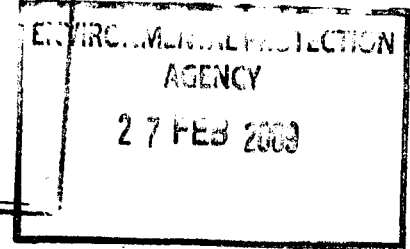
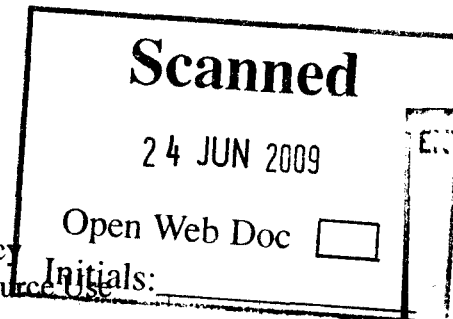


20 February 2009.

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**Re: IPPC Licence Reg No P041L-01. Amendment of licence.**

Dear Ms Burke

We are aware that the Environmental Protection Agency is currently amending licences granted to pig rearers so as to include conditions not originally included in the licence but now required by the IPPC Directive and the EPA Acts. We have been expecting such an amendment. Although we have not yet received it, we do not anticipate any problem with that.

However, we are aware that the Agency is including in that Amendment as issued to licensees to date, an amendment of condition 5 so as to replace the condition that relates to slurry / landspreading as in condition numbered 5.5 in many licences, and we are aware of its content. Although we have not yet received such an Amendment, we now notify you that such an amendment of the slurry / landspreading condition is of no interest or value to us. It would not in any way facilitate operation of the licence or make it possible for us to comply with the Agency's demands in relation to matters regulated under separate legislation. That amendment would not satisfy our need for amendment of the licence under section 90(5)(e) of the EPA Acts, as has been previously requested from the Agency by some licensees. Such amendment is necessary so as to enable our compliance by appropriately recognising and respecting requirements now prescribed in SI 378 of 2006 and SI 252 of 2008, in relation to the distribution of animal manure from the installation, and the use of such manure by farmers in the fertilising of farmlands in their holdings. Amendment under section 90(5)(e) remains outstanding and is overdue. This notification is our only opportunity for input to "consultation" in relation to any amendment of our licence under section 96(1)(c) of the EPA Acts, as may be pending.

We understand that there is reference in the cover letter that has gone with the Amendment, and in the Inspector's report to "Director", a reference to "*the agreement reached between the Agency and the IFA in relation to the recovery of slurry/manure as fertiliser*", as the basis for your amendment of Condition 5. We are not party to any such "agreement" that we know of. Please acknowledge receipt of this letter, and forward to us a true copy of that "agreement" referred to.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "M. J. ...", written over a horizontal line.

Licensee.