

## 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:	MUL230037		
Date of Application:	05/12/2024		
Name of Applicant:	Uisce Éireann		
Type of Proposed Maritime Usage with reference to Schedule 7 of the Maritime Area Planning Act 2021:	3) Marine environmental surveys for the purposes of site investigation or in support of an application under Part XXI of the Act of 2000		
Brief Description of Proposed Maritime Usage:	Marine modelling study within Clew, Newport and Westport Bays, Co. Mayo, to aid the selection of a new discharge outfall for a proposed wastewater treatment plant for Newport. Marine site investigation surveys will include geophysical, metocean and environmental device deployment and 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?								
	Yes	EIA is required.						
		Application should be returned to applicant in accordance with Section 117(5)(b) of Maritime Area Planning Act 2021.						
$\boxtimes$	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?								
	Yes	EIA is required.						
	Yes	EIA is required.  Application should be returned to applicant in accordance with Section 117(5)(b) of Maritime Area Planning Act 2021.						
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	No	Application should be returned to applicant in accordance with Section 117(5)(b) of Maritime Area Planning Act 2021.  Usage is listed in Schedule 5 Part 2 but is sub-threshold.  Proceed to Part B.						

## **EIA Screening 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:

Date: 16/07/2025

Signature of Decision Maker:

Date: 24/07/2025

Date: 24/07/2025

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

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

Not applicable