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Subject: FW: Emailing: Kiernan Breeding Stock
Attachments: Kiernan Breeding Stock (Pig Farm)

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From: Angela Brady
Sent: 13 August 2014 10:57
To: Pamela McDonnell
Subject: Emailing: Kiernan Breeding Stock

Pamela,

In reply to your letter of 31st July, Planning Section of Longford Co. Co. have stated that 'Three loose sow houses were granted under 12/208 with the applicant indicating that would be no increase in stock numbers and that the additional space was to accommodate the existing sow herd in accordance with (then) incoming animal welfare requirements. The applicant stated at the time that that the existing farm operated on average as a 500 sow integrated pig unit(+/-10%) with all pigs reared on the farm until the reached slaughter weight.

A further application was received under PL13-111 which was just for retention of the structures but again stated that there was no proposed increase in stock.

There was no further information with the applications regarding Boars or Weaners.

I attach e-mail we received from agent acting on behalf of Kiernan Breeding Stock clarifying stock numbers.

Regards,

Angela Brady,

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Longford County Council.

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From: Paraic Fay <paraicfay@eircom.net>
Sent: 12 August 2014 17:02
To: Angela Brady
Cc: Mark Kiernan; Donall Mac An Bheatha
Subject: Kiernan Breeding Stock (Pig Farm)
Attachments: A9R8519.pdf

Importance: High

Mark/Angela

Please see attached a copy of correspondence to Longford Co. Co. from the E.P.A. relating to an application for a Licence for the pig farm at Ardagullion, Granard, Co. Longford. Please note that the correspondence sent from the E.P.A. may be a little confusing as there are different definitions used that are not fully reflected in this letter.

Useful Definitions

Sow - A female Pig after is first farrowing (giving birth) Gilt - A female pig being reared for breeding purposes, which has not yet farrowed.

Served Gilt - A gilt which has been served (mated and is pregnant) but which has not yet farrowed.

Following a ruling by the European Court of Justice in December 2011, it has been confirmed that the expression 'places for sows' in IPPC must be interpreted as including places for gilts that have already been served, but have not yet farrowed. In this regard the pig farm at Ardagullion has c.800 "places for Sows" (550 Sows plus 250 Served gilts) as per the above definition, and this is applicable to IPPC only.

In relation to the planning permission, the definition used concurs with the P.O.E. Act of 2003 - 'sow' means a female pig after its first farrowing, which concurs with the normal industry definitions. This is the definition used outside of the IPPC realm for planning permission etc. and in this regard the farm has a maximum of 550 sows (in an integrated unit), as communicated to Longford Co. Co. in recent planning permission application(s). This is also the description used by the Department of Agriculture, Food and The Marine in the grant application associated with recent developments on the farm, as sows and served gilts are treated separately.

In summary the farm at Ardagullion has 550 Sows and 250 Served gilts in an integrated unit (i.e. including all progeny reared to market weight). The 800 Sow figure as quoted in Agency Correspondence has resulted from the different class description and the summation of the sows (550) and served gilts (250) to give "a places for sows" figure of 800. The application documentation submitted on behalf of this pig farm was revised to comply with the European Court of Justice descriptions/definitions.

Effectively there is no difference in the animal numbers referred to when the appropriate definitions are applied against each figure.

I hope this clarifies this for you, however should you require anything further please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards

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