

**DAIRYGOLD
FOOD PRODUCTS**



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To Whom It May Concern:

Martin & Angela O'Donovan have been suppliers to Galtee Meats for many years.

Galtee Meats is a member of a recognised Quality Assurance Scheme operated by Bord Bia. This sets out standards of operation for both producers and processors and the O'Donovan's meet all the required standards.

Across Europe in recent years regulations have been introduced to cover animal welfare. Galtee has an increasing requirement for "welfare friendly" production systems and the O'Donovan unit conforms with these requirements.

The health status of the unit is very satisfactory.

There has been a continuous reduction in the number of pig producers in Ireland in recent years. It is now estimated that there are only 570 commercial units down from 750 just three years ago. The industry needs to have units of the O'Donovan size if it is to have a sustainable advantage in the market place.

Galtee Meats has expanded its operation and now has over 600 people employed in pig meat processing most of whom are in Cork. This growth was achieved on a stable supply base of pigs. Nationally the Pig Industry is contracting and we are therefore supporting the O'Donovan's in their current application.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John O'Sullivan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

JOHN O'SULLIVAN,
General Manager.