

Record of site inspection at unlicensed facility



Unlicensed Piggery

Cooligboy

Timoleague

Bandon

Co. Cork

Address of installation: *Cooligboy, Timoleague, Bandon, Co. Cork*

Proposed Licence Registration Number: Not applicable

Date of assessment: 05/11/21 **Start time:** 15:02 **Finish time:** 16:30

Date of issue of this statement: 07/12/2021

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This assessment was undertaken by: Adrian Farrell, OEE Inspector, and Sinead Doyle, OEE Inspector

Site Representative: No person met on site; OEE inspectors informed a member of staff of the adjacent licensed piggery of their intention to visit the installation.

On 05 November 2021, the Office of Environmental Enforcement (OEE) undertook a follow up site visit to determine whether a Class 6.2 activity, as set out in the first schedule of the EPA Act 1992, was being conducted in an unauthorised piggery installation.

The OEE had previously undertaken a site visit, on 09 of June 2021, to the adjacent licensed site, Martin O'Donovan P0621-02, and during that site visit inspectors determined that an unlicensed piggery was operating contrary to the requirements of section 82(2) of the EPA Act 1992, in that it was operating without a licence from the EPA.

Following this EPA site visit on 09/06/2021, the EPA's Environmental Licensing Programme (ELP) issued an instruction to the putative owner of the facility, instructing them to cease and desist from engaging in any class 6.2 activities in the new piggery installation .

Site Inspection

The Inspectors noted that;

- All four pig houses were found to be stocked with pigs. A photograph was taken of weaner unit 8 which indicated the presence of pigs (photo 1 refers);
- The external walls of the pig houses were found to be cracked in a number of areas (Photos 2 to 7 refer);
- There was evidence that slurry was weeping from some of these external walls of the pig houses and onto unprotected ground (Photos 8 to 10 refer);
- Access tracks from agricultural machinery were found adjacent to external walls of pig houses (Photo 11 refers). The vibration from vehicle traffic passing close to the houses (less than 5 metres) creates a risk to the structural integrity of the walls of the pig houses which are already cracked;
- An external door was found not be adequately fitted (photo 12 refers);
- Animal feed was found on unprotected ground adjacent to feed silos (Photo 13 refers);
- Additional sheds were under construction at the southern section of the site (Photo 14 and 15 refers).

Conclusion

The OEE Site Visit to the unlicensed piggery on 05 November 2021 confirmed that class 6.2 activity was being conducted without authorisation on that date.



Signed:

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Title: OEE Inspector

Dated: 06/12/2021



Photo 1; Pigs within weaner unit.



Photo 2; External wall of pig house.



Photo 3; External wall of pig house.



Photo 4; External wall of pig house.



Photo 5; External wall of pig house.



Photo 6; External wall of pig house.



Photo 7; External wall of pig house.



Photo 8; External wall of pig house.



Photo 9; External wall of pig house.



Photo 10; External wall of pig house.



Photo 11; Access track adjacent to pig house.



Photo 12; External door of pig house.



Photo 13; Unprotected ground adjacent to feed silos.



Photo 14; Additional sheds under construction.



Photo 15; Additional sheds under construction.