

Date: 31st May 2019
Our Ref: EPD/A/CM/19/769

Francesca Caruso
SeaLand Fish Farm Ltd.
P.O Box 20,
St. Paul's Road,
St. Paul's Bay
SPB 1000

Variation to Permit EP 0040/17/A relating to the holding of live marine species for human consumption at SeaLand Fish Farm Ltd. Determined by ERA Board On 12th April 2019

Dear Ms Caruso,

Reference is made to your request received on the 4th July 2018 for the variation to the environmental permit for SeaLand Fish Farm Ltd. with reference to EP 0040/17/A valid until 6th June 2022.

This variation shall be read in conjunction to the permit with reference to EP 0040/17/A and shall take effect as of the date indicated above.

The Authority is hereby varying table **1.1** which is the status log of the permit, table **1.2.1** which specifies the activities carried out on site , table **1.4.1** which lists the species authorised for holding within the permitted installation, amending condition **1.4.2** and **1.4.3**, adding new conditions **1.4.4** and **1.4.5**; and including a new schedule 3 which includes the notification system for any new proposed species or import or species in table 1.4.1 marked with an (*).

Variations to Section 1 - General conditions

1. Status log in condition 1.1 shall be replaced by the following;

Detail	Date
<i>EP application</i>	8th August 2017
<i>Pre permit inspection</i>	3 rd August 2017
<i>Determined by the ERA Board</i>	23 rd March 2018
<i>Inspection</i>	30 th April 2018
<i>Permit Issued</i>	6 th June 2018
<i>Variation request</i>	4 th July 2018
<i>Pre variation inspection</i>	29 th March 2019
<i>Determined by the ERA Board</i>	12 th April 2019
<i>Variation issued</i>	31 st May 2019

2. Table 1.2.1 shall be replaced by the following;

Table 1.2.1		
Activity	Description of specified activity	Limits of specified activity
Facility for the holding of live marine species for human consumption NACE code 03.21	Associated operations related to holding of live marine species for human consumption	From receipt of live specimens of species specified in table 1.4.1, or otherwise approved by the Authority through the notification procedure in Schedule 3, to dispatch of species for local distribution and export. From abstraction of seawater from seawell (35°56'45.3"N 14°22'59.7"E) to utilisation within internal recirculation system and disposal of treated effluent through the permitted discharge point (35°56'45.4"N 14°23'00.9"E).
Associated activity of cleaning, repair and maintenance of facility and equipment	Maintenance carried out on generator, chillers, filters and cleaning of tanks and facility	From maintenance activity, to appropriate recovery/ disposal of any wastes generated
Associated activity of disposal / recycling of waste materials	Handling, storage and disposal/ recovery of wastes from installation	From generation of waste to disposal or recycling off site

3. Table 1.4.1 shall be replaced by the following;

Table 1.4.1		
Scientific Name	Common Name	Maximum Permitted holding capacity
<i>**Homarus gammarus</i>	European lobster	7,000 kg at any one time
<i>**Palinurus elephas</i>	Spiny lobster	
<i>Panulirus Regius</i>	Green lobster	
<i>Homarus Americanus</i>	American lobster	
<i>Cancer pagurus</i>	Brown crab	
<i>Crassostrea Gigas</i>	Oyster	
<i>Scylla serrata</i>	Mud crab	
<i>Callista chione</i>	Smooth clam	
<i>Paralithoides cantshaticus</i>	King Crab	

<i>Chionectes opilio</i>	Snow crab	
<i>Littorina littorea</i>	Periwinkle	
* <i>Nephrops norvegicus</i>	Norwegian Lobster	
* <i>Ostrea edulis</i>	European flat oyster	
** <i>Paracentrotus lividus</i>	Purple sea urchin	
** <i>Scyllarides latus</i>	Mediterranean slipper lobster	
** <i>Scyllarides arctus</i>	Small European locust lobster	
* <i>Venus verrucosa</i>	The warty venus	
** <i>Maja squinado</i>	Spider crab	
<i>Ensis directus</i>	Atlantic jackknife clam	
<i>Mytilus edulis</i>	Blue mussel	

4. Conditions 1.4.2 and 1.4.3 shall be amended as follows;

1.4.2 Further to condition 1.4.1, the permit holder shall not increase the holding capacity unless authorised through a variation to the permit. The permit holder shall not introduce any new species to the facility unless approved in writing by the Authority through the notification procedure in Schedule 3, which shall be included as an addendum to the Environmental Permit.

1.4.3 *Crassostrea gigas*, *Ostrea edulis*, *Venus verrucosa*, *Paracentrotus lividus*, *Mytilus edulis* and *Ensis directus* shall only be kept in boxes in the cold room on site and shall at no time be introduced into the holding tanks.

5. Conditions 1.4.4 and 1.4.5 shall be included as new conditions;

1.4.4 In view that species marked with (*) and (**) in table 1.4.1 are found locally, these shall not be obtained from wild stock in Malta.

1.4.5 Further to condition 1.4.4 the permit holder shall seek the Authority's approval by utilising the notification system in Schedule 3 one month prior to the importation of any species marked with (*) and (**) in table 1.4.1.

1.4.6 As part of the notification system referred to in condition 1.4.5, for the species marked with (**), the Permit Holder shall submit relevant permits/ licences issued by the country of origin in cases where these are signatories to the Bern/ Barcelona Convention.

6. Due to the above amendments conditions 1.4.4 to 1.4.25 will thus be renumbered sequentially to 1.4.7 to 1.4.28.

7. In conjunction with the above additions, a new schedule titled Schedule 3 Notification of import/ request to hold new species shall be added as per the following schedule.

Prof. Victor Axiak
Chairman

