

***Extract from the Minutes of the 1110<sup>th</sup> Licensing Meeting of the Agency was held on 17 January 2023, in EPA Headquarters, Johnstown Castle Estate, County Wexford.***

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Directors Present: L Burke (Chair);  
G O' Leary, E Cotter, S Finegan, M Lehane & T Ryan.

**3. Recommended Determination of a Review of an Industrial Emissions (IE) Licence**

*Licensee:* **Anglo Beef Processors Ireland Unlimited Company  
Christendom  
Ferrybank  
County Waterford**

*Register of Licence No.:* **P0040-03**

The Directors considered a recommendation from the Office of Environmental Sustainability that the Agency approve the Recommended Determination to grant a review of the Industrial Emissions Licence. The following documentation was submitted: Recommended Determination; eighty-nine Third party submissions and a Report of the Inspector dated 12 January 2023. The Directors noted that the licence review is being initiated in accordance with Section 90(4)(a)(i) of the EPA Act, 1992, as amended due to material changes in the nature and extent of emissions at the installation.

A copy of the review documentation was available electronically.

Niamh Connolly and Pamela McDonnell gave verbal presentations.

**Inspector's Report**

The Directors noted a typographical error in Section 16.1 of the Inspector's Report, to be amended as follows: 'OEE have confirmed that there are *no* legal proceedings in train in respect of the existing licence, Reg. No. P0040-02.'

**Recommended Determination**

**Conditions**

**3.20.1** Amend the condition as follows:  
'Natural gas, ~~tallow~~ or low sulphur fuel (<1%) shall be used in **the thermal oxidiser and Standby Boiler 1** on-site.'

*Reason for Decision:*

To provide clarity on the condition requirements.

**3.20.2** Amend the condition as follows:

**‘Tallow derived from the processing of animal by-products may be used as a *standby* fuel in the on-site thermal oxidiser and Standby Boiler subject to ~~on-going~~ the agreement of the Agency.’**

Reason for Decision:

To provide clarity on the condition requirements.

- 3.20.3** Amend the condition as follows:  
**‘Written approval from the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine for the use of tallow as a fuel in the thermal oxidisers and the standby boiler shall be *in place*. ~~maintained~~. The written approval shall be *available* ~~maintained~~ on-site for inspection by authorised personnel. The use of tallow as a fuel shall be ceased immediately where this approval is withdrawn.’**

Reason for Decision:

To provide clarity on the condition requirements.

- 3.25** Amend the condition as follows:  
**‘The licensee shall permanently enclose the biofilter, whereby the abated gases will be extracted through a stack of *not less than 10 metres in height* within six months of the date of grant of the licence, unless otherwise approved by the Agency.’**

Reason for Decision:

In the interest of environmental protection.

- 6.1.1** Amend the condition as follows:  
**‘The licensee shall prepare a test programme for abatement equipment installed to abate emissions, *which includes the biofilter*.’**

Reason for Decision:

To provide clarity on the condition requirements.

- 6.20.2** Amend the condition as follows:  
**‘The plan shall be submitted within ~~12~~ 6 months of the date of grant of this licence.’**

Reason for Decision:

In the interest of environmental protection.

- 8.14** Amend the condition as follows:  
**‘The licensee shall maintain an *inspection* programme to ensure that all vehicles, trailers and containers **transporting** animal by-products to **or from** the site of the activity are adequately contained and covered.’**

Reason for Decision:

To provide clarity on the condition requirements.

**8.15** Amend the condition as follows:

‘Animal by-products and blood for processing shall be uncovered, unloaded and deposited within the confines of the animal by-products intake building *as soon as practicable*. Animal by-products shall not be uncovered or deposited or stored in the open yard.’

Reason for Decision:

In the interest of environmental protection.

**8.18** Amend the wording of condition 8.18 as follows:

~~‘All wash waters arising from vehicles, trailers, containers, storage areas, equipment used for the collection, transfer, handling and processing of animal by-products, blood and runoff arising from animal by-product storage shall be collected and conveyed to heat treatment to achieve the minimum requirements set down in Regulation (EC) No. 1069/2009.’~~

*‘The following liquors shall be collected and conveyed to heat treatment to achieve the minimum requirements set down in Regulation (EC) No. 1069/2009:*

- (i) all wash waters arising from vehicles, trailers, containers, storage areas and equipment used for the collection, transfer, handling and processing of animal by-products and blood,*
- (ii) runoff arising from animal by-product storage.’*

Reason for Decision:

To provide clarity on the condition requirements.

Following discussion, the Directors decided to grant a licence to Anglo Beef Processors Ireland Unlimited Company, for their installation at Christendom, Ferrybank, County Waterford, Register of Licence No P0040-03, subject to amendments and the conditions as set out in the licence.