

Natural Resources Wales permitting decisions

Variation

We have decided to issue the variation for South Caernarfon Creamery operated by South Caernarfon Creameries Ltd.

The variation number is EPR/BL9941IC/V003

We consider in reaching that decision we have taken into account all relevant considerations and legal requirements and that the permit will ensure that the appropriate level of environmental protection is provided.

Purpose of this document

This decision document:

- explains how the application has been determined
- provides a record of the decision-making process
- shows how all relevant factors have been taken into account
- justifies the specific conditions in the permit other than those in our generic permit template.

Unless the decision document specifies otherwise we have accepted the applicant's proposals.

Structure of this document

- Key issues If applicable see OI/notes below
- Annex 1 the decision checklist
- Annex 2 the consultation, web publicising and newspaper advertising(delete as appropriate) responses

Key issues of the decision

None

Annex 1: decision checklist

This document should be read in conjunction with the Duly Making checklist, the application and supporting information and permit/ notice.

Aspect considered	Justification / Detail	Criteria met
		Yes
Operator		
Control of the facility	We are satisfied that the applicant (now the operator) is the person who will have control over the operation of the facility after the grant of the permit. The decision was taken in accordance with EPR RGN 1 Understanding the meaning of operator.	✓
European Directives		
Applicable directives	All applicable European directives have been considered in the determination of the application.	✓
The site		
Extent of the site of the facility	The operator has provided a plan which we consider is satisfactory, showing the extent of the site of the facility including the new cheese making facility and discharge points. There are two plans included in the permit; one showing the buildings forming the facility and their function and the other showing the site boundary and any discharge points. The operator is required to carry on the permitted activities within the site boundary.	✓
Environmental Risk Assessment and operating techniques		
EIA	In determining the application we have considered the Environmental Statement. The operator has entered into a Climate Change Levy Agreement.	✓
Operating techniques	The operating techniques are specified under Table S1.2 of the permit and deemed appropriate for the activities being carried out at the site.	✓
The permit conditions		
Updating permit conditions during consolidation.	We have updated previous permit conditions to those in the new generic permit template as part of permit consolidation. The new conditions have the same meaning as those in the previous permit(s). The operator has agreed that the new conditions are acceptable.	✓

Aspect considered	Justification / Detail	Criteria met
		Yes
Use of conditions other than those from the template	Based on the information in the application, we consider that we need to impose conditions other than those in our permit template, which was developed in consultation with industry having regard to the relevant legislation.	✓
Improvement conditions	Based on the information on the application, we consider that we need to impose improvement conditions. We have imposed improvement conditions to ensure that: ➤ appropriate measures are in place to ensure that accidents that may cause pollution are minimised.	✓
Incorporating the application	We have specified that the applicant must operate the permit in accordance with descriptions in the application, including all additional information received as part of the determination process. These descriptions are specified in the Operating Techniques table in the permit.	✓
Monitoring	We have decided that additional monitoring through flow weighted sampling and use of a turbidity monitoring system should be carried out for the parameters listed in the permit, to the frequencies specified.	✓
Reporting	We have specified reporting of the flow weighted sampling and turbidity monitoring results in the permit.	✓
Operator Competence		
Environment management system	There is no known reason to consider that the operator will not have the management systems to enable it to comply with the permit conditions. The decision was taken in accordance with RGN 5 on Operator Competence.	✓
Technical competence	Technical competency is not required for activities permitted.	✓
Relevant convictions	The National Enforcement Database has been checked to ensure that all relevant convictions have been declared. No relevant convictions were found.	✓

Aspect considered	Justification / Detail	Criteria met
		Yes
Financial provision	There is no known reason to consider that the operator will not be financially able to comply with the permit conditions. The decision was taken in accordance with RGN 5 on Operator Competence.	✓