

Our Ref: YP3632EM

Your Ref:

2 Sisters Food Group Ltd
The Company Secretary / Company Director
Trinity Park House
Trinity Business Park
Fox Way
Wakefield
West Yorkshire
WF2 8EE

16 September 2022

Dear Sir /Madam

Environmental Permitting (England & Wales) Regulations 2016

I am writing with regard to your company's operations at Glendale Avenue, Sandycroft, Flintshire, CH5 2QP.

On the 10/08/22 Natural Resources Wales (NRW) served a Regulation 36 enforcement notice on 2 Sisters Food Group Ltd requiring the company to take specified steps to comply with Environmental Permit ref. YP3632EM. Specifically, to cease the storage of carcasses in open bulk containers and remove carcasses via dolavs in refrigerated trailers as per permit condition 2.1.1.

NRW Officers undertook two unannounced inspections of the site on the 12/09/22 and 14/09/22 and established that the requirements of the notice and subsequently the permit have not been met. Current practices pose a risk of pollution to the local community. NRW is now considering its enforcement response with regard non-compliance with this notice.

2 Sisters Food Group Ltd wrote to NRW on the 02/09/22 with a proposal to erect a temporary, fully enclosed structure within which carcasses will be tipped into open trailers. The company continues to state that it cannot handle carcasses in any other way if they have been derived from birds that have been reared and/or travelled through an avian influenza zone.

Whilst this proposal will not bring operations into compliance with the permit, NRW accepts this as a temporary arrangement for an initial 6 month period, pending the submission and successful determination of a permit variation application to regularise carcass handling arrangements in accordance with BAT. This proposal is undertaken at the Operator's risk and NRW will continue to review the operation. NRW reserves the right to take enforcement action and require you to stop this temporary arrangement if it leads to an adverse environmental impact.

2 Sisters Food Group Ltd has stated that they have a date of the 26/09/22 for the delivery of the temporary unit and NRW were informed during the site inspection that it will take a couple of days to erect. If it is not in place and fully functional by 30/09/22 and current practices continue then we have no option but to consider our response which may include further notices and/or the suspension of your permit or parts thereof.

NRW recommends that you discuss these proposed changes in operations with other relevant regulatory bodies.

NRW will visit site during the week of the 26/09/22.

Yours faithfully



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cc. Stuart Dean – Site Director