



Mr Martin O'Donovan
Pig Farm
Cooligboy
Timoleague
Bandon
County Cork

By Email

30 September 2021

Dear Mr O'Donovan

One of the main functions of the Environmental Protection Agency is the licensing and control of a number of specified activities that are listed in the First Schedule to the Environmental Protection Agency Act 1992, as amended. A copy of the schedule is attached for your information.

This licensing function is intended to cover not only proposals for new developments but also existing activities. An Industrial Emissions (IE)/Integrated Pollution Control (IPC) licence issued by the EPA would replace any existing authorisations for water, air or waste issued by the local or sanitary authority.

Authorised Officers of the Office of Environmental Enforcement (OEE) of the EPA conducted a site visit at Cooligboy, Timoleague, Bandon, County Cork on 9 June 2021 and during this site visit, they observed a new piggery installation outside of the licensed site boundary of your EPA Licence Reg No P0621-02 for Mr Martin O'Donovan. OEE inspectors observed animal numbers on the day that would require authorisation under the First Schedule to the Environmental Protection Agency Act 1992, as amended, i.e.

- 6.2 The rearing of pigs in an installation where the capacity exceeds –
- (a) 750 places for sows, or
 - (b) 2,000 places for production pigs which are each over 30kg.

Based on the observations of OEE inspectors, we are to advise that the Agency is of the view that your company's operations at Cooligboy, Timoleague, Bandon, County Cork fall within the scope of Class 6.2 of the First Schedule to the Environmental Protection Agency Act 1992, as amended.

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You are required to confirm as a matter of urgency, and no later than 15 October 2021 that you will:-

1. Immediately cease and desist from engaging in any Class 6.2 activities in the new piggery installation.
2. Confirm whether the installation observed on 9 June 2021 comes within the scope of any of the classes in the First Schedule to the Environmental Protection Agency Act 1992, as amended.
3. Confirm if you intend to apply for a review of the existing licence for Mr Martin O'Donovan (EPA Licence Reg No P0621-02) or a new licence application for a new piggery installation. (*Note: the definition of an 'Installation' under the IE Directive should be taken into account when deciding on your proposed route forward*).

It should be noted that the scope of Class 6 of the First Schedule to the Environmental Protection Agency Act 1992, as amended relates to the animal capacity of the installation, once rearing is taking place, not animal numbers.

Please email your response for the attention of the Environmental Licensing Programme at licensing@epa.ie.

In response to this letter please supply the details of your company name as stated in the Articles of Incorporation.

Should you have any difficulty in this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the Agency at the above address.

I wish to advise that it is an offence liable to prosecution to carry on an activity, which requires a licence, in the absence of such a licence.

Yours sincerely

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