

This memo has been cleared for submission to the OCLR Director by the Programme Manager P. Nolan

Signed: Rz Heacy Date: 30/1/09



Office of Climate, Licensing & Resource Use

**MEMORANDUM**

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| <b>To:</b>   | Programme Manager  |
| <b>From:</b> | Marie O'Connor - LICENSING UNIT  |
| <b>Date:</b> | 23 JANUARY 2009  |
| <b>RE:</b>   | Application for a Transfer of licence Reg No. P0182-01 from Glanbia Fresh Pork Limited to LEAD Partnership |

Irish Country Meats Ruskey Ltd (now Glanbia Fresh Pork Limited), Ruskey, Co. Roscommon were granted a licence (Reg. No. P0182-01) for the slaughter of pigs under EPA Act 1992 First Schedule Class 7.4. In May 2002 a major fire at the plant resulted in the closure of the plant and the cessation of pig slaughtering. Canning and the operation of the wastewater treatment plant continued on-site, with the agreement of OEE, but this also ceased in May 2007. OEE have stated that surrender of the licence has not been requested and that there are on-going site clean-up issues to be resolved by the licensee.

A joint application to transfer the licence to LEAD Partnership was received on 04<sup>th</sup> September 2008. LEAD Partnership do not propose to carry out the slaughter of pigs at this site but do want to utilise the waste water treatment plant for the treatment of sewage effluent and sludges. Since the activity (slaughtering) has ceased for in excess of 3 years the licence has ceased to be in effect (section 92(3)) albeit the licence has not been surrendered (section 95(2)). It is thus not possible to transfer the licence.

Glanbia Pork Limited as the licensee is obliged to deal with the issues related to the previous use of the site under the existing licence however LEAD Partnership may carry out an activity on the site under a new licence/permit from either the Agency or the Local Authority as required.

**Recommendation**

I recommend that the request for a Transfer of a licence is refused

Signed

p.p. Rz Heacy  
Marie O'Connor