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TECHNICAL AMENDMENT A
TO
INDUSTRIAL EMISSIONS LICENCE

Licence Register Number:	W0249-01
Company Registration Number:	384234
Licensee:	Acorn Recycling Limited
Location of Installation:	Ballybeg Composting Facility, Ballybeg, Littleton, County Tipperary.



Reasons for the Decision

The Environmental Protection Agency is satisfied, on the basis of the information available, that subject to compliance with the conditions of licence Reg. No. W0249-01 No. granted on the 9th October 2009 and amended on 27th November 2015, as well as any amendments noted herein, any emissions from the activity will comply with and not contravene any of the requirements of Section 83(5) of the Environmental Protection Agency Act 1992 as amended.

A screening for Appropriate Assessment was undertaken to assess, in view of best scientific knowledge and the conservation objectives of the site, if the activity, individually or in combination with other plans or projects is likely to have a significant effect on any European Site.

The activity is not directly connected with or necessary to the management of any European Site and the Agency considered, for the reasons set out below, that it can be excluded, on the basis of objective information, that the activity, individually or in combination with other plans or projects, will have a significant effect on any European Site and accordingly determined that an Appropriate Assessment of the activity was not required.

This determination is based on the fact that the technical amendment is adding more stringent conditions to the licence resulting in greater licence controls and thus further ensuring that the activity will not have a significant effect on any European Site.

Technical Amendment

In pursuance of the powers conferred on it by Section 96(1)(c) of the Environmental Protection Agency Act 1992 as amended, the Agency amends the licence granted to Acorn Recycling Limited, Archerstown Industrial Estate, Thurles, County Tipperary for an installation located at Ballybeg Composting Facility, Ballybeg, Littleton, County Tipperary.

Henceforth, the licence shall be read in conjunction with a Section 76A(11) Amendment issued on 27th November 2015 and the amendments set out below.

This technical amendment is limited to the following Glossary of Terms and Conditions of Licence Reg. No. W0249-01:

Amendments

Amend the Glossary of Terms as follows:

To be inserted into the Glossary of Terms of the existing licence.

LoW	List of Waste
Storage	Includes holding of waste

New Conditions or Amended Conditions

Insert New Condition 8.11, to read as follows:

Condition 8. Materials Handling

8.11 Waste Storage

- 8.11.1 Unless otherwise agreed by the Agency, the maximum quantity of waste stored at the installation at any one time shall be restricted by the Waste Storage Plan as required under Condition 8.12.

Insert New Condition 8.12, to read as follows:

8.12 Waste Storage Plan

- 8.12.1 The licensee shall, within twelve months of the date of this amendment, establish, maintain and implement a Waste Storage Plan for all waste stored at the installation.
- 8.12.2 The Waste Storage Plan shall be adequate to ensure compliance with all conditions of this licence.
- 8.12.3 The Waste Storage Plan shall be to the satisfaction of the Agency at all times.

8.12.4 The Waste Storage Plan shall incorporate:

- the recommendations of the Fire Risk Assessment required by Condition 9.5 of this licence;
- a limit on the total quantity of waste to be stored at the installation at any one time;
- maximum stockpile sizes in designated storage areas including maximum volume, height, length, width and area, and minimum separation distances;
- a limit on the maximum storage or holding period for each type of waste in designated storage areas;
- limitations, as may be necessary, on waste storage arrangements to be used to prevent odour nuisance;
- a drawing or plan of the location of each waste type and the means of storage for each waste type (e.g. as loose waste, baled, in sealed containers);
- details of the drainage system super-imposed on the above drawing or plan; and
- a designated fire quarantine area that is:
 - available at all times to aid separation and management of wastes during a fire incident; and
 - is different to the quarantine area set aside for unacceptable wastes.

8.12.5 Waste storage practices at the installation shall comply with the Waste Storage Plan at all times.

8.12.6 Where bales of waste are stored, the licensee shall maintain and implement a bale identity and tracking system. Each bale shall be labelled with:

- its date of production;
- its content and LoW code; and
- the name of the facility where the bale was produced and its licence register number.

8.12.7 Waste accepted or generated at the installation shall be stored only in designated areas that have been identified in the Waste Storage Plan.

- 8.12.8 All designated areas for storage of waste shall be:
- clearly labelled;
 - appropriately segregated; and
 - visibly or physically delineated by walls, dividers, painted lines or marks on the ground or other methods acceptable to the Agency.
- 8.12.9 The Emergency Response Procedure (as required under Condition 9.3) shall include an up-to-date copy of the Waste Storage Plan.

Reason: *To provide for the appropriate handling of material and the protection of the environment.*

Insert New Condition 9.5, to read as follows:

Condition 9. Accident Prevention and Emergency Response

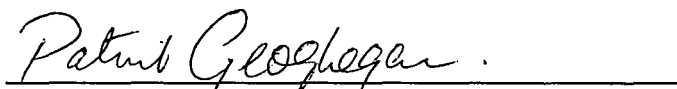
- 9.5 The licensee shall arrange, within six months of the date of this amendment and every three years thereafter or as directed by the Agency, for the completion, by an independent and appropriately qualified consultant, of a fire risk assessment for the facility. The assessment shall examine all relevant factors on site that impinge on fire risk and prevention. The assessment shall have regard to the EPA Guidance Note: *Fire Safety at Non-Hazardous Waste Transfer Stations, 2013* and the EPA Guidance on *Fire Risk Assessment for Non-Hazardous Waste Facilities, 2016*. Any recommendations in the fire risk assessment report shall be implemented by the licensee within twelve months of the date of this amendment.

Reason: *To provide for the protection of the environment.*

This technical amendment shall be cited as Amendment A, to the licence.

Sealed by the Seal of the Agency on this the 29th day of June, 2016

PRESENT when the seal of the Agency was affixed hereto


Patrick Geoghegan, Authorised Person

