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General Officer Commanding,  
Department of Defence,  
Air Corps Headquarters,  
Casement Aerodrome  
Baldonnell,  
Dublin  
D22 X2Y4

**FOOD SAFETY AUTHORITY OF IRELAND ACT, 1998  
CLOSURE ORDER**

**To:** General Officer Commanding,

I, [REDACTED], being an authorised officer of the **Health Service Executive** under the Food Safety Authority of Ireland Act, 1998 (“the Act”), and in exercise of the powers conferred on me by Section 53 of the Act, hereby direct that the premises identified in Part 1 of the Schedule be closed with immediate effect until the earliest of: -

- (i) an Order to contrary effect by a Court of competent jurisdiction; or
- (ii) further written direction by the **Health Service Executive**.

I make this order being of the opinion that there is or is likely to be a grave and immediate danger to public health at, in or on the said premises for the particular reasons set out in Part 2 of the Schedule.

**Schedule**

**Part 1 Premises**

The premises occupied by **General Officer Commanding, Officers' Mess, Air Corps Headquarters at Casement Aerodrome, Baldonnell, Dublin, D22 X2Y4**

*This closure order requires:*

*All of the premises be closed*

**Part 2 Particular reasons for making of Order**

*Regulation EC No 852/2004 on the Hygiene of Foodstuffs*

*Annex II Chapter I (2)(c), Annex II Chapter IX (3), Annex II Chapter IX (4)*

- Failure to have adequate procedures in place to control pests.
- Failure to ensure the layout, design, construction, siting and size of food premises are to permit good food hygiene practices, including protection against contamination and, in particular, pest control

There is evidence of ongoing rodent activity within the kitchen.

A commercial pest control company reported mice activity in the wash up area of the kitchen and a juvenile rodent was reported as being seen in the dining area and main kitchen on the 04.12.2018.

Subsequently an adult dead rodent was found in a set trap located under the equipment sink in the wash up area on the 11.12.2018.

A large number of possible access points for rodents to enter the building was observed at the time of the inspection, including but not limited to :

- an unsealed 6 inch sewer pipe running under the conservatory. A piece of rotting wood and a brick were being propped up against the opening
- An ill fitting man hole cover located right of the back door
- an uncovered drain opening located directly outside where the equipment sink is plumbed
- holes in the external walls throughout the building

The circumstances of ongoing rodent activity are likely to constitute a grave and immediate danger to public health by posing a serious risk of contamination to food and food contact surfaces on site.

**Dated this day: 12/12/2018**

Signed: 

  
**Authorised Officer**

**duly authorised by Health Service Executive for purposes of Section 53 of the Food Safety Authority of Ireland Act, 1998.**

***Note: Under Section 53(5) of the Food Safety Authority of Ireland Act, 1998, a person who is aggrieved by a Closure Order may, within the period of seven days beginning on the day on which the Closure Order is served on him or her, appeal against the Order to a Judge of the District Court in the District Court District in which the Order was served. Under Section 53(6) of the Food Safety Authority of Ireland Act, 1998 a person who appeals against a closure order or who applies for a direction suspending the application of the closure order under subsection (4) shall at the same time notify the Authority or official agency of the appeal or the application and the grounds for the appeal or the application and the Authority or official agency shall be entitled to appear, be heard and adduce evidence on the hearing of the appeal or the application.***

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