

Public Information on an upper-tier establishment as required by Regulation 25

Information on upper-tier establishments

All establishments subject to the *COMAH Regulations 2015* have submitted a notification in a standard form to the Authority. This includes information on their location, the hazard categories of the dangerous substances present with an indication of their dangers, emergency action information and sources of additional relevant information.

Additional information has been provided by upper-tier establishments, including details on the possible major accidents arising in the establishment and the action to take in the event of an emergency.

General Duties on Operators

Operators have a general duty to identify all the major accident hazards in their establishment, take all necessary measures to prevent major accidents and to limit the consequences of such accidents to human health and the environment.

Operators of upper-tier establishments are also specifically required to ensure that ‘all persons likely to be affected’ by a major accident originating at the establishment receive clear and intelligible information on safety measures and on what they should do in the event of a major accident. This information must be directly supplied to all buildings and areas of public use, including schools and hospitals and, in the case of domino groups, to all neighbouring establishments.

Information on emergency plans

Information on external emergency plans may also be available from the Local Authority, the Gardaí and the Health Services Executive.

Public information for an upper-tier establishment

This establishment is subject to the *COMAH Regulations 2015* and has submitted a notification to the Authority.

The following information, which has been extracted from the notification, fulfils the requirements of Regulation 25(3)(a).

The date of the most recent *COMAH* inspection (added by the Central Competent Authority) can also be found in the table below.

Notification History

European Refreshments

Version	Reason	Date
1.0	Mandatory notification	31/05/2016
2.0	Information update	29/11/2017
3.0	Company Name Change	30/03/2018
4.0	Information update	01/11/2018
5.0	Information update	13/11/2019
6.0	Information update	29/09/2020
7.0	Information update	06/01/2022
8.0	Information update	02/03/2023

Regulation 25 information for European Refreshments

Operator Name	Registered Name	European Refreshments
	Trade Name	Ballina Beverages
Establishment Address	Address	Killala Road, Ballina
	County	Mayo
	Eircode	F26 FA37
Notification Details	Tier	Upper-tier
	Activity	Manufacture of food products and beverages
Dangerous Substance information	Hazard Categories / Named Substances	E1 Hazardous to the Aquatic Environment, E2 Hazardous to the Aquatic Environment, H1 Acute Toxic, P2 Flammable gases, P5c Flammable Liquids, P5a Flammable Liquids, Anhydrous Ammonia, Sodium Hypochloride, Petroleum Products (Diesel).
	Dangerous Characteristics / Hazard Statements	H220, H221, H224, H225, H226, H331, H400, H410, H411.
Emergency Information	How the public will be warned	In event of a major accident occurring, the public will be warned by emergency services, following consultation with site operator regarding specific hazards. Subject to CCA confirmation of affected area, operator may supply information in leaflet form to those residents.
	Behaviour to take in event of major accident	Members of the public who may potentially be affected are advised initially to go & stay indoors, until further information is received from the emergency services.
	Additional Information	
Inspection	Most recent COMAH Inspection (updated quarterly):	20 th June 2023
	Where more detailed information on inspection available	More detailed information about the inspection and the related inspection plan can be obtained upon request, subject to the requirements of Regulation 26, from: CCPS unit, Health & Safety Authority, Metropolitan Building, James Joyce Street, Dublin 1.
Information	Where further relevant information available	Further information about this establishment may be obtained, in the first instance, from the operator. Subject to Regulation 26 ('Access to information and confidentiality') information may also be available from the Health and Safety Authority, on request, under the Access to Information on the Environment Regulations.

Nature of major hazards (1)	Nature of major accident	Release of dangerous substances with potential for adverse environmental effects.
	Potential human health effects	
	Potential environmental effects	Dangerous substances entering freshwater or estuarine waters and causing harm to the aquatic environment. Dangerous substances contaminating groundwater if containment fails.
	Scenario details	Potential Release of Dangerous to the Environment substances, including Firewater
	Control measures	All of the establishment's storage tanks, process vessels, pipe work and control systems are designed and maintained to an appropriate standard to prevent major accidents. Suitable arrangements are in place to prevent or minimise loss of containment of dangerous substances. An automatic surface water isolation valve is present on site A manual surface water isolation valve is present on site Hydrocarbon Interceptors on all drainage outfalls.
	Onsite response	This establishment has prepared an internal emergency plan for major accidents which is tested at least every 3 years, has liaised with the emergency services and agreed on the actions and arrangements to deal with major accidents and minimise their effects.
	Offsite effects/action	A publicly available external emergency plan has been drawn up by the local authority, Gardaí and HSE to respond to any consequences outside this establishment as a result of a major accident. There are no off-site consequences from a major accident at this establishment.

Nature of major hazards (2)	Nature of major accident	Release of dangerous substances with potential for adverse health effects.
	Potential human health effects	Airborne material that can cause burning of the eyes and, if inhaled the throat, coughing or breathing difficulties. Substantial exposure to toxic chemicals (potentially fatal).
	Potential environmental effects	There are no potential consequences on the environment from the major accident hazards identified.
	Scenario details	Release is the maximum inventory of Ammonia Gas from refrigeration plants Maximum Inventory Release 941kg
	Control measures	All of the establishment's storage tanks, process vessels, pipe work and control systems are designed and maintained to an appropriate standard to prevent major accidents. Buildings on site are designed and arranged to prevent or minimise knock-on effects of an incident. Establishment has facilities to detect and manage releases of gases that may have harmful effects. Procedures are in place to manage any changes at the site that could impact on health, safety and the environment.
	Onsite response	This establishment has prepared an internal emergency plan for major accidents which is tested at least every 3 years, has liaised with the emergency services and agreed on the actions and arrangements to deal with major accidents and minimise their effects.
	Offsite effects/action	A publicly available external emergency plan has been drawn up by the local authority, Gardaí and HSE to respond to any consequences outside this establishment as a result of a major accident. There are no off-site consequences from a major accident at this establishment.

Nature of major hazards (3)	Nature of major accident	Fire
	Potential human health effects	Potential for burns to body.
	Potential environmental effects	No Effect
	Scenario details	Fire in the Flammable Bulk Storage Tank Farm.
	Control measures	All of the establishment's storage tanks, process vessels, pipe work and control systems are designed and maintained to an appropriate standard to prevent major accidents. Containment systems are in place for relevant work areas to minimise the loss of spilled material to the environment. Potential ignition sources are eliminated in accordance with the ATEX Directive to protect against the ignition of flammable material. Key operating units and storage facilities are fitted with fire detection and suppressant systems.
	Onsite response	This establishment has prepared an internal emergency plan for major accidents which is tested at least every 3 years, has liaised with the emergency services and agreed on the actions and arrangements to deal with major accidents and minimise their effects.
	Offsite effects/action	A publicly available external emergency plan has been drawn up by the local authority, Gardaí and HSE to respond to any consequences outside this establishment as a result of a major accident. There are no off-site consequences from a major accident at this establishment.