EU Data Act Transparency Declaration

Product: NETGEAR Nighthawk WiFi 7 Router (RS600)
Category: Smart Wi-Fi Router / Connected Network Device
Wireless Standard: WiFi 7
Wireless Speed: Up to 18.0 Gbps
Coverage: Up to 2,700 sq. ft.
Connected Devices: Up to 150 devices
Internet Port: 10 Gigabit Ethernet
Product Type: Connected network equipment
Declaration Language: English (Ireland)

1. General Product Information

The NETGEAR Nighthawk WiFi 7 Router (RS600) is a connected network device designed to provide wireless and wired network connectivity for homes and other compatible environments.

The router manages network traffic between connected devices and the Internet and may generate, collect, process and transmit technical and operational data required for network management, connectivity, security, diagnostics, maintenance and associated services.

The type and amount of data generated may vary depending on the network configuration, connected devices, Internet service provider, firmware version, security features, management settings and services enabled by the user.

2. Types of Data Generated

Depending on the functions being used, the router may generate or process technical and operational data including:

- **router model and hardware configuration;**
- **device identification information;**
- **firmware and software version;**
- **router operating status;**
- **Internet connection status;**
- **WAN and LAN connection information;**
- **Wi-Fi network configuration;**
- **WiFi 7 operating information;**
- **wireless connection status;**
- **connected device information;**
- **network traffic and usage statistics;**
- **connection and disconnection events;**
- **network performance information;**
- **signal and connection quality information;**

- **security and network protection events;**
- **system notifications;**
- **error and diagnostic information;**
- **configuration and administration information;**
- **firmware update status.**

The precise categories of data generated depend on the router's configuration and the features enabled by the user.

3. Network and Traffic Data

The router processes network information in order to route communications between connected devices and external networks.

Technical network information may include connection status, traffic statistics, network addresses, connection events, wireless parameters and other information required for the operation and management of the network.

The router may also process information relating to devices connected to the network in order to provide network management, connectivity and security functions.

The actual content of communications transmitted through the network is generally generated by the user's applications and connected devices rather than by the router itself.

4. Connected Devices

The RS600 can support multiple connected devices. During normal operation, the router may process technical information relating to devices connected through Wi-Fi or Ethernet.

Such information may be used to manage network access, monitor connectivity, troubleshoot connection issues and provide security or parental-control features where supported and enabled.

The information associated with connected devices may include technical identifiers, connection status, network address information and usage or performance statistics.

5. Security Features

The router includes security-related functionality intended to help protect the network and connected devices.

Security-related data may include information concerning network events, connection attempts, blocked or restricted connections, security notifications and other technical information required to detect or respond to potential network threats.

The exact security functions and data processed depend on the firmware, configuration, subscription or associated services available for the product.

6. Purposes of Data Use

Data generated by the product may be used, where applicable, to:

- **provide wired and wireless network connectivity;**
- **manage Internet access;**

- **route network traffic;**
- **manage connected devices;**
- **monitor network performance;**
- **configure Wi-Fi settings;**
- **maintain network security;**
- **detect and troubleshoot technical issues;**
- **provide diagnostic information;**
- **monitor device and connection status;**
- **deliver firmware and software updates;**
- **provide technical support;**
- **improve reliability, compatibility and performance.**

Data should only be processed in accordance with applicable legal requirements and the purposes for which the relevant functionality is provided.

7. User Access to Data

The user may access certain technical and operational information through the router's administration interface, compatible management application or other supported tools.

Depending on the available functions, users may be able to view information relating to connected devices, network status, Wi-Fi configuration, Internet connectivity, data usage, security events and firmware versions.

Where applicable under Regulation (EU) 2023/2854 (EU Data Act), the user may have the right to request access to data generated through the use of the connected product in accordance with applicable legal requirements and procedures.

8. Personal Data and Privacy

Certain information generated during the operation of the router may constitute personal data where it can be directly or indirectly linked to an identifiable individual.

Examples may include device identifiers, network addresses, account information and usage information when these can be associated with a particular person or household.

Where personal data is processed, it must be handled in accordance with applicable data protection legislation, including the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and relevant Irish and European data protection requirements.

The router itself primarily processes technical network information required to provide its functions. Data generated by websites, applications and online services accessed through the network may be processed independently by those services.

9. Data Sharing and Connected Services

Technical and operational information may, where necessary and legally permitted, be exchanged with NETGEAR's systems, compatible management applications or service providers involved in:

- **technical support;**
- **diagnostics;**
- **security services;**
- **firmware and software updates;**
- **device management;**
- **maintenance;**
- **connected network services.**

Any sharing of data should comply with applicable requirements concerning privacy, confidentiality, security and user rights.

10. Firmware and Software Updates

The RS600 may receive firmware and software updates intended to improve security, stability, compatibility, performance and functionality.

During an update, technical information relating to the router model, firmware version, configuration and update status may be processed to ensure that the appropriate update is delivered and installed.

Updates may also address technical faults and security vulnerabilities.

11. Data Security

Appropriate technical and organisational measures should be applied to protect relevant data against unauthorised access, loss, alteration, disclosure or other unlawful processing.

The user should also take appropriate steps to secure the router and network, including using strong administrator credentials, secure Wi-Fi settings and up-to-date firmware.

Connected devices should likewise be protected using appropriate security measures.

12. Data Retention

The period for which data is retained may vary depending on the type of information, the purpose of processing, the services used and applicable legal requirements.

Technical information may be retained for as long as necessary to provide network services, diagnostics, security, maintenance, support or other legitimate purposes.

Where data is no longer required, it should be deleted, anonymised or otherwise handled in accordance with applicable retention requirements.

13. User Rights under the EU Data Act

Regulation (EU) 2023/2854 (EU Data Act) establishes rights concerning access to and use of data generated through the use of connected products and related services.

Where the EU Data Act applies to the product and relevant data, the user may request access to data generated through the use of the NETGEAR Nighthawk RS600 and may exercise other applicable rights in accordance with the regulation.

These rights must be considered alongside applicable requirements relating to personal data protection, confidentiality, intellectual property and network security.

14. Availability and Format of Data

The availability, format, frequency and method of access to generated data may vary depending on the router's firmware, software, configuration, connected services and management interface.

Not all technical information generated internally by the router is necessarily directly accessible through the standard administration interface.

Where direct access is not available, requests for relevant data may be subject to procedures established by the manufacturer and applicable legislation.

15. Connected Network Services

Certain functions of the RS600 may rely on connected services, management applications or Internet-based services.

The availability of such services may depend on Internet connectivity, software and firmware versions, geographical availability, subscription conditions and the user's configuration.

The processing of information by third-party services is subject to the relevant provider's terms and privacy policies.

16. Changes to this Declaration

This declaration may be updated where changes are made to the router, firmware, software, security features, connected services, data-processing functions or applicable legal requirements.

Users should refer to the latest official product documentation, privacy information and data-access information for the most current details.

17. Regulatory Reference

This declaration has been prepared with reference to Regulation (EU) 2023/2854 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning harmonised rules on fair access to and use of data (EU Data Act).

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