

Attachment C

Management of the Installation

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C.1 Site Management & Control

The farm is owned and operated by Michael Noel O' Connor, a second generation poultry farmer. He is also the responsible person and lives close to the farm at Rathcahill West, Templeglantine, Newcastle West, Co. Limerick. Michael Noel O' Connor has at no stage been convicted under the EPA Act 1992, as amended, the Waste Management Act 1996 as amended, the Local Government (water pollution) Acts 1977 and 1990 or the Air Pollution Act 1987.

The licence application is made by Michael Noel O' Connor and a copy of the latest audited accounts can be viewed onsite if required. A signed Financial Declaration by the applicant's Accountant is attached.

The main activities at the unit occur during normal working hours between 08:00 – 18:00. Stock inspections, in-line with normal farming practices, are carried out everyday including weekends and holidays. Automatic feeding and ventilation systems operate on a 24 hour basis and in addition, essential activities are carried out outside of core working hours.

Specialist services are utilised by the farmer in specific areas of responsibility, in order to ensure the efficient and proper running of the poultry unit.

The farm produces stock under the An Bord Bia Producer Scheme. The Poultry Products Quality Assurance Scheme operated by Bord Bia is designed to enable poultry producers and processors meet the demands of customers and consumers. This Scheme is integrated in that it involves the producer, the processor and the customers. Poultry that meets this standard at farm and food production level is entitled to carry the Bord Bia Quality Assurance logo on the final pack.

These standards are equivalent to similar international standards in Europe and elsewhere and are regularly and rigorously checked both by the farmer and by independent auditors.

The Bord Bia standard covers 3 broad areas;

- Food Safety
- Animal Welfare
- Environmental Protection

Specific controls are included for a range of specific aspects of the farming operation for housed or free range chickens including:

- The farm site
- Housing
- Preparation for arrival of new stock
- Sourcing of stock
- Flock health
- Feed and water
- Farm hygiene and bio-security

- Transport
- Health & safety on the farm
- Environment

Because of these controls and the verification procedures that are in place, when consumers see the Bord Bia Quality Mark, they can have full confidence that the chicken has been produced in accordance with best international practice as determined through independent audit.

On each Quality Assured farm therefore, Bord Bia requires that the person in charge can demonstrate competence in the management of the birds.

The condition of the birds in the unit is examined through an audit process. This audit is the principle measure of competence.

Records are maintained under the An Bord Bia Scheme: house preparation, crop performance, chemical usage, visitors log, delivery and usage of feed, rodent control etc. A copy of all these reports can be viewed onsite.

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Julianne O'Brien,
Environmental Engineer,
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Co. Tipperary.

Dear Ms O'Brien,

Re : Noel O'Connor, Rathcahill, Templeglantine, Newcastle West, Co. Limerick.

I have acted as accountant for Noel O'Connor for over 5 years.

I can confirm that during my time as Accountant for Noel O'Connor he has never been bankrupt, insolvent, or entered into any arrangement with any creditor or never suspended their business activities.

Yours faithfully,


KIERAN MURPHY

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