

Notice of variation with introductory note

Environmental Permitting (England & Wales) Regulations 2010

Alan Simpson Farming Limited

Lower Heath Farm Poultry Unit
Lower Heath Farm
Darliston
Whitchurch
Shropshire
SY13 2BQ

Variation application number
EPR/UP3632NT/V002

Permit number
EPR/UP3632NT

Lower Heath Farm Poultry Unit

Permit number EPR/UP3632NT

Introductory note

This introductory note does not form a part of the notice

The following notice gives notice of the variation of an environmental permit.

This variation is to increase the permitted number of poultry places at the installation from 510,000 to 542,000 poultry places. This change is primarily to enable an increased number of birds to be reared to a lower final bodyweight over a reduced growing cycle, to meet changes in market and consumer demand. The extent of the installation and the number and arrangement of the poultry rearing houses at the site has not changed as a result of this variation.

The variation also enables the installation of ten 199 kW biomass boiler unit systems at the site for provision of poultry house heating. These units will burn biomass pellets and replace the existing LPG heating units at the installation, which will be retained as a backup facility.

The schedules specify the changes made to the original permit.

The status log of a permit sets out the permitting history, including any changes to the permit reference number.

Status log of the permit		
Description	Date	Comments
Application PP3535UE	Duly made 18/06/2007	
Additional information received	03/09/2007	
Permit determined PP3535UE	08/10/2007	Original permit issued to A. Simpson and W. Simpson (trading as Alan Simpson Farming).
Application EPR/PP3535UE/V002	Duly made 20/04/2010	Application to increase stocking capacity, increase installation area and add additional broiler housing.
Variation EPR/PP3535UE/V002 issued	12/11/2010	
Application EPR/UP3632NT/T001 (full transfer of permit EPR/PP3535UE)	Duly made 24/05/2013	Application to transfer the permit in full to Alan Simpson Farming Ltd.
Transfer determined EPR/UP3632NT	17/06/2013	Full transfer of permit complete.
Variation Application EPR/UP3632NT/V002	Duly Made 27/08/13	Application to increase number of poultry places and install biomass boiler units for poultry house heating.
Variation determined EPR/UP3632NT/V002	25/11/13	Variation notice issued

End of introductory note

Notice of variation

Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2010

The Environment Agency in exercise of its powers under regulation 20 of the Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2010 varies

Permit number
EPR/UP3632NT

issued to:

Alan Simpson Farming Limited (“the operator”)

whose registered office is

**68 High Street
Tarporley
Cheshire
CW6 9NA**

company registration number **07515614**

to operate a regulated facility at

**Lower Heath Farm Poultry Unit
Lower Heath Farm
Darliston
Whitchurch
Shropshire
SY13 2BQ**

to the extent set out in the schedules.

The notice shall take effect from 25/11/13

Name	Date
C G Morris	25/11/13

Authorised on behalf of the Environment Agency

Schedule 1 – conditions to be deleted

None

Schedule 2 – conditions to be amended

Condition 2.1.1 is amended such that Table S1.1 in Schedule 1 is amended to

Table S1.1 Activities		
Activity listed in Schedule 1 of the PPC Regulations	Description of specified activity	Limits of specified activity
Section 6.9 A(1)(a) Rearing of poultry intensively in an installation with more than 40,000 places of poultry	The rearing of poultry in a facility with a capacity for 542,000 places for broiler chickens.	From receipt of birds, raw materials and fuels onto the site to removal of birds and associated wastes from site
Directly Associated Activity		
Biomass Boiler heating units	Operation of ten 199 kW biomass boiler heating units for site heating requirements, burning biomass fuel not comprising waste or animal carcasses.	From receipt biomass fuels to release of combustion products to air and associated combustion wastes removed from site.

Condition 2.3.1 is amended such that Table S1.2 in Schedule 1 is amended to

Table S1.2 Operating techniques		
Description	Parts	Date Received
Application	The responses to sections B2.3.1, B2.3.2, B2.3.3, B2.6.1, B2.6.2, B2.6.3, B2.7.1 and B2.7.2 in the Application.	18/06/07
Request for Information dated 23/08/07	Site plan confirming extent of installation boundary	03/09/07
Variation application EPR/PP3535UE/V002	Site Report; NMP; OMP; and EIA	20/04/10
Variation application EPR/UP3632NT/V002	Sections 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 of the Supporting Information document, and the updated Site Plan referenced Drawing 2662/180/03.	Duly Made 27/08/13

Condition 3.1.1 is amended such that Table S4.1 in Schedule 4 is amended to

Table S4.1 Point source emissions to air – emission limits and monitoring requirements						
Emission point ref. & location	Parameter	Source	Limit (including unit)	Reference period	Monitoring frequency	Monitoring standard or method
Side fan outlets on buildings 1 – 15 shown on the amended site plan in Schedule 2 of the permit.	--	Poultry houses 1 - 15	--	--	--	--
Emissions from ten biomass boiler units detailed on site plan drawing referenced 2662/180/03	Combustion exhaust gas from biomass boiler units	Ten 199kW Biomass Boiler Units	--	--	--	--
Vent from LPG tanks as shown on the site plan (Labelled Farm Map with New Sheds 14/04/2010) submitted with application EPR/PP3535UE/V 002	--	LPG Tanks	---	--	--	--
Exhaust from stand-by generator as shown on the site plan (Labelled Farm Map with New Sheds 14/04/2010) submitted with application EPR/PP3535UE/V 002	--	Standby generators	--	--	--	--
Vents from oil tanks as shown on the site plan (Labelled Farm Map with New Sheds 14/04/2010) submitted with application EPR/PP3535UE/V 002	--	Diesel Tanks	--	--	--	--

Condition 4.4.1 is amended such that Schedule 7 is amended to

Schedule 7 - Interpretation

"*accident*" means an accident that may result in pollution.

"*annually*" means once every year.

"*application*" means the application for this permit, together with any additional information supplied by the operator as part of the application and any response to a notice served under Schedule 4 to the PPC Regulations.

"*authorised officer*" means any person authorised by the Agency under section 108(1) of The Environment Act 1995 to exercise, in accordance with the terms of any such authorisation, any power specified in section 108(4) of that Act.

"*emissions to land*", includes emissions to groundwater.

"*fugitive emission*" means an emission to air, water or land from the activities which is not controlled by an emission limit.

"*groundwater*" means all water, which is below the surface of the ground in the saturation zone and in direct contact with the ground or subsoil.

"*Manure management plan*" means the requirements described in Section 7.2 of TGN How to Comply,

"*Manure and slurry*" has the meaning given in TGN How to Comply.

"*notify without delay*" and "*notified without delay*" means that a telephone call can be used, whereas all other reports and notifications must be supplied in writing, either electronically or on paper.

"*PPC Regulations*" means the Pollution, Prevention and Control (England and Wales) Regulations SI 2000 No.1973 and words and expressions used in this permit which are also used in the Regulations have the same meanings as in those Regulations.

"*quarter*" means a calendar year quarter commencing on 1 January, 1 April, 1 July or 1 October.

"*TGN How to comply*" The IPPC Technical Guidance Note for intensive pig and poultry farmers, Version 1 published April 2006.

"*virgin timber*" means timber from

- whole trees and the woody parts of trees including branches and bark derived from forestry works, woodland management, tree surgery and other similar operations (it does not include clippings or trimmings that consist primarily of foliage);
- virgin wood processing (e.g. wood offcuts, shavings or sawdust from sawmills) or timber product manufacture dealing in virgin timber.

If virgin timber is mixed with waste timber or any other waste, the mixed load is classed as waste.

"*year*" means calendar year ending 31 December.

Schedule 3 – conditions to be added

The following condition is added as a result of the application made by the operator

2.3.5 Any raw materials or fuels listed in schedule 3 table S3.1 shall conform to the specifications set out in that table.

And Table S3.1 in Schedule 3 is amended to

Table S3.1 Raw materials and fuels	
Raw materials and fuel description	Specification
Fuel for biomass boiler units	Biomass pellets or chips comprising virgin timber, straw, miscanthus or a combination of these.