

From: [REDACTED] (Transport)
Sent: Monday 20 October 2025 12:01
To: MARA Licence
Subject: RE: 2nd Request for Observations on an application for a Maritime usage licence Ref: MUL240033

Good day,

After careful consideration, the Marine Survey Office has no objection to the site investigations proposed in the application referenced in the subject line from a navigational safety perspective.

However, the following shall be noted.

1. Licence shall note the proposed deployment of ACDP's tidal gauges and additional marine survey equipment are located in the busy shipping lanes to Galway Port, Passenger Ships to Aran Islands operating from Galway and Doolin as well as active fishing and recreational craft. Vessels deployed in support of the deployment of equipment and survey vessels must comply with International Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea at all times.
2. Submarine cables and pipelines are established within the marine survey areas in Galway Bay and in and around the Aran Islands. Proposed survey activities must not interfere with submarine cables during deployment of equipment or bathymetry survey.
3. The licensee is advised of the presence of charted overfalls, tide rips or races in the Liscannor Bay survey area. Extreme caution to be exercised when navigating or operating in this area.



4. The waters of the west coast of Ireland are susceptible to large unpredictable seas and swells during winter months, vessels employed shall be during deployment of equipment and / or survey shall be appropriate for operating in the prevailing weather and conditions.
5. **All vessels engaged in proposed activities must conform to Irish Certification standards and, vessels shall be manned by suitably qualified personnel. Where equipment is carried for survey activities an Irish Load line survey may be required. The applicant should contact mso@transport.gov.ie for clarification in relation to the above matters.**
6. The Licensee shall ensure all appropriate measures are taken for the duration of any on-site activity to ensure the safety of navigation is maintained. Any hazard to safe navigation shall be easily identifiable to all maritime users operating within or in the proximity of the license area.
7. The Licensee shall, through consultation and agreement with the Department of Transport, Marine Survey Office, and Commissioners of Irish Lights, arrange for the publication of a Marine Notice through the Maritime Safety Policy Division. All applications for the issue of a Marine Notice shall be submitted supported by MAC or MUL reference. Where a Marine Notice is ***published and ANY subsequent changes to dates of operations, location, or area of schedule of works or vessels engaged in the operation, the licensee must inform MSPD of such changes in a prompt and timely manner***, so that relevant safety of navigation information is provided in an updated Marine Notice.
8. The promulgation and frequency of Navtex and radio broadcast warnings shall be agreed in advance with the Irish Coast Guard for the duration of the license period.
9. The marking and lighting of any moored instruments shall be carried out in consultation with the Marine Survey Office and Commissioners of Irish Lights. Lighting and marking shall be compliant with International Association of Aids to Navigation (IALA) requirements.
Information regarding the position of any markings which create a hazard to navigation shall be promulgated to the mariner through the publication of a marine notice and all means appropriate.
10. **In advance, and throughout the consent period the applicant shall be obliged to inform United Kingdom Hydrographic Office (UKHO), of any activities that may impact the safety of navigation including deployment of equipment and survey activities,. All bathymetry data gathered shall be shared with UKHO and INFOMAR to ensure appropriate navigation safety information and charts can be updated. Email: sdr@UKHO.gov.uk and the INFOMAR program at support@geodata.gov.ie**

Regards,

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To whom it may concern,

Please see attached a letter from MARA requesting your observations on the above application for a maritime usage licence.

The deadline for submitting observations is **12th November 2025** by close of business.

Regards

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