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Mr. Pat Ryan Ballyfaskin Enterprises Limited Ballyfauskeen Ballylanders Co. Limerick

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Reg No: P0915-01

## Dear Mr Ryan

I refer to your application for an Integrated Pollution Prevention and Control (IPPC) licence, which was received on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2010, and the Agency's notification to you on the 17<sup>th</sup> May 2012 under Article 11(2)(b)(ii) of the EPA (Licensing) Regulations, requesting additional information in support of your licence application.

Please note that the European Commission has referred Case C158-12 against Ireland to the European Court of Justice for failing to ensure that all relevant pig and poultry installations operate with an IPPC licence. The IPPC Directive required existing activities to have an IPPC licence by October 2007 and new activities to have a licence prior to commencement. In accordance with Category 6.6 of the IPPC Directive, an activity involving the rearing of pigs in an installation, where the capacity exceeds 750 places for sows or 2,000 places for production pigs(over 30kgs), requires an IPPC licence.

To deal with the EC concerns outlined in Case C158-12, the Agency is required to complete the licensing of your installation as soon as possible or ensure that you are operating at or below the specified threshold.

You should take note that if you fail to provide the outstanding information requested by the 19<sup>th</sup> **February 2013**, the Agency may proceed to enforcement action regarding the operation of your activity where the capacity exceeds the threshold specified without an IPPC licence.

Please contact me on 021 4875540 if you wish to discuss further.

Yours sincerely,

Marie O'Connor Office of Climate, Licensing & Resource Use

Note:

Any *telephone enquiries* in relation to the above should be directed to Marie O'Connor/Pamela McDonnell at the number above. All *written communications and replies* should be directed to Administration, Office of Climate, Licensing & Resource Use, EPA, PO Box 3000, Johnstown Castle Estate, County Wexford.