28/3/2020

To Whom It May Concern

**Covid-19 and confirmation of essential worker status**

On March 24 2020 the government announced additional measures to slow the spread of the virus but recognised the need for some ‘essential retail outlets’ to continue to do business.

On March 27 2020 this list of [essential retail outlets](https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/625292-updated-list-of-essential-retail-outlets-27th-march-2020/) was further updated and still includes

* retail sale of essential items for the health and welfare of animals, including animal feed and medicines, animal food, pet food and animal supplies including bedding.

The government also said that some businesses can only offer emergency call-out or delivery services. This list includes

* hardware stores, builders’ merchants and stores that provide hardware products necessary for home and business maintenance, sanitation and farm equipment, supplies and tools essential for gardening/farming/agriculture.

A list of [essential service providers](https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/dfeb8f-list-of-essential-service-providers-under-new-public-health-guidelin/#manufacturing) under the new public health guidelines was also published on March 28 and services provided in the below area are considered to be essential.

* Manufacturing – the manufacturing of prepared animal feed

This document confirms that:

1. This employee, xxxxxx xxxxxx, is carrying out a duty for a company that is considered an essential retail outlet and or an essential service provider.
2. This vehicle is transporting a product that is essential for animal health and welfare and/or for maintaining our vital food supply chain.

We therefore request that this employee/delivery is allowed to proceed uninterrupted. If you have any questions please contact the number below.

Signed by:

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Managing Director                                                                                           Employee No/ Licence Plate

Phone xxx xxx xxxx

DAFM Approval/Registration no

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**Employees must adhere at all times to public health guidance on social distancing.**