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Dear [REDACTED],

## **Environmental Information Regulations 2004**

With regard to your request for information received by the Department on 21<sup>st</sup> August 2026 which sought the following information:

***Request for environmental information under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 — approval status, Annex VII documentation, and redacted movement records for sites operated by, or associated with, Natural World Products Ltd***

***I am writing to request environmental information under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (SI 2004/3391) ("the EIR"). This request has three parts, set out below, each building on the last: (A) confirmation of which sites NIEA has approved to receive certain shipments; (B) confirmation of documentary compliance in respect of those approvals; and (C), only where relevant documents are held, redacted copies of them.***

***Terms used in this request***

***To avoid ambiguity, I use the following terms as defined here, drawn from Regulation (EC) No 1013/2006 on shipments of waste ("the WSR"):***

- 1. "The Annex VII procedure" means the general information requirements procedure under Article 18 of the WSR, under which waste listed in Annex III, Annex IIIA or Annex IIIB to the WSR may be shipped for recovery accompanied by the document set out in Annex VII to the WSR, without prior written notification to, or consent from, the competent authorities concerned.***

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2. **"The Annex VII document"** means the document contained in Annex VII to the WSR, required by Article 18(1) to be signed by the person who arranges the shipment before it takes place, and by the recovery facility and the consignee on receipt of the waste.
3. **"The full notification procedure"** means the prior written notification and consent procedure under Articles 4 to 17 of the WSR, applicable (among other cases) to waste not classified under a single entry in Annex III, Annex IIIB, Annex IV or Annex IVA, and to mixtures of such waste not listed in Annex IIIA, as provided by Article 3(1)(b) of the WSR.
4. **"NWP"** means Natural World Products Ltd and any company associated with it, including any parent, subsidiary, or company under common control or common directorship with it.

**Part A — approval status of NWP and NWP-associated sites**

For the period 1 January 2023 to the date of this request ("the Period"), please complete the table below — or provide the equivalent confirmation in narrative form — indicating, for each listed site operated by or associated with NWP, whether NIEA has approved that site to accept shipments of household biowaste ("brown bin" material) from the Republic of Ireland under the Annex VII procedure:

| Facility (licence/permit reference)                                                                                                                                                                              | Approved by NIEA to accept ROI brown bin shipments under the Annex VII procedure? (Y/N) |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| NWP Keady — PPC permit P0479/15A                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                         |
| NWP Enviro Tandragee — waste management licence LN/24/14                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                         |
| NWP Downpatrick — waste management licence LN/16/19                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                         |
| NWP Antrim — waste management licence LN/22/14                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                         |
| NWP Glenside — PPC permit P0341/10A                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                         |
| NWP Glenside — waste management licence LN/17/26                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                         |
| NWP Glenside — waste management licence LN/22/03                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                         |
| [Please add a row for any other site operated by NWP or an NWP-associated company, including any waste transfer station, that is or has been approved or used to receive such shipments and is not listed above] |                                                                                         |

Please add further rows as needed to cover every site — including any waste transfer station — operated by or associated with NWP that has, to NIEA's knowledge, received or been approved to receive such shipments during the Period.

**Part B — documentary compliance for approved sites**

**For each site identified with a "Yes" answer in Part A, I request confirmation of the following:**

- 5. Whether NIEA holds copies of the Annex VII document for shipments received at that site during the Period.**
- 6. Whether, in the course of discharging its enforcement obligations under Article 50 of the WSR (which requires competent authorities to organise a risk-based inspection regime including verification of documents), NIEA has at any point during the Period requested or obtained copies of the Annex VII document, or the related Article 18(4) contract, from NWP, the relevant consignee, or any carrier — and if so, on what date(s), and whether the documentation was provided in response.**
- 7. Where NIEA holds no such documentation and has made no such request, how NIEA has satisfied itself, for the purposes of its Article 50 obligations, that shipments to that site have complied with the requirements of the Annex VII procedure.**

**Part C — redacted copies of the Annex VII documentation**

**Where NIEA confirms under Part B that it holds copies of the Annex VII document and/or the related Article 18(4) contract for any site, I request redacted copies of each such document completed in respect of shipments received at that site during the six-month period immediately preceding the date of this request. If the total volume of documents for that period is significant, I would welcome NIEA's suggestion of a representative sample (for example, one month in each quarter) as an alternative, in the interests of proportionality.**

**I recognise that some content of these documents may be genuinely commercially confidential — for example, unit pricing or other financial or contractual terms — and I have no objection to that content being redacted under regulation 12(5)(e). I would ask, however, that the following fields not be redacted, since they are the core information needed to establish lawful compliance with the WSR and are not, in my submission, commercial or industrial information within the meaning of regulation 12(5)(e): the EWC code(s) and quantity of waste shipped; the date of each shipment; the identity of the notifier/person arranging the shipment; the identity of the consignee and the receiving facility; and the recovery operation (R-code) stated as applicable to the waste. I would also draw attention to regulation 12(9), under which information relating to emissions or discharges into the environment may not be excluded from disclosure on confidentiality grounds, and to the presumption in favour of disclosure in regulation 12(2).**

I can advise that the Department has completed its search and can confirm that it does not hold all the information requested. Please see below clarification.

**Part A & Part B**

Under the WSR competent authorities do not issue pre-approval for imports of Annex VII shipments.

**Part C**

Information not held. Regulation 12(4)(a) applies.

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If you require any clarification, believe that any part of your request has been overlooked, misunderstood or misinterpreted, please contact me in the first instance to see if it is a matter that can be resolved.

If you are unhappy with the manner in which your request for information has been handled or the decision to release/withhold information, you have the right to request a formal review by the Department.

If you wish to do so, please contact The Review Section either by e-mailing [daera.informationmanager@daera-ni.gov.uk](mailto:daera.informationmanager@daera-ni.gov.uk) or by post at The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs, Data Protection & Information Management Branch, Floor 2, Jubilee House, 111 Ballykelly Road, Ballykelly, Limavady BT49 9HP, within two months from the date of this letter.

If after such an internal review you are still unhappy with the response, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, CHESHIRE, SK9 5AF, who will undertake an independent review of the Department's decision.

Yours sincerely,

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