



Environmental Action Alliance-Ireland

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County Offaly.

EPA Licensing Section,
PO Box 3000,
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7th July 2015

Re: Requirement for licence to engage in activities prior to 7th July 2015

Dear Sir/Madam,

Environmental Action Alliance - Ireland refers the advertisement placed in the Farmers Journal dated 13th June 2015 by the EPA, which stated:

"The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) wishes to remind companies and other operators, who may be carrying out licensable under the Industrial Emissions Directive, of changes in legislation effective from 7th July, 2015.

Companies and other operators carrying out certain activities, which may not have required a licence from the EPA to date or who may have operated under a permit from a local authority, will now require an EPA license by July 2015. The Agency has previously engaged with a broad range of stakeholders, including local authorities and industry representative groups in this regard.

From 7th July 2015, a new range of industrial activities will require a licence from the Environmental Protection Agency.

The principal newly prescribed industrial activities include or are associated with:

- *The treatment and processing of animal or vegetable raw materials intended for the production of food or feed with a finished product production capacity greater than 75 tonnes per day (only animal raw materials) or 300 per day (only vegetable raw materials).*
- *Certain waste activities, some of which are controlled by the local authorities.*
- *Independently operated waste water treatment installations."*

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In August 2014, the EPA informed EAA-I that the Agency first issued an Integrated Pollution Control (IPC) licence to Munster Proteins Ltd t/a Waterford Proteins on the 12th June 1997. The licensee applied for a licence review and a revised licence, P0040-2 (issued as licence register number 586), was issued by the Agency on the 2nd April 2001.

Since issue of the licence in 2001 the Agency has amended the licence on two occasions: Amendment A was issued on the 24th May 2006 under Section 82(11) of the Environmental Protection Agency Acts, 1992 & 2003 to bring the licence into conformity with the provisions and requirements of Council Directive 96/61/EC; and Amendment B was issued on the 16 December 2013 under Section 82A(11) of the Environmental Protection Agency Acts 1992, as amended, to bring the licence into conformity with the provisions of Council Directive 2010/175/EU.

In this regard could you confirm if Munster Proteins Ltd t/a Waterford Proteins will now require a license under the Industrial Emissions Directive?

Yours sincerely,

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