

The application submitted in June 2016 was for the review of the current waste licence to increase the annual waste intake from 82,000 tonnes to 100,000 tonnes. Apart from the installation of an additional feed intake line, the increase in the waste acceptance rates will not require the provision of any new processing equipment.

However the increase will provide FHR with the capacity to process more than 75 tonnes/day of materials that could, subject to further off-site treatment, be used to manufacture solid recovered fuel (SRF) and refuse derived fuel (RDF).

In this context it was decided that the review should include for Classes 11.1 and 11.4(b) in the New First Schedule of the EPA Act 1993 to 2013. The relevant fees for a review of these class of activities are:

Class 11.1	€4,444
Class 11.4.(b)-	€6,000 (Activity will only involve recovery and not a mix of recovery/disposal)

The fee (€10,444) was submitted with the application.

The Office of Environmental Sustainability has determined that although the facility is operating under a current Waste Licence the transition to an Industrial Emissions licence cannot be accommodated by a licence review and an application for a new Industrial Emissions licence is required.

The fees for a new application for Class 11.1 are €5,713 for a 'Small Activity'. A 'Small Activity' is one that has less than 50 employees and FHR falls into this category. The fee for Class 4 (b) -recovery only - is €10,000. The total fee for a new licence application is €15,713.

The facility is already operating under a Waste Licence issued on 21<sup>st</sup> August 2017 and the conditions recent changes to the Agency's requirements regarding the storage of waste (Condition 8.11), fire risk assessment (Condition 9.5), closure restoration and aftercare

(Condition 10.2) and environmental liabilities (Condition 12.3). The only changes to the current activities will be the operation of a new waste intake area and an increase of 18,000 tonnes to the annual waste intake. There will be no new waste types, not additional processes and no new point emission sources.

In this context FHR considers that the costs incurred by the Agency in processing the new application should not be greater than that of a licence review and therefore seeks a refund of €5,269, which is the balance between the fees paid (€10,444) with the original application and those for a new application (€15,713).

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