M E M O R A N D U M

DATE: 15th March 2013

TO: Dara Lynott, Director

FROM: Pamela McDonnell

RE: Request for Information to be held as confidential – Ballyfaskin Enterprises
              Limited P0915-01.

On 4th March 2013 Ballyfaskin Enterprises Ltd submitted a revised Nutrient Management Plan (NMP) in relation to their IPPC licence application, Reg. No. P0915-01.

Attachment 3 of the NMP contains Individual Farm Fertiliser Statements for each of the customer farms identified who can accept pig slurry. The Fertiliser Statements are issued by the Department of Agriculture Food and the Marine and contain a statement of the amount of nitrogen and phosphorus produced by the customer's cattle on their holding during 2011. Based on this information, the statement estimates the amount of pig slurry which could be imported to the farm without exceeding the nitrate limits for the farm.

On the 15th March 2013, Ballyfaskin Enterprises Limited submitted a letter requesting that the Fertiliser Statements for customer farms, as submitted in the NMP on the 4th March 2013, are considered confidential information.

The Fertiliser Statements can be considered confidential in compliance with the agreement reached between the IFA and the EPA in 2008 in relation to nutrient management plan requirements. I consider this information necessary for the processing of the application.

Recommendation

The Environmental Licensing Programme recommends:

    a.   That the Fertiliser Plans in Attachment 3 of the NMP, submitted on the 4th March 2013, are deemed confidential.

    b.   That the applicant is informed that this information is deemed confidential and therefore will be removed from the public file but that the Agency will retain the information for assessment as part of the application.

    c.   That the information is returned to the applicant following issue of the final determination, to be updated as necessary and maintained on-site for inspection at all reasonable times.

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