

Introductory note

This Notice of Modification shall be read in conjunction with the permit EP 00343/25 and shall take effect as of the date indicated on the Cover Page.

The Authority is hereby modifying the Cover Page, Sections 1, 3, 4, 5 and 7, Schedule 1 and Schedule 3 of the Environmental Permit EP 00343/25 as follows:

Cover Page:

Reference to the approved documents **EP 00343/25/V1/DOC14X** and **EP 00343/25/V1/DOC26A** shall feature on the Cover Page.

Reference to EP 00343/25/DOC68A shall be replaced with **EP 00343/25/V1/DOC38A**.

1. Permitted operations

Table 1.1 shall be replaced with the following:

Table 1.1: List of permitted operations		
Operation	Description of specified operation	Limits of specified operation
Category 1.7 of S.L. 549.172: Civic Amenity Site	Acceptance, sorting and storage of hazardous waste and non-hazardous waste (including volume reduction of non-hazardous waste) originating from private households and biodegradable waste originating from markets according to the waste streams authorised in Schedule 1.	From receipt to storage in designated areas prior to dispatch of wastes to authorised facilities locally or abroad.
	<i>Operation of associated equipment:</i> one (1) weighing scale one (1) compactor one (1) roller compactor	Operation of equipment for processing of waste accepted on site as per EP 00343/25/DOC44M for eventual dispatch to authorised waste management facilities locally or abroad

Category 1.9 of S.L. 549.172:		
Other waste management operations, not listed elsewhere in Schedule 1, and other operations within scope of the Waste Regulations (S.L. 549.63), except works requested by the Authority for the purpose of site remediation or restoration, stabilisation of material or other environmental improvement	Processing of biodegradable waste for purposes of end-of-waste Associated equipment: one (1) shredder two (2) composters	From acceptance and processing of specified biodegradable waste as per EP 00343/25/DOC44M, and achievement of its end-of-waste criteria as per permit conditions to dispatch or sale as a utility. If the end-of waste criteria as per Section 5.4 are not fulfilled, the biodegradable waste shall be considered to remain waste.

Condition 1.2 shall be amended as follows:

- 1.2. The operations authorised under condition 1.1 shall not extend beyond the Site, as shown on the Site Map in Schedule 5 to this Permit. The operations shall be undertaken in their designated areas as shown in **Approved Document EP 00343/25/DOC58B**.

Condition 1.4 shall be removed.

2. Improvement programme

No changes.

3. Conditions to be enforced by other entities

Condition 3.1 shall be amended as follows:

- 3.1. The conditions to be imposed and enforced by the **Environmental Health Directorate** are outlined in approved documents **EP 00343/25/V1/DOC26A** and **EP 00343/25/V1/DOC38A**.

4. Operating conditions

Section 4.1 shall be replaced in its entirety as follows:

4.1. Emissions to Air

- 4.1.1. All emissions to air from the specified waste management operations shall be free from visible concentrations of dust, fibres or particulates that are likely to cause pollution of the environment, harm to human health or serious detriment to the amenity of the locality outside the site, as perceived by an authorised officer or the Authority.
- 4.1.2. All processes which generate significant levels of airborne contaminants (such as dust, toxic gases, odorous chemicals) shall have effective local collection and shall discharge (after

treatment where necessary) through a stack or vent located and/or designed in such a way as to avoid local effect.

- 4.1.3. Emissions to air shall only arise from the emission points specified in table 4.1.3 as per the description in the submitted Environmental Permit application.

Table 4.1.3: Emission points to air		
Emission point reference	Source	Abatement
PS1	composter 1	biofilter 1
PS2	composter 2	biofilter 2
PS3	compost maturation area	biofilter 3

- 4.1.4. Should the Permit Holder intend to install further equipment which could lead to emissions to air (e.g. a boiler, etc.), a modification of this permit must be secured prior to installation and operation of this equipment.
- 4.1.5. All emission points listed in table 4.1.3 shall be equipped with vents or stacks that are to be directed upwards and shall be located and designed in such a way that optimises dispersion (of the emission) and that minimises local effect.
- 4.1.6. All abatement equipment and ducting shall be cleaned and maintained on a regular basis (as per manufacturer specifications), and records of such maintenance are to be kept in accordance with section 7.4 of this permit.
- 4.1.7. The Permit Holder shall prevent, or where that is not practicable, minimise fugitive emissions of substances to the air from the Permitted Installation.
- 4.1.8. The Authority may request monitoring of emissions to air listed in table 4.1.3, which shall be undertaken in accordance with the terms of reference provided by the Authority.
- 4.1.9. In the event of malfunction or breakdown leading to abnormal emissions from equipment, the Permit Holder must:
- Investigate immediately and undertake corrective action;
 - Adjust the process or activity to minimise those emissions;
 - Record the events and actions taken; and
 - In the event of non-compliance causing immediate danger to the environment, suspend operations and inform the Competent Authority within 24 hours.
- 4.1.10. Further to condition 4.1.9, the Permit Holder shall provide ERA with details of the specific cause of the malfunction and the remedial steps taken or to be taken to address the malfunction.

5. Waste

Section 5.4 shall be added as follows:

5.4. End-of-Waste

- 5.4.1. This procedure/approval would no longer be valid once end-of-waste criteria for compost are established by the EU.

5.4.2. This permit and procedure/approval only authorise the waste input and processing of garden waste classified as 20 02 01; and biodegradable source segregated waste plant material, fruit and vegetables, etc., classified as 20 03 02; which are to be treated according to the permit conditions.

5.4.3. For the purposes of this permit, the biodegradable waste undergoing treatment shall cease to be waste if it complies with the following conditions:

- a. The waste inputs are kept permanently separate from any other waste streams.
- b. No hazardous waste or waste containing or contaminated with hazardous substances is used as input.
- c. The end product does not require any further treatment prior to its use.
- d. The applicant shall ensure that the end product intended as an organic soil improver meets the limit values for the parameters in line with the Compost Monitoring Plan outlined in Approved Document **EP 00343/25/V1/DOC14X**. Samples shall be taken to demonstrate that the compost produced has reached end-of-waste in line with the Approved Document **EP 00343/25/V1/DOC14X**.
- e. The use of the end product shall not lead to any overall adverse environmental or human health impacts.

5.4.4. The compost produced is to fulfil the technical requirements laid down in EU Regulation 1009/2019 laying down rules on the making available on the market of EU fertilising products.

5.4.5. Technical documentation proving that the compost has reached the requirements in line with the EU Regulation 1009/2019 for Product Function Categories (PFCs) 3A - Organic soil improver and Component Material Categories (CMCs) 3 – Compost is to be submitted with the facility's Annual Environment Report in accordance with condition 7.5.1.

5.4.6. The Permit Holder shall maintain a record for each consignment by issuing with each consignment a *Statement of Conformity with the End-of-Waste Criteria* as specified in Schedule 3. These documents shall be submitted to the Competent Authority with the Annual Environmental Reports and kept for a minimum of three years and made available to the Competent Authority upon request.

5.4.7. The applicant shall submit to the Authority information on inputs of waste and outputs in the format requested by the Authority in the Annual Environment Reports in accordance with condition 7.5.1.

5.4.8. Any composted waste that does not achieve End-of-Waste shall be disposed of at an authorised waste management facility.

6. Site infrastructure and operations

No changes.

7. Site management

7.4. Site records

Condition 7.4.1 is being replaced as follows for the addition of requirement (e):

7.4.1. A site daily operations log shall be made in a legible manner and kept on site and be made available for inspection by the Authority at any reasonable time. The following information shall be recorded on a daily basis and retained for five (5) years:

- a. Total amount of waste in tonnes accepted on site (where the quantities of waste dispatched shall be assumed to be equivalent to the quantities accepted, except where otherwise specified);
- b. Total amount of waste in tonnes removed from site for disposal or further treatment;
- c. Total amount of waste in tonnes refused entry on site;
- d. Total amount in tonnes of waste sent to the quarantine area and by which registered waste carrier it was transported;
- e. Total amount in tonnes of compost dispatched off site;
- f. Any incidents that took place on site such as mechanical faults in the machinery or equipment used on site, any spills, fires, etc. and the remedial action taken;
- g. Any other incidents that the Permit Holder deems significant to record in the site daily operations log; and
- h. Any complaints related to the operations at the site.

8. General conditions

No changes.

Notice continues overleaf.

Schedule 1

Complete list of waste permitted on site (with the additional limits specified in EP 00343/25/DOC44M)

Incoming waste†

No changes.

Outgoing waste

19 05 03 shall be added to the list:

<i>EW C code</i>	<i>Description of waste</i>
19 05 03	off-specification compost

Schedule 2 – No changes.

Schedule 3 is being replaced in its entirety as shown overleaf:

† Permitted incoming waste may also leave the site as Outgoing Waste (including separate fractions resulting from permitted processes on site), except where it is otherwise explicitly specified.

Schedule 3**Annual Environmental Report and Submissions****Important note**

By this submission, you confirm that you give your explicit consent for the entire contents of this Annual Environment Report to be made available on the Authority's public website.

S3.1 Introduction

Environmental Permit Number	
Reporting Year (Calendar Year: 1 January to 31 December)	
Name and locality of Site	
Brief description of operations at the site	

S3.2 Waste Records

As per condition 7.5.1, the Permit Holder shall submit to the Authority information on records of waste received/accepted from third parties in the previous year by not later than end of March of each year, providing the information listed in the ERA website and in the format specified therein: <https://era.org.mt/era-topic-categories/reporting-obligations/>.

S3.3 Operating hours for composters

Reporting year	Composter 1 (h)	Composter 2 (h)
2026		
2027		
<i>Continue as required</i>		

S3.4 Incidents and Complaints**S3.4.1 Non-compliance incidents during Reporting Year**

Date of incident	Brief description of Incident	Cause	Corrective action

Total number of non-compliance incidents for the previous reporting period:	
Total number of non-compliance incidents for the current reporting period:	

S3.4.2 Complaints made by the public or through the Authority

Date of complaint	Description of complaint	Action taken

Total number of complaints for previous reporting year:	
Total number of complaints for current reporting period:	

S3.5 Submission of certificates/reports

Documentation	Submission date	Tick (✓)
Waste records and the AER (condition 7.5.1)	by March of every year	☐
Certificate of calibration of weighing equipment (condition 5.2.2)	every year	☐
Disposal/recovery certificates (condition 5.3.11, 5.3.12)	every year	☐
Recycling Efficiency Certificates for waste batteries (condition 7.5.2)	every year	☐
Independent Audit Report (condition 7.5.3)	every year	☐
Statements of Conformity with End-of-Waste criteria (condition 5.4.6)	every year	☐
Certificate of good working condition for the silt/grease trap (condition 5.2.3)	every 4 years ¹	☐
Certificate of integrity for all bunds (condition 6.6)	every 4 years ¹	☐

Permit Holder's declaration		
<i>I declare that, to the best of my knowledge, all the above information is correct and substantiated.</i>		
..... Name <i>(in block letters)</i>	 ID number	 On behalf of / in my own name <i>(in block letters)</i>
..... Date	 Signature	

END OF NOTICE

¹ To be submitted in 2030 and 2034