



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.


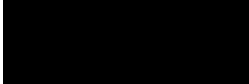
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| Maritime Usage Licence Application Number: | MUL230024 MA |
| Application received: | 04/02/2026 |
| Name of Applicant: | Deep Sea Fibre Networks Ltd. |
| Type of Proposed Maritime Usage with reference to Schedule 7 of the Maritime Area Planning Act 2021: | Material amendment to MUL230024, granted on 29/05/2025 for Schedule 7(3) activities from Ballyloughane Strand in Galway Bay, prior to traversing Galway Bay from a south westerly direction through the Irish maritime area |
| Brief Description of Proposed Maritime Usage: | Material amendment request of Condition xxx of MUL230024, requesting a |

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

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| 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 Screening Conclusion. |

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.

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| Signature of Recommending Marine Advisor: |  Date: 19/02/2026 |
| Signature of Decision Maker: |  John Evans, Director Maritime Usage Licensing Date: 02/03/2026 |

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