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12<sup>th</sup> December 2025

Re: OEE AIE 2025 37 Decision Letter

Dear Sir,

I refer to your request dated and received on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2025 under the EC (Access to Information on the Environment) Regulations 2007 to 2018.

Your request sought as follows:

"Under the AIE Regs to request any licensing, compliance or related enforcement records related to the following licence for the year 2025YTD

Timoleague Agri Gen Limited P0986

For the purposes of this AIE please ignore any records publicly available on LEAP Online"

I wish to advise you that I, Eileen Butler have made a final decision to part-grant your request on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2025. The purpose of this letter is to explain that decision.

#### **SUMMARY OF DECISION**

Upon concluding a comprehensive search, I affirm that all relevant records pertaining to this request have been identified and encompassed within this decision.

A total of 12 records were identified in accordance with your request.

11 of these records are granted in full.

I have identified **part** of one record (**Record No 007**) which is refused in accordance with Article 8(a)(i) of the AIE Regulations.

The part of this record withheld under Article 8(a)(i) contains personal information of the individual who is identifiable from the record. I do not have the consent of the third party to release their personal information, and in the circumstances, I do not believe it is appropriate for me to seek their consent. It is therefore my decision that the part of the document is exempt from release. It is also my decision that the confidentiality of the record in question is otherwise protected by law under Section 37(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2014, as outlined below.

#### **Article 8(a)(i) states:**

- 8. A public authority shall not make available environmental information in accordance with article 7 where disclosure of the information—
  - (a) would adversely affect
    - (i) the confidentiality of personal information relating to a natural person who has not consented to the disclosure of the information, and where that confidentiality is otherwise protected by law

It is my decision that the confidentiality of the records in question is otherwise protected by law under Section 37(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2014. This provides that:

37. (1) Subject to this section, a head shall refuse to grant an FOI request if, in the opinion of the head, access to the record concerned would involve the disclosure of personal information (including personal information relating to a deceased individual).

Further, the confidentiality of personal information is protected in Irish law under:

- a) The Data Protection Acts 1998 to 2018;
- b) The General Data Protection Regulation (EU) 2016/679;
- c) The European Convention on Human Rights; and
- d) The Irish Constitution.

In arriving at a decision on your request, I confirm that I have had regard to the provisions of Article 10 of the Regulations, as a decision to refuse part of Record No. 007 to disclose information under Articles 8 and/or 9 must not be taken in isolation from the relevant provisions in Article 10.

#### **PUBLIC INTEREST TEST**

In line with Article 10(3) and/or 10(4), my deliberations have included weighing the public interest served by disclosure against the interest served by refusal of your request. I have determined that the public interest would not be served by disclosing the information you request.

### Factors in favour of release of this information are:

- In members of the public exercising their rights under the AIE Regulations.
- In people knowing that the information held about them is accurate, complete and up to date.

#### Factors in favour of withholding this information are:

- Right to privacy and to have your personal records protected.
- Right to privacy of third parties.

• Public Interest in protecting the ability of public bodies to carry out their functions and to be able to communicate effectively.

I have decided that, on balance, the public interest in this case is best served by withholding this information as its release could breach the rights of privacy of an individual.

Two records (No 003 and 011) relevant to your request have been identified and are being granted in full under *Article* 7(3)(a)(i) of the AIE Regulations, as the information is already available to the public on the licensing section of the EPA website for **Timoleague Agri Gen Limited - P0986.** The direct links to each of these records are listed in the schedule of records below.

### Article 7(3)(a)(i) of the AIE regulations states:

7(3) (a) Where a request has been made to a public authority for access to environmental information in a particular form or manner, access shall be given in that form or manner unless—

(i) the information is already available to the public in another form or manner that is easily accessible, or

Please note the following regarding Record No. 010, which pertains to a site visit (SV31694) of 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025. This record is being released, listed in the schedule of records and enclosed. However, it will be published on the <u>EPA Leap online portal</u> after 27<sup>th</sup> December 2025 in accordance with the EPA's deferral period as outlined on the <u>EPA's website</u>.

#### SCHEDULE OF RECORDS

I have completed a schedule of records relating to the records that I consider relevant to your request. The schedule provides a brief description of each record and the decision I have made on each record. Where I have decided to refuse or partly refuse access to a record, it specifies the Article of the AIE Regulations under which this refusal has been made. For these records, it also records how I applied the public interest test pursuant to Article 10(3) and 10(4).

## **ACCESS TO RECORDS**

The records being provided electronically are available on OneDrive at the following secure link <u>OEE AIE 2025 37 Timoleague Agri Gen Limited P0986</u>

Note that the email address for accessing this link is that provided with your request i.e. requests@righttoknow.ie

If you have difficulties accessing the records, please contact me at oeeaiefoi@epa.ie.

#### **FEES**

Article 15 of the regulations allows a public body to charge a reasonable fee for the cost of supplying (search and retrieval) the environmental information. In this instance, the fee is being waived as the estimated cost for Search & Retrieval is less than €100.

### **RIGHTS OF APPEAL**

Under Article 11 of the AIE Regulations, you have a right to request an internal review of this decision. An internal review involves a complete reconsideration of the matter by a more senior member of the staff of the Environmental Protection Agency, unconnected with the original decision, who may affirm, vary or annul the original decision.

In the event that you wish to request an internal review, you can do so by writing to Ms Ana Bolger, AIE Officer, EPA, P.O. Box 3000, Johnstown Castle Estate, Co. Wexford or by sending an email to <u>aie@epa.ie</u>. You should make your request within one month of the date of this notification.

Yours sincerely,

Eileen Butler

**AIE Decision Maker** 

Office of Environmental Enforcement

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# Access to Information on the Environment (AIE) Schedule of Records

# **Summary of Decision Making**

**AIE Request Ref: OEE AIE 2025 37** 

Record No	Date of Record	Brief Description of Record	Decision – Grant/Part- Grant/Refuse	EPA Website Link	Basis for refusal  – Article of Regulations	Public Interest Yes/No	Reason for Decision
001	04/02/25	AN_EPA prosecutes Timoleague Agri Gen Limited (P0986-01).pdf	Grant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
002	19/11/25	NOD_Application of Activity Class 5.12 to Anaerobic Digestion Activities.pdf	Grant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
002A	19/11/25	NOD_Attachment_Application of Activity Class 5.12 to Anaerobic Digestion Activities	Grant (non-relevant Information redacted)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
003		Recommended Licence Amendment C	Grant	Amendment C	N/A	N/A	N/A
004	31/10/25	No 004 GC Site Visit Notes 31 10 2025 Pg1.pdf	Grant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
005	31/10/25	No 005 GC Site Visit Notes 31 10 2025 Pg2.pdf	Grant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
006	31/10/25	No 006 GC Site Visit Notes 31 10 2025 Pg3.pdf	Grant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
007	02/07/25	TAG_WarningNotice_AOD.pdf	Part-Grant	N/A	8(a)(i)	Yes	Personal Information redacted
008	02/07/25	TAG_WarningNotice CB.pdf	Grant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
009	02/07/25	TAG_WarningNotice_DM.pdf	Grant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
010		SV31694 - Licensee Report.pdf	Grant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
011		Inspectors' Report – Licence Amendment C	Grant	Inspectors Report	N/A	N/A	N/A