



May 19, 2023

PROHIBITION NOTICE

(Issued under Section 27 of the Environmental Protection Act, Cap. 20:05, Laws of Guyana)

Mr. Deonarine Arjune
Proprietor
Arjune and Sons Enterprise
6 Public Road
Coldingen,
East Coast Demerara.



This Prohibition Notice supersedes
the correspondence dated
September 29, 2022.

THIS PROHIBITION NOTICE is served pursuant to **Section 27 of the Environmental Protection Act Cap 20:05** and has immediate effect.

WHEREAS you have been operating a Poultry Processing facility at Lot 6 Public Road Coldingen East Coast Demerara, that in the opinion of the Agency poses a risk to the public and/or human health and the environment, in accordance with **Section 19 (1) of the Environmental Protection Act Cap 20:05, Laws of Guyana**.

WHEREAS the specified use or threat involved in the operation of the poultry processing facility gives rise to the following risk(s): - a vast range of adverse effects perceived to injure and/or endanger the comfort, repose, health, peace, and/or safety of humans within the vicinity.

You are hereby **ORDERED** in accordance with **Section 27 of the Environmental Protection Act, Cap. 20:05, Laws of Guyana**, to **IMMEDIATELY CEASE** all activities related to the poultry operation and should **IMPLEMENT ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30 2023** the foregoing steps and/or orders at the aforementioned location.

The foregoing steps and/or order(s) to be immediately implemented are: -

1. The base of the holding pen should be concreted and layered with any form of litter (shaving, paddy husk, etc.) to reduce odour;
2. During the holding period, the bedding should be removed and replaced routinely in areas that become wet. The litter bed should be kept loose by raking;
3. Litter bedding should always be kept as dry as possible and changed after each batch of chickens has been harvested. When the birds are removed, the pens should be dusted properly;

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4. Site drainage system should be kept free of solids and should be cleaned regularly to avoid clogging of drains. Install an effluent treatment system on site. This is to aid in the release of discharges at acceptable standards of the **GNBS**;
5. Adequately renovate and /or clean processing area; repair damaged facilities and/or clean/repaint blood-stained walls and surfaces.
6. When removing animal waste and bedding, keep waste as dry as possible by scraping waste instead of flushing it with water. Water may be used for cleaning after scraping, and the amount used should be minimized by using high-pressure, low-flow nozzles;
7. **No** poultry litter should be stored onsite at any given time;
8. Dead birds can be given to pig farmers. However, this practice is strictly prohibited if the bird was a carrier of a contagious disease, or the carcass is in a state of putrefaction; all carcasses should be disposed of by burial or at a site approved by the NDC;
9. Install a footbath system with an acceptable type of disinfectant at the entrance of the processing area. The **minimum dimensions of the foot bath should be 40 cm length x 40cm width x 10 cm depth**;
10. A designated area that is enclosed should be used for the temporary storage of processing waste (feathers, poultry entrails, blood, etc.);
11. A cleaning schedule should be implemented to sanitize and disinfect the facility at least 3 times daily with Chlorine and other disinfectants;
12. Have one designated area for the Scalding of birds and scalding water should be replaced regularly;
13. Provide employees with Personal Protective Clothing;
14. **Burning is Prohibited.** Solid waste should be placed in garbage receptacles and be disposed of by the local disposal service frequently; and
15. At all times your surroundings should be kept in a clean and sanitary condition. Place garbage receptacles at strategic locations onsite and ensure that they are used.

The Agency further references the non-compliance with the recommendations submitted in the written correspondence on September 29, 2022, and mandates that all outstanding documents as prior requested for Environmental Authorization be on or before **MAY 30, 2023**, at the close of business.

Failure to comply with the requirements of this Notice shall render you liable to prosecution and penalties prescribed under paragraph (f) of the Fifth Schedule of the Environmental Protection Act, being a fine of no less than three thousand dollars nor more than seven hundred thousand dollars and imprisonment for one (1) year. Further, to the Fifth Schedule of the Environmental Protection Act, Cap.20:05, Laws of Guyana, where the alleged polluter is a body corporate, the aforementioned fines shall be no less than twice such prescribed minimum fine nor more than twice such prescribed

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maximum fine, and, where the offender liable to a prescribed term of imprisonment shall be liable to twice such term of imprisonment.



Cc:

Chairman and Environmental Health Assistant (EHA), Buxton/ Foulis NDC, East Coast Demerara.

Ms. Germene Stewart, Chief Development Planner, Central Housing and Planning Authority.

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