

## Permit with introductory note

The Environmental Permitting (England & Wales) Regulations 2010

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Countrystyle Recycling Limited

Building 17  
Ridham Docks  
Nr Sittingbourne  
Kent  
ME9 8SR

Permit number  
EPR/HB3337AG

# Building 17

## Permit number **EPR/HB3337AG**

### Introductory note

#### **This introductory note does not form a part of the permit**

The main features of the permit are as follows:

This permit will allow the operator to operate a materials recycling facility to process non hazardous waste wood to convert into wood chip for both recovery via biomass CHP and manufacture of panel board.

The total quantity of waste that can be accepted at the site under this permit must not exceed 100,000 tonnes per annum. All processing activities must take place within the building with only screened wood chip being stored outside awaiting export. This permit will not allow the burning of any wastes, either in the open, inside buildings or in any form of incinerator.

This permit does not allow any point source emission into surface waters or groundwater. However, under the emissions of substances not controlled by emission limits rule:

- Liquids may be discharged into a sewer subject to a consent issued by the local water company.
- Liquids may be taken off-site in a tanker for disposal or recovery.
- Clean surface water from roofs, or from areas of the site that are not being used in connection with storing and treating waste, may be discharged directly to surface waters, or to groundwater by seepage through the soil via a soakaway.

The status log of the permit sets out the permitting history, including any changes to the permit reference number.

#### **Status log of the permit**

<b>Description</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Application received EPR/HB3337AG/A001	24/04/2012	Application for materials recycling facility
Additional information received	28/05/2012	OPRA spreadsheet, summary of management system and proof of planning application
Additional information received	12/06/2012	Dust management plan
Additional information received	13/06/2012	Fire management plan
Application duly made	13/06/2012	
Permit determined	02/10/2012	Permit issued Countrystyle Recycling Limited

End of introductory note

# Permit

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**Permit number  
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The Environment Agency hereby authorises, under regulation 13 of the Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2010

**Countrystyle Recycling Limited** ("the operator"),  
whose registered office is

**Countrystyle Group Head Office  
Ashford Road  
Lenham  
Maidstone  
Kent  
ME17 2DL**

**company registration number: 05103813**

to operate waste operations at

**Building 17  
Ridham Docks  
Nr Sittingbourne  
Kent  
ME9 8SR**

to the extent authorised by and subject to the conditions of this permit.

Name	Date
<b>Katie Harwood</b>	<b>02/10/2012</b>

Authorised on behalf of the Environment Agency

# Conditions

## 1 Management

### 1.1 General management

- 1.1.1 The operator shall manage and operate the activities:
- (a) in accordance with a written management system that identifies and minimises risks of pollution, including those arising from operations, maintenance, accidents, incidents, non-conformances, closures and those drawn to the attention of the operator as a result of complaints; and
  - (b) using sufficient competent persons and resources.
- 1.1.2 Records demonstrating compliance with condition 1.1.1 shall be maintained.
- 1.1.3 Any person having duties that are or may be affected by the matters set out in this permit shall have convenient access to a copy of it kept at or near the place where those duties are carried out.
- 1.1.4 The operator shall comply with the requirements of an approved competence scheme

### 1.2 Avoidance, recovery and disposal of wastes produced by the activities

- 1.2.1 The operator shall take appropriate measures to ensure that:
- (a) the waste hierarchy referred to in Article 4 of the Waste Framework Directive is applied to the generation of waste by the activities; and
  - (b) any waste generated by the activities is treated in accordance with the waste hierarchy referred to in Article 4 of the Waste Framework Directive; and
  - (c) where disposal is necessary, this is undertaken in a manner which minimises its impact on the environment.
- 1.2.2 The operator shall review and record at least every four years whether changes to those measures should be made and take any further appropriate measures identified by a review.

## 2 Operations

### 2.1 Permitted activities

- 2.1.1 The operator is only authorised to carry out the activities specified in schedule 1 table S1.1 (the "activities").

## **2.2 The site**

- 2.2.1 The activities shall not extend beyond the site, being the land shown edged in green on the site plan at schedule 7 to this permit.

## **2.3 Operating techniques**

- 2.3.1 (a) The activities shall, subject to the conditions of this permit, be operated using the techniques and in the manner described in the documentation specified in schedule 1, table S1.2, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Environment Agency.
- (b) If notified by the Environment Agency that the activities are giving rise to pollution, the operator shall submit to the Environment Agency for approval within the period specified, a revision of any plan specified in schedule 1, table S1.2 or otherwise required under this permit, and shall implement the approved revised plan in place of the original from the date of approval, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Environment Agency.
- 2.3.2 Waste shall only be accepted if:
- (a) it is of a type and quantity listed in schedule 2 table S2.1; and
- (b) it conforms to the description in the documentation supplied by the producer and holder.

## **3 Emissions and monitoring**

### **3.1 Emissions of substances not controlled by emission limits**

- 3.1.1 Emissions of substances not controlled by emission limits (excluding odour) shall not cause pollution. The operator shall not be taken to have breached this condition if appropriate measures, including, but not limited to, those specified in any approved emissions management plan, have been taken to prevent or where that is not practicable, to minimise, those emissions.
- 3.2.2 The operator shall:
- (a) if notified by the Environment Agency that the activities are giving rise to pollution, submit to the Environment Agency for approval within the period specified, an emissions management plan;
- (b) implement the approved emissions management plan, from the date of approval, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Environment Agency.

### **3.2 Odour**

- 3.2.1 Emissions from the activities shall be free from odour at levels likely to cause pollution outside the site, as perceived by an authorised officer of the Environment Agency, unless the operator has used appropriate measures, including, but not limited to, those specified in any approved odour management plan, to prevent or where that is not practicable to minimise the odour.
- 3.2.2 The operator shall:

- (a) if notified by the Environment Agency that the activities are giving rise to pollution outside the site due to odour, submit to the Environment Agency for approval within the period specified, an odour management plan;
- (b) implement the approved odour management plan, from the date of approval, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Environment Agency.

### **3.3 Noise and vibration**

3.3.1 Emissions from the activities shall be free from noise and vibration at levels likely to cause pollution outside the site, as perceived by an authorised officer of the Environment Agency, unless the operator has used appropriate measures, including, but not limited to, those specified in any approved noise and vibration management plan to prevent or where that is not practicable to minimise the noise and vibration.

3.3.2 The operator shall:

- (a) if notified by the Environment Agency that the activities are giving rise to pollution outside the site due to noise and vibration, submit to the Environment Agency for approval within the period specified, a noise and vibration management plan;
- (b) implement the approved noise and vibration management plan, from the date of approval, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Environment Agency.

## **4 Information**

### **4.1 Records**

4.1.1 All records required to be made by this permit shall:

- (a) be legible;
- (b) be made as soon as reasonably practicable;
- (c) if amended, be amended in such a way that the original and any subsequent amendments remain legible, or are capable of retrieval; and
- (d) be retained, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Environment Agency, for at least 6 years from the date when the records were made, or in the case of the following records until permit surrender:
  - (i) off-site environmental effects; and
  - (ii) matters which affect the condition of the land and groundwater.

4.1.2 The operator shall keep on site all records, plans and the management system required to be maintained by this permit, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Environment Agency.

### **4.2 Reporting**

4.2.1 The operator shall send all reports and notifications required by the permit to the Environment Agency using the contact details supplied in writing by the Environment Agency.

- 4.2.2 Within one month of the end of each quarter, the operator shall submit to the Environment Agency using the form made available for the purpose, the information specified on the form relating to the site and the waste accepted and removed from it during the previous quarter.

## 4.3 Notifications

- 4.3.1 The Environment Agency shall be notified without delay following the detection of:
- (a) any malfunction, breakdown or failure of equipment or techniques, accident, or emission of a substance not controlled by an emission limit which has caused, is causing or may cause significant pollution;
  - (b) the breach of a limit specified in the permit; or
  - (c) any significant adverse environmental effects.
- 4.3.2 Any information provided under condition 4.3.1 shall be confirmed by sending the information listed in schedule 5 to this permit within the time period specified in that schedule.
- 4.3.3 Where the Environment Agency has requested in writing that it shall be notified when the operator is to undertake monitoring and/or spot sampling, the operator shall inform the Environment Agency when the relevant monitoring and/or spot sampling is to take place. The operator shall provide this information to the Environment Agency at least 14 days before the date the monitoring is to be undertaken.
- 4.3.4 The Environment Agency shall be notified within 14 days of the occurrence of the following matters, except where such disclosure is prohibited by Stock Exchange rules:
- Where the operator is a registered company:
- (a) any change in the operator's trading name, registered name or registered office address; and
  - (b) any steps taken with a view to the operator going into administration, entering into a company voluntary arrangement or being wound up.
- Where the operator is a corporate body other than a registered company:
- (a) any change in the operator's name or address; and
  - (b) any steps taken with a view to the dissolution of the operator.
- In any other case:
- (a) the death of any of the named operators (where the operator consists of more than one named individual);
  - (b) any change in the operator's name(s) or address(es); and
  - (c) any steps taken with a view to the operator, or any one of them, going into bankruptcy, entering into a composition or arrangement with creditors, or, in the case of them being in a partnership, dissolving the partnership.
- 4.3.5 Where the operator proposes to make a change in the nature or functioning, or an extension of the activities, which may have consequences for the environment and the change is not otherwise the subject of an application for approval under the Regulations or this permit:

- (a) the Environment Agency shall be notified at least 14 days before making the change; and
- (b) the notification shall contain a description of the proposed change in operation.

## **4.4 Interpretation**

- 4.4.1 In this permit the expressions listed in schedule 6 shall have the meaning given in that schedule.
- 4.4.2 In this permit references to reports and notifications mean written reports and notifications, except where reference is made to notification being made "without delay", in which case it may be provided by telephone.



# Schedule 1 - Operations

**Table S1.1 activities**

Description of activities for waste operations	Limits of activities
<p><b>R13:</b> Storage of waste pending any of the operations numbered R1 to R12 (excluding temporary storage, pending collection, on the site where it is produced)</p>	<p>Treatment consisting only of manual sorting, separation, screening, baling, shredding and compaction of waste into different components for recovery.</p>
<p><b>R3:</b> Recycling/reclamation of organic substances which are not used as solvents</p>	<p>All waste transported onto and away from the site shall be covered (with the exception of delivery to the dock, approximately 100m away, for loading and storage).</p> <p>Stack piles shall not exceed 1800m<sup>2</sup> in area, 20 metres in height or 18000m<sup>3</sup> in volume.</p> <p>The maximum stack face angles of stack piles shall not exceed 45 degrees.</p> <p>Where stack piles are being, or are likely to be, stored for periods greater than three months, then maximum stack sizes should be reduced to 3 metres in height.</p> <p>The space separation between stack piles shall not be less than 8 metres at any point.</p> <p>The storage of &lt;30mm fines shall be short term and shall not exceed one month.</p> <p>The maximum length of time that waste may be stored on site is 12 months.</p>
	<p>Waste types as specified in Table 2.1</p>

**Table S1.2 Operating techniques**

Description	Parts	Date Received
Application	Part B4 – Table 3a. Technical Standards – 'How to comply with your environmental permit'	24/04/2012
Application	Risk assessment	24/04/2012
Additional Information	Dust management plan	12/06/2012
Additional information	Fire management plan	13/06/2012
Additional Information	Email confirmation that all wood shall be covered when transported into and out of the site on vehicles	04/07/2012

## Schedule 2 - Waste types, raw materials and fuels

Table S2.1. Waste types and quantities	
<b>Maximum quantities</b>	
The total quantity of waste accepted at the site shall not exceed 100,000 tonnes per annum	
<b>Exclusions</b>	
Waste having any of the following characteristics shall not be accepted:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• consisting solely or mainly of dusts (with the exception of sawdust), powders or loose fibres</li> <li>• hazardous wastes</li> <li>• wastes in liquid form</li> </ul>	
Waste Code	Description
02	WASTES FROM AGRICULTURE, HORTICULTURE, AQUACULTURE, FORESTRY, HUNTING AND FISHING, FOOD PREPARATION AND PROCESSING
<b>02 01</b>	<b>wastes from agriculture, horticulture, aquaculture, forestry, hunting and fishing</b>
02 01 03	plant-tissue waste (wood and bark only)
02 01 07	wastes from forestry (wood and bark only)
03	WASTES FROM WOOD PROCESSING AND THE PRODUCTION OF PANELS AND FURNITURE, PULP, PAPER AND CARDBOARD
<b>03 01</b>	<b>wastes from wood processing and the production of panels and furniture</b>
03 01 01	waste bark and cork
03 01 05	sawdust, shavings, cuttings, wood, particle board and veneer other than those mentioned in 03 01 04
<b>03 03</b>	<b>wastes from pulp, paper and cardboard production and processing</b>
03 03 01	waste bark and wood
15	WASTE PACKAGING; ABSORBENTS, WIPING CLOTHS, FILTER MATERIALS AND PROTECTIVE CLOTHING NOT OTHERWISE SPECIFIED
<b>15 01</b>	<b>packaging (including separately collected municipal packaging waste)</b>
15 01 03	wooden packaging
17	CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION WASTES (INCLUDING EXCAVATED SOIL FROM CONTAMINATED SITES)
<b>17 02</b>	<b>wood, glass and plastic</b>
17 02 01	wood
<b>17 09</b>	<b>other construction and demolition wastes</b>
17 09 04	mixed construction and demolition wastes other than those mentioned in 17 09 01, 17 09 02 and 17 09 03 (wood only)
19	WASTES FROM WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITIES, OFF-SITE WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANTS AND THE PREPARATION OF WATER INTENDED FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION AND WATER FOR INDUSTRIAL USE
<b>19 12</b>	<b>wastes from the mechanical treatment of waste (for example sorting, crushing, compacting, pelletising) not otherwise specified</b>
19 12 07	wood other than that mentioned in 19 12 06
20	MUNICIPAL WASTES (HOUSEHOLD WASTE AND SIMILAR COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL AND INSTITUTIONAL WASTES) INCLUDING SEPARATELY COLLECTED FRACTIONS
<b>20 01</b>	<b>separately collected fractions (except 15 01)</b>
20 01 38	wood other than that mentioned in 20 01 37
<b>20 02</b>	<b>garden and park wastes (including cemetery waste)</b>
20 02 01	biodegradable waste (wood and bark only)

## **Schedule 3 – Emissions and monitoring**

There are no emission limits or associated monitoring requirements.

## **Schedule 4 - Reporting**

There is no reporting under this schedule.

## Schedule 5 - Notification

These pages outline the information that the operator must provide.

Units of measurement used in information supplied under Part A and B requirements shall be appropriate to the circumstances of the emission. Where appropriate, a comparison should be made of actual emissions and authorised emission limits.

If any information is considered commercially confidential, it should be separated from non-confidential information, supplied on a separate sheet and accompanied by an application for commercial confidentiality under the provisions of the EP Regulations.

### Part A

Permit Number	
Name of operator	
Location of Facility	
Time and date of the detection	

<b>(a) Notification requirements for any malfunction, breakdown or failure of equipment or techniques, accident, or emission of a substance not controlled by an emission limit which has caused, is causing or may cause significant pollution</b>	
<b>To be notified within 24 hours of detection</b>	
Date and time of the event	
Reference or description of the location of the event	
Description of where any release into the environment took place	
Substances(s) potentially released	
Best estimate of the quantity or rate of release of substances	
Measures taken, or intended to be taken, to stop any emission	
Description of the failure or accident.	

<b>(b) Notification requirements for the breach of a limit</b>	
<b>To be notified within 24 hours of detection unless otherwise specified below</b>	
Emission point reference/ source	
Parameter(s)	
Limit	
Measured value and uncertainty	
Date and time of monitoring	
Measures taken, or intended to be taken, to stop the emission	

<b>Time periods for notification following detection of a breach of a limit</b>	
<b>Parameter</b>	<b>Notification period</b>

<b>(c) Notification requirements for the detection of any significant adverse environmental effect</b>	
<b>To be notified within 24 hours of detection</b>	
Description of where the effect on the environment was detected	
Substances(s) detected	
Concentrations of substances detected	
Date of monitoring/sampling	

**Part B - to be submitted as soon as practicable**

Any more accurate information on the matters for notification under Part A.	
Measures taken, or intended to be taken, to prevent a recurrence of the incident	
Measures taken, or intended to be taken, to rectify, limit or prevent any pollution of the environment which has been or may be caused by the emission	
The dates of any unauthorised emissions from the facility in the preceding 24 months.	

<b>Name*</b>	
<b>Post</b>	
<b>Signature</b>	
<b>Date</b>	

\* authorised to sign on behalf of the operator

## Schedule 6 - Interpretation

*"accident"* means an accident that may result in pollution.

*"Annex I"* means Annex I to Directive 2008/98/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on waste.

*"Annex II"* means Annex II to Directive 2008/98/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on waste.

*"application"* means the application for this permit, together with any additional information supplied by the operator as part of the application and any response to a notice served under Schedule 5 to the EP Regulations.

*"authorised officer"* means any person authorised by the Environment Agency under section 108(1) of The Environment Act 1995 to exercise, in accordance with the terms of any such authorisation, any power specified in section 108(4) of that Act.

*"building"* means a construction that has the objective of providing sheltering cover and minimising emissions of noise, particulate matter, odour and litter.

*"EP Regulations"* means The Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations SI 2010 No.675 and words and expressions used in this permit which are also used in the Regulations have the same meanings as in those Regulations.

*"emissions of substances not controlled by emission limits"* means emissions of substances to air, water or land from the activities, either from the emission points specified in schedule 3 or from other localised or diffuse sources, which are not controlled by an emission limit.

*"groundwater"* means all water, which is below the surface of the ground in the saturation zone and in direct contact with the ground or subsoil.

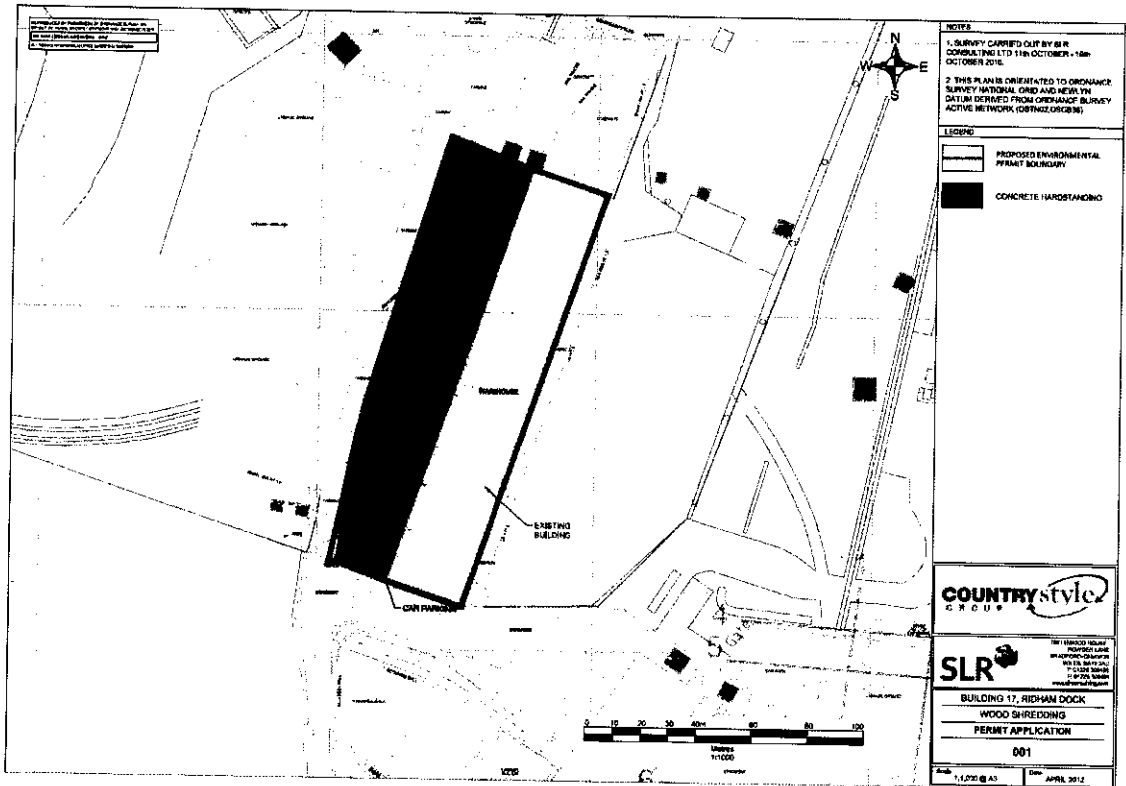
*"R"* means a recovery operation provided for in Annex II to Directive 2008/98/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on waste.

*"Waste code"* means the six digit code referable to a type of waste in accordance with the List of Wastes (England) Regulations 2005, or List of Wastes (Wales) Regulations 2005, as appropriate, and in relation to hazardous waste, includes the asterisk.

*"Waste Framework Directive" or "WFD"* means Waste Framework Directive 2008/98/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on waste.

*"year"* means calendar year ending 31 December.

# Schedule 7 - Site plan



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