

Environmental Clearance

Environment Protection Act (CAP. 549)

Clearance number

CA 00004/25

The Environment and Resources Authority (hereinafter the Authority; the Competent Authority or ERA) in exercise of its powers under the Environment Protection Act (CAP. 549) Environmental Permitting (Procedure for Applications and their Determination Regulations (SL 549.172), is hereby authorises:

C&K Ciappara & Sons Ltd (Hereinafter “the Permit Holder”)
Company Registration Number: **C 11598**


Whose Registered Office (or principal place of business) is at:

C & K Ciappara & Sons
Triq Misrah is-Sinjura
Qrendi
QRD 2140
Malta

To operate an animal slaughterhouse plant facility at:

Hi Grade Chick
Triq Misrah is-Sinjura
Qrendi

This clearance is valid for **four (4) years** from the *Clearance Granted* date below and subject to the conditions overleaf. A renewal application for a permit on which a clearance has been granted must be submitted **at least six (6) months prior** to the expiry of this Clearance.

Signed	Date
 Ass. Environment Protection Officer <i>f/ Director Regulatory Affairs</i>	Clearance Granted: 07.07.2025

Authorised to sign on behalf of the Competent Authority



Conditions

1. This Clearance is granted without prejudice to third-party rights and does not exempt the Clearance Holder from compliance with any other applicable legislation, regulations, or the need to obtain authorisations from other competent authorities, entities, or site owners. Upon submission of a renewal application, the Authority reserves the right to request clearances or approval from other relevant entities as it deems necessary.
2. The site shall be kept clean and free from litter and uncontrolled waste at all times. Any accidental release of waste or materials must be immediately contained, collected, and disposed of properly. Fugitive waste or litter from loading, unloading, or material transfer must be promptly managed to prevent environmental contamination.
3. The Authority may request monitoring and/or review of operational practices and may commission any audits/reports as deemed necessary to address any circumstances that may affect the quality of the surrounding environment, at the expense of the Permit Holder.
4. Disposal or treatment of animal carcasses or animal waste shall not exceed 10 tonnes/day.
5. The slaughter of animals and the processing of animal by-products shall only take place indoors.
6. There shall be no significant offensive odour, as perceived by an Authorised Officer of the Competent Authority, outside the boundary of the installation.
7. The Operator shall prevent, or where not practicable, reduce odour emissions by:
 - i. Regular cleaning of the installation and equipment;
 - ii. Cleaning and disinfecting vehicles and equipment used for transporting animal by-products and/or edible co-products;
 - iii. Enclosing animal by-products and/or edible co-products during transport, reception, loading/unloading and storage;
 - iv. Minimising biological degradation of animal by-products and/or edible co-products; and
 - v. Extracting air near the odour sources close as possible to the point of odour generation.
8. All plant, equipment, and associated abatement systems used in the operation of the installation shall be maintained in good working order and in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications and maintenance schedules.
9. Air emissions shall be prevented, or where not practicable, reduced from process areas, storage (including waste), and transfer systems such as pipes and valves. Processes generating significant airborne contaminants shall have local collection and discharge through a stack or vent, designed to avoid local impact.
10. In the event of abnormal emissions from operations, the Clearance Holder shall investigate immediately, take corrective action, adjust operations to reduce emissions, and record the incident and actions taken.

11. In the event of non-compliance causing immediate danger to human health and/or the environment, operations must be suspended and the relevant Competent Authorities informed within 24 hours.
12. All raw materials/waste shall be stored and handled as specified in respective SDS sheets in clearly designated and appropriately labelled areas. Storage shall be segregated and contained in a manner that prevents spills, leaks, or the generation of litter. Incompatible materials/waste shall be stored separately to prevent adverse chemical reactions.
13. Spillages of chemicals or hazardous materials/waste must be addressed immediately to prevent contamination and disposed of appropriately. An adequate supply of appropriate spill kits shall be maintained and be readily accessible at designated critical areas.
14. All areas for depositing and storing animal by-products and blood shall have impervious surfaces, graded to drain into onsite collection pits for safe storage.
15. Animal by-products and carcasses shall be stored and transported in fully enclosed containers to prevent odours and spillage.
16. All storage of materials, fuels, oils and waste shall take place only in contained areas with impervious ground and where thorough clean up and site reinstatement can be readily undertaken.
17. Bulk liquid storage tanks shall have a roofed bund with an impermeable base and walls, meeting the following requirements:
 - i. Capacity of at least 110% of the largest tank or 25% of the total tank volume, whichever is greater.
 - ii. All filling and off-take points within the bund.
 - iii. Certification of integrity by a warranted engineer every four years.
18. Wastewater generated from industrial processes shall not be diluted prior offsite transfer and shall be segregated from all other wastewater streams, including domestic wastewater and stormwater. Under no circumstances shall any effluent be discharged to surrounding land, subsoil or water body.
19. Rainwater from areas where contamination by oil or chemicals is likely (such as loading/unloading and bunded areas) shall be appropriately treated.
20. All oil interceptors shall be monitored and maintained to ensure efficient operation. Interceptors shall be inspected by an independent warranted architect or engineer as per EN858, at least once every three years.
21. The infrastructure used for the catchment, treatment, and storage of industrial wastewater shall be maintained as per the requirements of SL549.45 Waste Management (Activity Registration) Regulations.
22. Waste intended for recycling or recovery shall be segregated by waste stream and stored in clearly designated and appropriately labelled areas. Hazardous waste shall be strictly segregated from non-hazardous waste at all time to prevent cross-contamination and to ensure

- proper handling, storage, and disposal in accordance with applicable waste management regulations.
23. Waste generated on site shall be transported to authorised waste management facilities, either locally or abroad, using a waste carrier that holds the necessary permits for waste transportation. If a waste broker is required to facilitate the management of waste, only waste brokers authorised by the ERA shall be engaged.
 24. Hazardous waste transferred from the site to local authorised waste management facilities shall be accompanied by a valid consignment permit and consignment note obtainable from the Authority.
 25. Animal by-products, dead or fallen animals and slaughterhouse wastes are to be transported to appropriately permitted receiving facilities.
 26. Waste intended for export shall follow the procedures established under Regulation (EU) 2024/1157 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 April 2024 on shipments of waste, amending Regulations (EU) No 1257/2013 and (EU) 2020/1056 and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1013/2006.
 27. Records shall be maintained for any waste transfers, maintenance, complaints, certification and incidents and shall be kept for five years and made available to the Authority upon request.
 28. In the event of cessation of operations either in part or in full, all equipment, materials and waste must be removed from the site and managed in an environmentally sound manner according to relevant legislation. ERA shall be notified prior to such cessation and the intended fate prior to removal from the site.

Schedule 1 Site plan

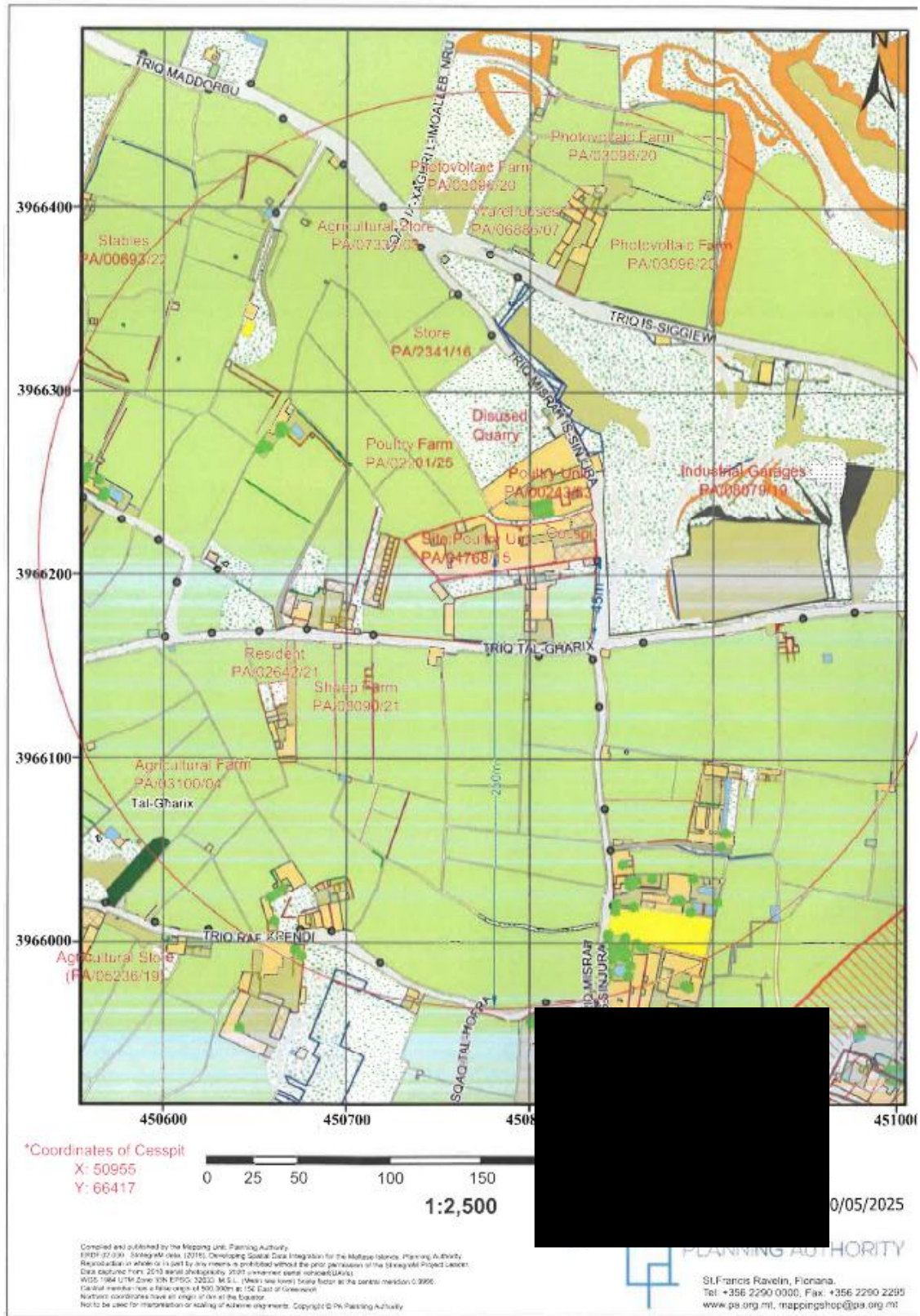


Fig. 1: Site of the permitted installation, showing the extent of the area outlined in red. The extent of the site is indicative and shall not be used for interpretation purposes. Not to scale.