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**Environmental Permit**

**THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF CALDERDALE**  
**POLLUTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL ACT 1999**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL PERMITTING (ENGLAND AND WALES) REGULATIONS 2016**  
**PART B ENVIRONMENTAL PERMIT EPR/104**

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**Registered Address of Operator:**

Omega Proteins Limited  
 Office 1  
 Swales Moor Farm  
 Swales Moor Road  
 Halifax  
 HX3 6UF

The above-named operator is hereby permitted to operate an installation for the storage of animal byproducts at the address stipulated below within the site boundary as marked in red on the attached plan, reference EPR/104/P1 in accordance with the following conditions.

**Address of Permitted Installation:**

Building 4  
 Swales Moor Farm  
 Swales Moor Road  
 Halifax  
 HX3 6UF

**Permitted Activities: storage of animal byproducts**

Animal byproducts are delivered to Building 4, as marked on the attached plan, reference EPR/104/P1, where they are unloaded. Once unloaded into Building 4, the raw material is stored and may be bulked into loads for dispatch. Washings from the cleaning of the internal surfaces of Building 4 are collected in a below-ground sump.

**Definitions:** in this permit the phrases shown in *italics* below shall have the meanings assigned below:

*Best Available Techniques* and the abbreviation *BAT* shall have the meaning given in Article 3(10) of the Directive 2010/75/EU.

*Building 4* and *The installation* shall mean the building designated Building 4 on plan EPR/104/P1, and any building erected partly or wholly over the footprint of that building that is intended to be used for the storage of animal or vegetable matter.

*The installation boundary* shall mean the red line on plan EPR/104/P1.

*Material intended for Building 4* shall mean animal or vegetable matter brought onto the site, or moved within the site, with the intention of unloading it into Building 4, whether or not such unloading subsequently takes place.

*'As soon as practicable'* means within 30 minutes unless a longer time is justified.

*'Site Environmental Management System'* means the documented system supplied as part of the operator's application to vary the permit in June 2017, including the odour management plan v1.0 and documents referred to in that plan.

**Start of permit conditions****1 Odour**

- 1.1 There shall be no offensive odour beyond the site boundary as shown in plan EPR/104/P1 due to the operation of the installation.

**Note:** This condition shall not be deemed to be breached if the operator can show that at the time of any odorous emission he had shown due diligence and taken all reasonable steps to prevent the emission.

**2 Odour Monitoring**

- 2.1 The site weather station shall be maintained and used to monitor and record the wind direction.
- 2.2 Environmental monitoring including odour monitoring will be carried out in accordance with the procedures in the site Environmental Management System.
- 2.3 Odour assessments will be carried out by a person not directly involved in the permitted process and this person shall be possessed of normal faculties for sensing and distinguishing odours.
- 2.4 Details of the monitoring undertaken in accordance with Condition 2.2 shall be recorded on the form designated in the site procedure, including details of wind direction taken from the on-site weather station or from Met Office Data should the weather station be temporarily unavailable.
- 2.5 In the event of observation of site odours likely to impact on nearby sensitive receptors, or the operator becoming aware of offensive odour off site, investigation shall be carried out as set out in the procedures in the site Environmental Management System.
- 2.6 The results of all monitoring, assessments and inspections made in accordance with the conditions of this permit shall be recorded in accordance with the operator's odour management plan, retained by the operator for a minimum of 2 years and made available for examination by any duly authorised officer of Calderdale MBC on request.

**3 Deliveries and storage of material intended for Building 4**

- 3.1 Material intended for Building 4 shall be kept in totally covered vehicles or containers, designed to minimise offensive odour and spillage of any liquid or solid matter, pending unloading.

- 3.2 Where odorous material is accepted onto site intended for Building 4 the unloading of such materials shall take place as soon as practicable after arrival on site. Unloading shall take place within Building 4 with the roller shutter and personnel doors closed.
- 3.3 Empty vehicles and containers from which material has been unloaded into Building 4 shall be kept in Building 4 until transferred to the wash area for cleaning. Cleaning shall take place as soon as practicable after the containers are removed from the building.
- 3.4 Spillages of animal material occurring outside Building 4, of materials intended for or removed from Building 4, shall be contained and cleared as soon as practicable.
- 3.5 Material intended for Building 4 shall not be kept on site in road trailers, skips or other containers unless awaiting unloading into Building 4.
- 3.6 Material stored in Building 4 shall be kept in bays and managed in such a way as to allow any vehicle delivering material into the building to do so within the building with the access doors closed.
- 3.7 Animal by-products shall be kept in Building 4 for a maximum of three days hours after receipt, or for four days over a public holiday. Odorous material shall be removed as soon as it is possible to do so.

#### **4 Construction and maintenance of Building 4**

- 4.1** Building 4 shall be totally enclosed, and be constructed and maintained so that the internal surfaces are impervious to materials stored in the building, residues from materials stored in the building, and cleansing agents, to a height of 1.5 metres above floor level, or to the maximum height of stored materials, whichever is greater. All surfaces and equipment liable to come into contact with raw or processed material shall be impervious, capable of being readily cleansed, and shall be kept clean.
- 4.2** The internal flooring of Building 4 shall be of impervious construction laid to fall to drains, which shall be served by a sedimentation tank and grease interceptors, to prevent the ingress of material likely to impair the free flow of any receiving sewage system.
- 4.3** The sump serving Building 4 shall be inspected and emptied at least once in every week when the building has been in use. A record shall be kept in the logbook required by Condition 2.6 of the dates of emptying and cleaning of the sump.
- 4.4** The sedimentation tank serving Building 4 shall be adequately covered and shall be properly maintained in accordance with the maintenance programme included in the odour response procedure appended to this permit as Appendix 1.
- 4.5** The structure and fabric of Building 4 shall be maintained so as to prevent the uncontrolled escape of air from the building.
- 4.6** Building 4 shall be checked for airtightness by means of smoke testing at least once in each 12 month period. The dates and results of the checks shall be recorded.
- 4.7** All doors to Building 4 shall be close fitting and shall be kept closed when not in use for entry or exit.

## 5 Training and Management

- 5.1 The operator shall designate an appropriate person as the primary point of contact for all matters relating to the permitted activity. Changes to the primary point of contact shall be promptly notified to the Council.
- 5.2 All employees with responsibilities relating to compliance with this permit shall be given adequate training to allow them to understand and discharge their duties effectively, including the response to odours associated with Building 4. All training given to such employees shall be recorded.
- 5.3 Contractors, drivers and other visitors to site whose business on site relates to Building 4 shall be given appropriate instruction about the requirements of this permit in relation to odour release.
- 5.4 Checks on the fabric and structure of Building 4 shall be carried out in accordance with the site Environmental Management System.
- 5.5 Repairs to the doors and key equipment shall be carried out promptly using short-order spares procedures where required.

Signed.....*Mark V Thompson*.....4.....

Mark Thompson

An authorised officer of the Council

Date.....*11<sup>th</sup> July 2017*.....

**End of Permit Conditions**

**APPENDIX 1: Operator's Odour Response Procedure**



## EXPLANATORY NOTES

1. This Permit is based on information supplied by Omega Proteins Ltd in the permit application dated 22 October 2001 and on the odour response procedure supplied by the company in January 2006 and updated in June 2008 and in May 2012. A further variation was made in June 2017 on application by the operator.
2. An implied 'BAT' condition is regarded as covering, among any other matters, the provision of sufficient training and practical instruction for staff in order to enable them to carry out their duties in respect of using (or supervising the use of) and maintaining odour control systems and equipment, and the action to be taken in the event of an escape of odour.
3. This Permit is given in relation to the requirements of the Environmental Permitting Regulations. It must not be taken to replace any responsibilities operators may have under workplace Health and Safety Regulations.
4. This Permit does not detract from any other statutory requirement, such as the need to obtain planning permission, building regulation approval, hazardous substances consent, discharge consents, waste disposal licence or any licence or consent from the Environment Agency.
6. The annual subsistence fee is due on 1 April each year. Failure to pay the fee will lead to revocation of the Permit.
7. This permit may be transferred to another operator on written joint application to the Council by the current and proposed operators. There is a fee for transfer of this permit. The application form is available on request or from the Council's website.
8. If the installation ceases to operate the operator should surrender this permit by completing and submitting the surrender form available the Council. The surrender should specify the date from which the installation shall cease to operate. The surrender form is available on request or from the Council's website. There is no associated fee.

## Contacting Calderdale Council

All enquiries and notifications made in relation to this Permit shall be made to:

Calderdale Metropolitan Borough Council  
Environmental Services Department  
Northgate House  
Halifax  
HX1 1UN

Tel: 01422 392379

Email: [environmental.health@calderdale.gov.uk](mailto:environmental.health@calderdale.gov.uk)

Incidents occurring outside office hours shall be reported on the next working day unless otherwise directed within the Permit or there is an imminent risk to health. In these cases incidents shall be reported immediately by telephoning 01422 288000 and asking for the Duty Officer.