



ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICE

Regulation 30

CLOSURE ORDER

Regulation 30 of the European Union (Official Controls in relation to Food Legislation) Regulations 2020 (S.I. No. 79 of 2020)

To: Glenellen Restaurant Ltd, McDonalds Restaurant

I, [redacted] being an authorised officer of the Health Service Executive under the Food Safety Authority of Ireland Act, 1998 and S.I. No. 79 of 2020, and in exercise of the powers conferred on me by Regulation 30 of S.I. No. 79 of 2020, hereby direct all or part of the premises, as 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 failure to comply with food legislation for the particular reasons set out in Part 2 of the Schedule and being of the opinion that **all or part** of the business, or its establishments, holdings or other premises to which the order relates as identified in Part 1 of the Schedule be closed.

Schedule  
Part 1 Business/Establishments/Holdings/Other Premises

The business operated by Glenellen Restaurant Ltd  
at The Waterfront, Rathmullen Rd, Drogheda trading as McDonalds Restaurant

This Closure Order Directs that: CO. Louth

- (a) All of the business, its establishments, holdings or other premises be closed
- Or
- (b) Part of the business, its establishments, holdings or other premises be closed

(Please Specify): Storage unit at the side of the premises

Part 2 Particular Reasons for Making of the Closure Order  
The following are outlined in the attached Schedule.

1. The name/title of the food legislation with which the operator or person in charge has failed to comply
2. The specific part of the food legislation with which the operator or person in charge has failed to comply
3. Evidence of specific non-compliance(s).

Dated this day 27 / 08 / 2025

Signed: [redacted] (authorised officer)  
Duly authorised executive for the purposes of Regulation 30 of S.I. No.79 of 2020.

Note 1: Under Regulation 30(5) of S.I. No. 79 of 2020 a person who is aggrieved by a Closure Order may, within the period of 7 days beginning on the day on which the Closure Order is served on him or her, appeal against the Closure Order to a judge of the District Court in the District Court district in which the Closure Order was served.

Note 2: Under Regulation 30(7) of S.I. No. 79 of 2020 a person who appeals against a Closure Order or who applies for a direction suspending the application of the Closure Order shall at the same time notify the Food Safety Authority of Ireland or the Health Service Executive, as appropriate, of the appeal or the application and the grounds for the appeal or the application and the Food Safety Authority of Ireland or the Health Service Executive shall be entitled to appear, be heard and adduce evidence on the hearing of the appeal or the application.

## Part 2 Schedule

- (1) Regulation (EC) NO 852/2004 on the hygiene of Foodstuffs.
- (2) Regulation 852/2004 - Annex II Chapter IX (3) (4)  
Regulation 852/2004 - Annex II Chapter 1 2(c)
- (3) Evidence of Specific non-compliances

- Rodent droppings were observed on shelving & food equipment within the Storage unit.
- Cleaning agents & disinfectants intended for use on food equipment were stored in this area, leaving them exposed to Contamination from rodents.
- The Unit was inadequately pest-proofed, with numerous gaps, holes, and defects in the Structure providing potential entry points for rodents.
- The door was left open at the time of inspection, further increasing the risk of pest ingress.
- Personal protective equipment (PPE), including gloves & disposable protective clothing, as well as cleaning equipment such as spare buckets, a power washer & redundant food equipment were stored in the unit.
- Paper roll used for drying food workers hands was also kept in the same area.

The storage of items such as PPE, including gloves & disposable protective clothing, cleaning agents & disinfectants, paper roll, cleaning equipment & food equipment in an area contaminated by rodent activity presents a significant risk of cross contamination because these items are regularly handled by food workers.

Rodents are capable of transmitting harmful pathogens through their droppings & urine, creating a significant risk of contamination to cleaning agents & disinfectants, cleaning equipment, PPE, surfaces, food equipment, paper roll as well as the food worker themselves.

There is a significant risk posed to food safety & public health.