

Tregare Turkeys Limited
Llwyn-y-gaer farm
Tregare
Raglan
Monmouthshire
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Our ref:QP3937MD

Your ref:

Date: 24 February 2010

Dear Sirs

IPPC Pig and Poultry Assurance Scheme
Environmental Permit number: QP3937MD

I am pleased to inform you that you are eligible to join the IPPC Pig and Poultry Assurance Scheme (the Scheme) if you wish to do so. This is a new scheme and begins on 1 April 2010.

Details of the Scheme

The Scheme aims to save farmers time and money by reducing the number of visits to their farms and reducing subsistence charges for pig and poultry permits.

Your farm assurance certification body will collect information related to your permit using a questionnaire. Your local Environment Agency officer will then assess it against your permit conditions. This means we will make fewer visits to your farm. We will also reduce your subsistence charge by £880 in 2010/11 (beginning on 1 April) and similarly in future years. Your nominated certification body will charge you a fee for its visit and they can give you details of their costs.

If you decide to join the Scheme:

- We will visit you once every three years, providing there are no reasons relating to permit compliance for us to make additional visits.
- Your nominated certification body will let us know that it has entered into a contract with you. We will give them a copy of your permit, together with any variations including those agreed by letter, any enforcement positions and any formal notices relevant to permit compliance.
- Your nominated certification body will carry out a visit once annually.
- We will remain responsible for regulating your farm and will use the information collected by your certification body to help assess whether you are complying with your permit.

You do not need to be an existing member of an assurance scheme to take part in this Scheme. If you would like more information or wish to join the Scheme, you should contact a certification body. We can give you more information about our role in running the Scheme via our customer service line on 08708 506 506.

A list of the documents you will need to have available for your certification body assessor is in the appendix to this letter.

Once you are in the scheme

If your local Environment Agency officer's assessment, of the information collected by your certification body indicates non-compliances but you have already agreed a plan for correcting them, you will not need to take additional action. You will receive a letter from us confirming this.

If non-compliances are not already subject to an agreed plan, we will write to you asking how you intend to correct them.

Once your local Environment Agency officer has assessed the information they may decide it's necessary to carry out a follow up visit.

Your local Environment Agency officer will remain your point of contact for any advice including any questions about the information collected by your certification body.

As long as you continue to meet the eligibility criteria for the Scheme you will receive a letter confirming this in the first quarter of each calendar year.

Details of eligibility for the scheme are given in the appendix to this letter.

You need to decide now!

If you decide to join the Scheme you will need to enter into a contract with your certification body by **19 March 2010**. Failure to meet this date will mean that you will not be eligible to join the Scheme until 1 April 2011.

If you decide not to join the Scheme you do not need to take any further action and we will continue to carry out your inspections.

Yours faithfully



Simon Barron
Agriculture Technical Manager

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