

3. Maritime Usage Licence – Determination Case Worker Report	
To	Dr. Karen Creed, Director of Maritime Authorisations
From	Joanne Staunton, Licensing Caseworker
Reviewed by	Jacinta Ponzi, Head of MUL Unit
Date	22/04/2025
Maritime Usage Licence Application:	
Applicant Name	Amazon MCS Ireland Ltd
Applicant Address	One Burlington Plaza, Burlington Road, Dublin 4, Ireland
Application Received	06/06/2024
MUL Reference Number	MUL230031
Decision sought	<p>Approval sought for issuance of a maritime usage licence to this Applicant.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Following consideration of supplementary material submitted by the applicant in accordance with Section 119(6)(b) of the Maritime Area Planning Act 2021 as amended, or</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> NO supplementary material submitted</p>
<i>Minded to Determine Notice Issued</i>	07/04/2025
Period Specified to Applicant in <i>Minded to Determine Notice</i>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 21 days</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p>
Supplementary Information (if applicable):	
Supplementary material received from applicant (if applicable)	<p>Date received: 16/04/2025</p> <p>Amazon MCS Ireland Ltd made the following response further to the <i>Minded To Determine</i> Notice issued on 07/04/2025 in respect of MUL230031:</p> <p>Condition 24 <i>The Holder shall not damage or interfere with any third party's property, infrastructure or fishing gear while conducting the Permitted Maritime Usage.</i> <i>Reason: To minimise impact on other users of the marine environment and ensure the orderly undertaking of the proposed maritime usage.</i></p>

	<p>➤ Request MARA to please consider adding “knowingly” (The Holder shall not knowingly damage or) to the above condition.</p> <p>Condition 32 <i>Marine Mammals</i></p> <p>i. The Holder shall appoint a marine mammal observer(s) for the purposes of overseeing the Permitted Maritime Usage. The Holder shall ensure the marine mammal observer(s) shall satisfy the requirements of the most up to date national guidance. During the activity, the Holder shall comply with the directions of the marine mammal observer(s).</p> <p>ii. The Holder shall implement risk control and mitigation measures for marine mammals in strict accordance with the most up to date national guidance.</p> <p>iii. The Holder shall publish the report and recording and data forms on their website within 60 days of completion of the Permitted Maritime Usage unless otherwise agreed with the Grantor.</p> <p>iv. The Holder shall, within 30 days of completion of the Permitted Maritime Usage, forward a report of the marine mammal observer(s) operations and mitigation undertaken, to offshore@npws.gov.ie and compliance@mara.gov.ie</p> <p>Reason: To ensure protection of the marine environment and protected species</p> <p>➤ Request MARA to agree that the MMO report won't be published on AWS website. AWS do not have a website that would be suitable to publish such a report.</p>
Supplementary material forwarded to ARD	16/04/2025
Details of Supplementary Information and Recommendation from Assessment, Research & Data (ARD) Team:	
<p>Specific Condition 24:</p> <p>The Holder shall not damage or interfere with any third party's property, infrastructure or fishing gear while conducting the Permitted Maritime Usage.</p> <p>Reason: To minimise impact on other users of</p>	<p>Applicant comment:</p> <p>The applicant has requested that the word 'knowingly' should be added to the condition so as to read '<i>The Holder shall not <u>knowingly</u> damage or interfere with...etc...</i>'.</p> <p>ARD recommendation:</p> <p>As this condition is standard across all similar maritime usage licences I do not recommend amending it in this licence. It is implied that, as part of this condition, the Holder will not intentionally or knowingly damage or interfere with any third party's property, infrastructure or fishing gear while conducting the maritime usage.</p>

the marine environment and ensure the orderly undertaking of the proposed maritime usage.	Recommendation: No change to condition 24
Specific Condition 32: Marine Mammals Reason: To ensure the protection of the marine environment and protected species.	Applicant comment: The applicant has requested that the requirement for publishing the marine mammal reports on their website be removed from the condition. The applicant has noted that they do not have a website that would be suitable to publish such a report. ARD recommendation: Part (iii) of this condition is to allow members of the public to view the marine mammal monitoring reports. Scope is provided in the condition for the licence holder to agree an alternative arrangement to the publication of marine mammal reports with MARA's Compliance and Enforcement Team. Consideration should be given by the applicant to a suitable alternative means of making the information publicly available. Thus I do not recommend amending this part of the condition in the licence. Recommendation: No change to condition 32

Determination of Licence Application:	
Caseworker Recommendation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GRANT <input type="checkbox"/> PART GRANT <input type="checkbox"/> REFUSE

Signed by (Caseworker)

Joanne Staunton

Date

22/04/2025

Annex 1 – List of Accompanying Documents:		
Tab 01	Supplementary Information, if applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Tab 02	ARD Recommendation, if applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Tab 03	FINAL Licence	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>