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FOOD SAFETY AUTHORITY OF IRELAND ACT, 1998

CLOSURE ORDER

To: Mr. Barry Mc Connon, Corcreaghy, Carrickmacross, Co. Louth.

I, [REDACTED] being an authorised officer of Louth County Council under the Food Safety Authority of Ireland Act, 1998 ("the Act"), and in exercise of the powers conferred on me by Section 53 of the Act, hereby direct that the premises identified in Part 1 of the Schedule be closed with immediate effect until the earliest of: -

- (i) an Order to contrary effect by a Court of competent jurisdiction; or
- (ii) further written direction by *Louth Co. Council*

I make this order being of the opinion that there is or is likely to be a grave and immediate danger to public health at, in or on the said premises for the particular reasons set out in Part 2 of the Schedule.

Schedule

Part 1 Premises

The animal sheds occupied by Barry Mc Connon, Corcreaghy, Carrickmacross, Co Louth.

Part 2 Particular reasons for making of Order

1. The establishment was operating without approval

Legislation Contravened

Regulation 4(1)(a) of the European Communities (Food & Feed Hygiene) Regulations 2009 (S.I. 432 of 2009)

Regulation (EC) No 853/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council, Article 4

Particulars of Contravention

The establishment was operating as a slaughterhouse without approval from the competent authority and as such animals were being slaughtered and dressed without the required official veterinary checks, including ante-mortem and post-mortem inspections, intended to ensure that only meat fit for human consumption and derived from healthy animals enters the human food chain.

2. The traceability of food producing animals could not be established

Legislation Contravened

Regulation (EC) No 178/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council, Article 18

Regulation (EC) No 853/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council, Annex II, Section III

Particulars of Contravention

Four unidentified sheep of unknown origin and unknown health status, without required food chain information were on the premises.

3. General and specific hygiene requirements were not met

Legislation Contravened

Regulation (EC) No 852/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council, Article 4(2) & Annex II

Regulation (EC) No 853/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council, Annex III, Section I, Chapter II

Particulars of Contravention (non-exhaustive list)

- a. The design and construction of the premises failed to permit adequate maintenance, cleaning and disinfection and failed to permit good food hygiene practices, including protection against contamination.
- b. There was no hot running water available, or potable cold running water, for the purposes of hand washing, or cleaning and disinfection.
- c. There were no hand washing facilities available.
- d. There were no facilities available for disinfecting tools (with hot water supplied at not less than 82°C and/or alternative system) as required.
- e. There was no evidence of cleaning and sanitation throughout the premises.
- f. The overall condition of the premises and manner of operation poses a serious risk of food contamination and was a grave and immediate danger to public health.

Dated this 10th day of April 2018

Signed: _____ (authorised officer)
duly authorised by Louth County Council for purposes of Section 53 of the Food Safety Authority of Ireland Act, 1998.

Note: Under Section 53(5) of the Food Safety Authority of Ireland Act, 1998, a person who is aggrieved by a Closure Order may, within the period of seven days beginning on the day on which the Closure Order is served on him or her, appeal against the Order to a Judge of the District Court in the District Court District in which the Order was served. Under Section 53(6) of the Food Safety Authority of Ireland Act, 1998 a person who appeals against a closure order or who applies for a direction suspending the application of the closure order under subsection (4) shall at the same time notify the Authority or official agency of the appeal or the application and the grounds for the appeal or the application and the Authority or official agency shall be entitled to appear, be heard and adduce evidence on the hearing of the appeal or the application.