

Port of Cork Company,
Tivoli Terminal Building,
Tivoli Dock & Industrial Estate,
Tivoli,
Cork,
T23 YNT9

By email only: [REDACTED] portofcork.ie

17/09/2025

Request for Additional Information: Section 117(3) of the Maritime Area Planning Act 2021

**Re: Port of Cork Company
Maritime Usage Licence Application Reference: MUL250008**

Dear [REDACTED],

I refer to the above referenced maritime usage licence application received by the Maritime Area Regulatory Authority (MARA) on 04/03/2025

MARA considers that it requires additional information as set out below in order to determine the licence application.

1. The method of deposit for the material to be dredged using the backhoe dredger. If a hopper barge is proposed, clarify its capacity and the type of barge to be used, including any support vessels.
2. The capacity of the TSHD is 8000m³ and the daily load maximum is 29,376 dry tonnes. Clarify the daily load maximum to be deposited in m³.
3. Sediment dispersion modelling
The Sediment Plume Dispersion Assessment predicts the plume likely to be generated from the deposition of the 423,217m³ proposed to be deposited as part of this application. Provide details regarding the scheduling of the deposit activity along with all of the proposed and authorised deposit and dumping at sea activities utilising this deposit site.

Where overlapping deposit or dumping at sea activities are identified, the Sediment Plume Dispersion Assessment should be revised to assess the

combined quantities of material to be deposited.

Provide information on the predicted sediment deposition from the combined deposit and dumping at sea activities.

Clarify the suitability of the Sediment Plume Dispersion Assessment for predicting sediment dispersion from deposit of dredged material from a hopper barge (if proposed to be used).

4. With reference to the strict protection of species listed under Annex IV of the Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC), provide a statement clarifying whether or not a derogation licence under Regulation 54 of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011, as amended, is required for the proposed deposit of dredged material at the offshore deposit site. Should a derogation licence be required, provide the associated National Parks and Wildlife Service application reference number.
5. The GIS shapefile data for the MUL application area (the deposit site) must be resubmitted as follows:
 - Proposed MUL area to be calculated using coordinate reference system ETRS 1989 UTM Zone 29N (EPSG:25829)
 - The Proposed Maritime Usage Licence map may need to be resubmitted if area calculations differ thereafter. The map should not be titled Area C as there is only one area associated with this MUL application.
 - MARA technical mapping guidance is available [here](#).

Please refer to MARA's [Guidance and Technical Mapping note](#) when providing the information requested.

The requested information should be submitted to MARA within **4 weeks** of the date of this notice, i.e by **15/10/2025**, in order for MARA to assess the licence application.

Please direct any queries to licence@mara.gov.ie.

Yours faithfully,

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MARA

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