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Mr. Ricky Roycroft

On behalf of Enfield Broiler Breeders Limited

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Reg. No.: P1214-01

Regulation 10(2)(b)(ii) of the EPA (Industrial Emissions) (Licensing) Regulations 2013, in respect of a licence application from Enfield Broiler Breeders Limited for an installation located at Gorteen, Broadford, County Limerick, P56 VH76.

Dear Mr. Roycroft,

I refer to the application for a licence received by the EPA on 16 July 2024.

Having examined the documentation submitted, I am to advise that the Agency is of the view that the documentation does not comply with the above-mentioned legislation. You are therefore requested, in accordance with the regulations, to supply the information detailed below.

1. Has the licensable activity commenced on-site (i.e. at a stocking level of >40,000 birds)?
2. It is noted that the documentation regarding the BAT conclusions from the Commission Implementing Decision (CID) document for the Intensive Rearing of Poultry or Pigs (2010/75/EU, Feb 2017) has not been fully completed. Clearly identify the **specific techniques** that will be used to comply with BAT 10, 13, 25, and 31.
3. **Organic fertiliser**
  - a. Provide a letter from the contractor who will remove the litter from the installation confirming their agreement with the applicant. This letter should include the following:
    - i. The contractor's DAFM registration details;
    - ii. Confirmation that the contractor will remove all poultry litter from the installation; and
    - iii. Assurance that the transport of poultry litter will be in accordance with the Animal By-product Regulations.
  - b. Is poultry litter removed solely at the end of 44-week production cycle?

- c. Does the storage capacity described in Table (b) *Poultry Manure/Farmyard Manure Storage Capacity*, in section 7.6.2(ii) *Organic Fertiliser: Storage capacity* of the application, describe litter on the floor of the poultry houses while the houses are occupied by the birds or separate litter storage facilities within the houses?
  - d. Is the 10.92 ha of land the applicant intends to use for landspreading of wash water located within the proposed licensed site boundary? If so, calculate the additional nutrient load arising from this landspreading and demonstrate that the requirements of the Nitrates Regulations (S.I. No. 605/2017) shall continue to be met.
4. Will the installation be operated on a free-range basis? If so, calculate the N and P content of the manure deposited by the birds in the free-range area using the values for a laying hen given in Table 6 of the Nitrates Regulations. Demonstrate that the requirements of the Nitrates Regulations (S.I. No. 605/2017) shall be met.
  5. For what proportion of the day are the birds permitted access to the range area?
  6. Provide a map showing the location of nearby third-party dwellings. If any nearby dwellings are owned by the applicant or their family, this should be highlighted.
  7. In relation to sanitary facilities for the site:
    - a. Confirm if any sanitary facilities are or will be provided within the installation boundary.
    - b. Confirm, where applicable, the type of system that is or will be provided for the treatment of sanitary effluent arising onsite and the location of same.
    - c. Where applicable, include the location of any existing or proposed sanitary facilities within the installation boundary in the revised site plan requested in item 1 above.

#### 8. **Storm water**

The site plan titled 'Site plan - Storm Water Drainage' and 'Site plan – Clean/Storm Water' outlining the storm water discharge points does not clearly outline the storm water drainage system and the associated infrastructure. Provide a revised site plan map to clarify:

- a. Provide a map outlining the surface water pathways between the storm water discharge points and the local land drains/watercourses.
- b. Confirm what mitigation measures are proposed for each stormwater discharge point, e.g. silt trap.
- c. Clarify how clean storm water from concrete aprons is kept separate from wash water.

## 9. Planning

With regards to planning permissions 1227/94, provide written confirmation from the planning authority that the installation has planning permission to:

- a. change from housing of turkeys to housing of broiler breeders, and
- b. to be operated as a free-range installation.

You are advised that the Agency cannot agree to the above unless the planning authority provides supporting written confirmation.

## 10. Appropriate assessment

A screening for Appropriate Assessment was undertaken on 13 August 2024 and the Agency determined that an Appropriate Assessment of the proposed activity is required. You are thereby required to submit a Natura Impact Statement (NIS), as defined in Regulation 2(1) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 as amended.

The NIS should be prepared in accordance with the EPA Licence Application Instruction Note 1 (IN1) "[Assessment of the impact of ammonia and nitrogen on Natura 2000 sites from Intensive Agriculture Installations](#)".

You are furthermore advised to refer to the document 'Appropriate Assessment of Plans and Projects in Ireland – Guidance for Planning Authorities', issued in 2009 by the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government, and revised in 2010. This document is available on the National Parks & Wildlife Service website at: [http://www.npws.ie/sites/default/files/publications/pdf/NPWS\\_2009\\_AA\\_Guidance.pdf](http://www.npws.ie/sites/default/files/publications/pdf/NPWS_2009_AA_Guidance.pdf).

In addition to the above, please also provide an updated non-technical summary (Application Form, and EIS where applicable) to reflect the information provided in your reply, insofar as that information impinges on the non-technical summary.

The requested information should be submitted to the Agency within **12 weeks** of the date of this notice, in order to allow the Agency to process and determine your application.

It should be noted that the eight-week period within which the Agency is to decide the proposed determination will commence on the day on which this notice has been complied with. If you have any further queries please contact [licensing@epa.ie](mailto:licensing@epa.ie).

In the case where any drawings already submitted are subject to revision consequent on this request, a revised drawing should be prepared in each case. It is not sufficient to annotate the original drawing with a textual correction. Where such revised drawings are

submitted, provide a list of drawing titles, drawing numbers and revision status, which correlates the revised drawings with the superseded versions.

Your response to this request is to be submitted via EDEN. Guidance on how to use this portal is available on the EPA website at [IE Licence application guidance | Environmental Protection Agency \(epa.ie\)](#).

Note that where the applicant fails to comply with this requirement in full and to the satisfaction of the Agency, the Agency may consider, having regard to the extent of the failure, whether the application can be considered pursuant to Regulation 10(2)(b)(ii) Environmental Protection Agency (Industrial Emissions) (Licensing) Regulations 2013 as amended, and may issue a notice in writing that the application cannot be considered by the Agency, outlining the extent of such failure. Alternatively, where there is a failure to comply with this requirement the Agency may activate Regulation 19 of the EPA (Industrial Emissions) (Licensing) Regulation 2013, which pertains to Withdrawal or Abandonment of an application for licence.

Please direct any queries to [licensing@epa.ie](mailto:licensing@epa.ie).

Yours Sincerely,  
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