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**Data use agreement in reference to data [Teagasc\_to\_ISRIC\_Modal\_profiles.mdb]**

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**Re: Data uses in reference to data file [Teagasc\_to\_ISRIC\_Modal\_profiles.mdb]**

To collect data for the Irish Soil Information System (SIS), through the STRIVE programme, Teagasc and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) entered into an agreement with farmers that the locational data of the Irish (SIS) pits would not be distributed on the basis that this is sensitive information. The use of data provided to Teagasc is used only for the purpose for which it was intended, and will not be made available to any third party unless required by law. Previous requests for data have not been approved on this basis, and this remains the case. Even where locational data can be made available, this will only be through a licensing agreement for the use of same through the EPA; however, this still does not allow publication of the information.

ISRIC Data Requests

Recent data requests from ISRIC sought the use of the Irish SIS data. With the obvious constraints associated with the use of locational data a resolution was sought to facilitate collaboration between institutions and to further the mutual overarching research agendas. The ISRIC project 'SoilGrids 1km' is a collection of updatable soil property and class maps at a relatively coarse 1km resolution developed using modelled statistical methods (ISRIC, 2015). ISRIC require locational data for their research. As actual locational data cannot be provided, the development of abridged locational data was achieved in ArcGIS. Therefore, Irish SIS data was provided at this scale of 1km with location data developed at this resolution. Thus, this data is not the site specific data of the Irish SIS pits however it is representative of the Irish SIS National Soils Map.

Metadata restrictions

The use of this data is permissible for the 'SoilGrids 1km' project. Further use of the data provided is allowable for other internal ISRIC projects but this data is not to be redistributed for third-party use. External requests for this data use should be addressed directly to Teagasc. Implicit in this agreement is that data files must not be renamed for redistribution purposes.