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[REDACTED],

I refer to your request for information received by the Department on 28 July 2026 which requested the following.

Recorded environmental information relating to any Transfrontier Shipment (TFS) notifications and corresponding consents relating to the importation of waste to either Lisbane Landfill or the Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) at Aughlish Road, Tandragee.

Specifically, I request a schedule or other recorded information sufficient to identify each TFS notification and any corresponding consent relating to the importation of waste to either Lisbane Landfill or the Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) at Aughlish Road, Tandragee, including:

- * the notification reference;**
- * the notifier;**
- * the relevant facility (landfill or MRF);**
- * the waste code(s) and waste description(s);**

- * the quantity authorised;
- * the date of the consent (where granted); and
- * whether the consent remains current.

Where a single document, or a limited number of documents, fully answers any aspect of this request, I would be content to receive those document(s) rather than all responsive records relating to that aspect of the request.

Where information is withheld, please identify the exception(s) relied upon, explain why they apply, and disclose any reasonably severable non-exempt information.

If you consider any aspect of this request capable of refinement, or in need of clarification, I would be grateful for advice and assistance under Regulation 9 before refusing the request.

Response:

As explained in the information sheet enclosed with the acknowledgement letter, under certain conditions, the Department has the right to refuse to respond to a request for information.

NIEA has received a significant number of complex, extensive and often repetitive requests for information relating to the Lisbane site near Tandragee. Many of these requests seek similar or substantially the same information that has previously been requested and responded to.

The volume and complexity of these requests have placed a disproportionate burden on departmental resources and are significantly impacting the ability of NIEA staff to carry out their statutory functions. In particular, the time required to identify, retrieve, review and prepare responses to requests concerning the Lisbane site is affecting the Waste Regulation Unit's capacity to fulfil its other statutory duties and regulatory responsibilities.

NIEA has already released a substantial amount of information relating to the Lisbane site into the public domain. This information is available through the DAERA Publication Scheme and can be accessed at the following link:

[DAERA Publication Scheme | Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs](#)

In light of the significant volume of information already published and the ongoing impact that repeated requests are having on the department's resources, NIEA will be engaging EIR exemption 12(4)(b) (further information can be found in the Public

Interest Test attached – Annex A) and not providing further responses to requests that seek information already published, previously released, or that substantially duplicate earlier requests. Requesters are therefore encouraged to consult the information available through the DAERA Publication Scheme.

Kind regards,

Transfrontier Shipment of Waste, Persistent Organic Pollutants and Registration of Waste Carriers Branch.