

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.



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Notification History

Nitrofert Ltd.

Version	Reason	Date
1.0	Mandatory notification	31/05/2016
2.0	Information update	31/01/2019
3.0	Information update	21/12/2020
4.0	Information update	06/01/2022
5.0	Information update	02/03/2023

Regulation 25 information for Nitrofert Ltd.

Operator Name	Registered Name	Nitrofert Ltd.
	Trade Name	Nitrofert Ltd.
Establishment Address	Address	Raheen Port, New Ross
	County	Wexford
	Eircode	Y34XH33
Notification Details	Tier	Upper-tier
	Activity	Production and/or storage of fertilisers
Dangerous Substance information	Hazard Categories / Named Substances	E2 Hazardous to the Aquatic Environment, P5c Flammable Liquids, P8 Oxidising Liquids and Solids, Ammonium Nitrate, Petroleum Products (Diesel)
	Dangerous Characteristics / Hazard Statements	H226, H272, H411
Emergency Information	How the public will be warned	The public likely to be affected will be warned by one or more on-site sirens.
	Behaviour to take in event of major accident	As we are an upper-tier establishment, we send leaflets to the persons who are likely to be affected, which includes this information.
	Additional Information	Co-operate with any instructions from the External Emergency Services
Inspection	Most recent COMAH Inspection (updated quarterly):	15 th December 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. www.nitrofert.ie 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	Fire and Explosion
	Potential human health effects	Risk of eardrum damage from blast. Injuries caused by projectiles being ejected from the incident site.
	Potential environmental effects	
	Scenario details	Detonation of fertiliser grade ammonium nitrate in the bulk store.
	Control measures	Incompatible materials are segregated and stored separately. Emergency response systems & procedures are in place. Detonation event initiated by vehicle fire. Regular servicing of vehicles. Low frequency of external vehicles in building.
	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. You should cooperate with the instructions of the emergency services.

Nature of major hazards (2)	Nature of major accident	Release of dangerous substances with potential for adverse health effects.
	Potential human health effects	Breathing air with high concentrations of dangerous substances that could lead to asphyxiation and/or poisoning, which could result in fatal consequences.
	Potential environmental effects	
	Scenario details	Vehicle fire in Bulk Store / Fire in yard area / Fire in bagging area. Results in decomposition of AN based fertiliser, releasing toxic gases.
	Control measures	Establishment has a manual fire alarm system. Emergency response systems & procedures are in place.
	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. You should cooperate with the instructions of the emergency services.

Nature of major hazards (3)	Nature of major accident	Release of dangerous substances with potential for adverse environmental effects.
	Potential human health effects	
	Potential environmental effects	Dangerous substances contaminating groundwater if containment fails.
	Scenario details	Leaks of diesel from small (3 m3) tank.
	Control measures	Suitable arrangements are in place to prevent or minimise loss of containment of dangerous substances. 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.
	Onsite response	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.
	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.