



DATA SAFETY & INTEGRITY

WHAT DATA WE HOLD, AND WHAT WE DELETE

A plain-English summary of what enters Meridian, what we actually keep, and what's destroyed after every match exercise.

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INTRODUCTION

Every match exercise moves a lot of data through Meridian for a few seconds; and almost none of it stays. This guide is the plain-English version of what actually gets kept, what doesn't, and how long the exceptions last. For how those guarantees are technically enforced, see *How Meridian's Security Architecture Works*.

Zero	Hashes only	Deleted on completion	≤5 days
Zero raw email addresses ever stored	What actually gets compared	Your uploaded file and working data	To a written deletion certificate

WHAT YOU UPLOAD

You give Meridian a **CSV file, or a link to one, either raw email addresses or pre-computed SHA-256 hashes**, whichever suits your workflow. It arrives over an encrypted connection, and matching only ever runs against the subscriber dataset(s) you or your admin explicitly select - never against anything else on the platform.

This guide covers what happens to the data itself. For the transport encryption, the hashing mechanism, and the Clean Room match environment, see **[How Meridian's Security Architecture Works](#)**.

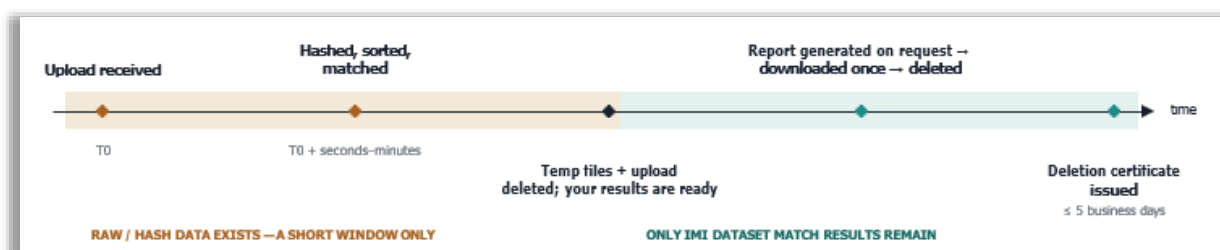
WHAT WE KEEP, AND WHAT WE DON'T

Not everything that touches Meridian is treated the same way. Here's the complete picture for the file you upload - what happens to it, and to what's derived from it, from the moment it arrives.

WHAT	KEPT?	HOW LONG?	WHY?
Your raw email addresses	NOT KEPT	N/A	Hashed the instant your file is read; never written to storage in raw form
Your uploaded file, or the URL fetch	NOT KEPT	Deleted the moment processing completes, or fails	A working copy needed only during matching
Your working hash set	NOT KEPT	Deleted once matching completes	Temporary, hashed comparison file
IMI matched-hash set	KEPT	Refreshed for every match, until no longer needed	Supports your match results remaining available to you. Ensures the data you're matching against remains active and compliant
Your match statistics (counts, %)	KEPT	Indefinitely as part of your account's match history	So you can see and revisit your results
Your audit trail	KEPT	Indefinitely, even if your account is deleted	For compliance and audit. Fully exportable at a user level or by match

LIFECYCLE, STEP BY STEP

Put on a timeline, the pattern is simple: a short window where anything hash-shaped exists, then either nothing, or a tightly time-boxed exception.



Anything resembling your raw list exists for seconds. After that, only your match results remain, plus the possibility to generate a report on request, downloaded once then deleted - before a written deletion certificate follows.

YOUR DELETION CERTIFICATE

Every completed match exercise ends with a written deletion certificate, issued within 5 working days, confirming that nothing you supplied remains on any IMI system. It's a contractual guarantee. See the compliance framework in the security architecture guide for how it sits alongside your Data Processing Agreement (DPA).

DATA DELETION CONFIRMATION CERTIFICATE

Meridian Secure Data Matching Service · ICR UK Limited t/a IMI

Certificate reference	
Client organisation	
Match Exercise date	
File(s) uploaded	
Total records processed	
Match result	Match: ____ % · Matched: _____ records · Non-matched: _____ records
Processing completed	[Date and time — UTC]
Client Data deleted	[Date and time of deletion — UTC]
Deletion method	Automated deletion from Meridian server storage on processing completion. Hashed values discarded from volatile memory. No Client Data retained in any persistent storage, database, or log.
Confirmation	IMI confirms that, as of the date shown above, no personal data supplied by the Client in connection with this Match Exercise remains within the Meridian platform or any IMI system.
Issued by	
Name / Title	
Date of issue	

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