



Section 117(5)(a) of the Maritime Area Planning Act 2021

Screening of Maritime Usage Licence application, in accordance with Section 117(5)(a), to determine whether Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is required, having regard to Schedules 5 and 7 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended.

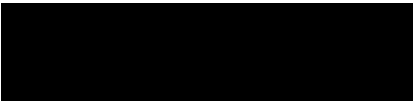
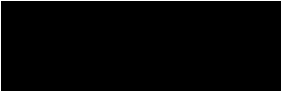
Maritime Usage Licence Application Number:	MUL240042
Date of Application:	01 st October 2024
Name of Applicant:	Port of Cork Company
Type of Proposed Maritime Usage with reference to Schedule 7 of the Maritime Area Planning Act 2021:	(3) <i>Marine environmental surveys for the purposes of site investigation or in support of an application under Part XXI of the Act of 2000</i>
Brief Description of Proposed Maritime Usage:	<p>Marine site investigations including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>geophysical surveys</u> (sub bottom profiler single channel seismic reflection, underwater multichannel analysis of surface waves (UMASW) and seismic refraction surveys); • <u>geotechnical surveys</u> (cable percussive boreholes with rotary follow on and Cone Penetration Tests); • <u>sub-tidal surveys</u> (sub-tidal benthic sampling employing Van Veen Grabs and video surveys); • <u>intertidal surveys</u> (benthic core samples) • <u>marine mammal surveys</u> (vantage point surveys and acoustic surveys).

Part A - Consideration of Schedule 5 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended

Question 1: Is the proposed maritime usage a project of a type listed in Schedule 5 Part 1, of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	EIA is required. Application should be returned to applicant in accordance with Section 117(5)(b) of Maritime Area Planning Act 2021.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	proceed to Question 2.
Question 2: Is the proposed maritime usage a project of a type listed in Schedule 5 Part 2, of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended <u>and</u> does it meet/exceed the referenced thresholds?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	EIA is required. Application should be returned to applicant in accordance with Section 117(5)(b) of Maritime Area Planning Act 2021.

<input type="checkbox"/> No	Usage is listed in Schedule 5 Part 2 <u>but</u> is sub-threshold. Proceed to Part B.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Usage is <u>not</u> listed in Schedule 5 Part 2. No requirement to proceed to Part B. Proceed to EIA Consideration Conclusion.

EIA Consideration Conclusion

It is concluded that, having had regard to Schedule 5 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended, in the context of the above referenced maritime usage licence application, that the proposed maritime usage does not fall within any of the project categories listed in Schedule 5 and therefore does not require an EIA or further EIA Screening consideration under Schedule 7.	
Signature of Recommending Marine Advisor:	Dr. Alison McCarthy Date: 19 th May 2025 
Signature of Decision Maker:	John Evans Date: 20 th May 2025 

Part B Consideration of Schedule 7 to the Planning & Development Regulations 2001, as amended.

Characteristics, location and the types & characteristics of the potential impacts of the proposed maritime usage comprising a project:

Not applicable