updated.

7. SPAIC's Responsibility

SPAIC provides the requested information according to the latest available version and is not responsible for any difficulties or inaccuracies resulting from data manipulation.

8. Rights and Obligations of the User Entity

1. The User Entity undertakes to use the information exclusively for the purpose specified in the declaration of responsibility (Annex I) and will not disclose it to third parties, either free of charge or for a fee, and may use it for up to 5 years after the data is provided.

2. The User Entity must, when communicating or disclosing information resulting from the RPA data, refer to the source of the information, stating "Portuguese Society of Allergology and Clinical Immunology, Portuguese Aerobiology Network."

9. Infractions

1. Copyright laws protect the information provided, and only the right to use it for the purpose indicated in the signed declaration of responsibility is granted.
2. Any infractions of this Regulation will be punished according to the applicable legislation.

10. Questions and Omissions

Any omissions or questions arising in the interpretation of the provisions of this Regulation will be resolved by the SPAIC Board, according to general legal principles.

ANNEX I

Template for the Declaration of Responsibility

(User Entity Name), located at (insert address), NIF (number), requests information from the Portuguese Society of Allergology and Clinical Immunology (SPAIC) regarding (Pollen Counts) for the following regions (specify regions), for the period between (specify months and years).

It is hereby declared that the undersigned is aware of the "Provision of Pollen Count Information" Regulation and will use the information solely for: (detailed description of the purpose)

The User Entity undertakes to:

- 1) Use the information provided by SPAIC solely to execute the stated purpose.
- 2) Not use the information for purposes other than those indicated above, and not commercialize, provide, transmit, or transfer it to third parties, in whole or in part, free of charge or for a fee.
- 3) Indicate the source of information in any type of communication or dissemination of studies developed, mentioning "Portuguese Society of Allergology and Clinical Immunology, Portuguese Aerobiology Network."

Does the research team include a full member of SPAIC?

Yes Name: _____ Member Number: _____

No

(Location and date)

Signature

ANNEX II

Indicative prices:

The daily count of all pollen evaluated by the RPA and pollen counter is 70 euros/month or 840 euros/year.