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An tÚdarás Rialála Limistéir Mhuirí
Maritime Area Regulatory Authority

Maritime Usage Licence (MUL)

Application for Material Amendment (Form MUL2)





Important information:

Applicants are strongly advised to read the “Guidance Note for Applicants applying for a Maritime Usage Licence” before completing this application.

The application form and supporting documentation, including confirmation of payment of fee, must be submitted to licence@mara.gov.ie.

Complete this form using the free text and tick boxes provided, free text boxes will expand as required. Responses should, in so far as is possible, clearly and concisely address the information requested in these boxes. Where appropriate, supporting documentation may be submitted for assessment, providing that any information relevant to the application is clearly referenced in the application form.

Before completing this form, the declaration and consent at the end of the application form should be read.

Application Fee:

An application fee of EUR €1,000 applies for the material amendment of a Maritime Usage Licence (MUL). The application fee must be paid by Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) to the Maritime Area Regulatory Authority (MARA).

MARA bank account details are provided upon request by email to licence@mara.gov.ie

Proof of application fee payment /confirmation of funds transfer must be provided with the application documentation.

Complete application documentation and fee must be submitted to licence@mara.gov.ie.

Privacy Policy:

MARA may require applicants to provide certain personal data in order to carry out its legislative and administrative functions. MARA will treat all personal data that an applicant provides in accordance with MARA’s obligations under data protection legislation, including the Data Protection Act 2018 and the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). A Privacy Statement explaining how MARA, as the Data Controller, will process the personal data the applicant provides, how that information will be used and what rights the applicant may exercise in relation to its personal data, is available in this link: [Privacy Policy - MARA - The Maritime Regulator](#).

Freedom of Information/Access to Information on the Environment

MARA is a public body for the purposes of the Freedom of Information Act 2014, as amended (the “FOI Act”) and is also subject to the European Communities (Access to Information on the Environment) Regulations 2007-2018 (the “AIE Regulations”) and MARA may be required to disclose information and records provided by the applicant in response to a request made under the FOI Act and/or the AIE Regulations, subject to applicable exemptions. Where the applicant considers that any information supplied to MARA is commercially sensitive, confidential or otherwise exempt from disclosure under the FOI Act or the AIE Regulations, the applicant must clearly identify such information at the time. Notwithstanding this, the final decision on disclosure rests with MARA, in accordance with the applicable legislation. The applicant must, upon reasonable request and within a reasonable timeframe, provide all necessary assistance and cooperation to MARA in connection with any request for information made under the FOI Act and/or AIE Regulations.

Confidential/Commercially Sensitive Information

Applicants are asked to consider if any of the information supplied by them in their application to MARA is commercially sensitive and/or confidential. The applicant should clearly identify and separate the specific sections of their application containing such information. The applicant should specify the reasons for its confidentiality/sensitivity with regard to the FOI Act and/or AIE Regulations.



Form MUL2 – MUL Application for Material Amendment in accordance with Section 125 of The MAP Act

Part 1 Applicant Details

1.1 Applicant Details

The name and address should be of the legal or natural person that is to be the MUL Holder. This information would be recorded on the MUL.	
Name of Applicant	EirGrid
Company/Organisation (if Applicable)	EirGrid Plc.
Applicant Address: Where a legal person would be the Holder of the MUL, these details must be as currently listed in the Companies Registration Office. Where a non-profit entity, which is a registered charity, would be the Holder of the MUL, these details must be as currently listed in the Register of Charitable Organisations.	
Address line 1	The Oval
Address line 2	160 Shelbourne Road
Address line 3	Ballsbridge
City/Town	Dublin
Eircode	D04 FW28
Applicant Email Address	sean.dillon@eirgrid.com
If the Applicant is a legal person, Company Registration Office Number. A copy of the Certificate of Incorporation (certified copy provided by CRO) and a list of Directors must be provided as Attachment 1.1.	338522
If the Applicant is a non-profit entity, which is a registered charity, the Registered Charity Number	N/A

Attachment 1.1 included (if required).

Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable <input type="checkbox"/>



1.2 Authorised Contact Person for MUL Material Amendment Application.

The Authorised Contact Person for the MUL Material Amendment Application will be the person that MARA will contact in relation to any aspect of the Material Amendment Application. The Authorised Contact Person can be a person within the Applicant Organisation or a person (agent) nominated by the Applicant

Authorised Contact Name	Seán Dillon
Authorised Contact Position	Consents Manager
Email	sean.dillon@eirgrid.com
Telephone	(01) 677 1700

1.3 If MARA provided a statutory declaration under Section 115 of the MAP Act as to whether or not a MUL was required for the proposed usage, provide the reference number associated with that declaration.

Not applicable



Part 2 Outline of Proposed Material Amendment(s)

2.1 Reference number of the existing MUL to which material amendment is sought.

MUL240036

2.2 Material amendment(s)

A. Outline all relevant material amendment(s) proposed for the existing MUL. Additional information can be provided in Attachment 2.2.

EirGrid is requesting an amendment to Specific Condition 32 of the existing MUL240036 for marine site investigations works for the Powering Up Offshore South Coast Project. The proposed Material Amendment seeks to (only) amend Specific Condition 32 (relating to in-combination underwater noise effects). Specifically, the proposed Material Amendment seeks to amend Condition 32 by reducing the coordination distance applied from 10km to 6km for specified marine survey activities, in accordance with recently updated guidance. This would also align with similar conditions received by recently determined MULs.

Further details are contained in Attachment 2.2

B. Attachment 2.2 included.

Yes No Not Applicable

2.3 Describe the purpose of proposed amendments to the MUL with reference to the classes of usage in Schedule 7 of the MAP Act.

There is no change related to the planned maritime usage or regarding the classes of usage in Schedule 7.

The purpose of the amendment is to seek alignment with current guidance for Effective Deterrent Ranges as it relates to Condition 32 of MUL240036, by amending the coordination distance applied under Condition 32 (from 10km to 6km) for the geophysical, seismic and geotechnical activities to inform the engineering design of the Powering Up Offshore South Coast project and to provide baseline data for subsequent environmental assessment.

2.4 Amendment(s) to the Duration of the MUL

A. Indicate proposed amendments to the overall MUL duration.

No proposed amendments to the overall MUL duration.

B. Indicate proposed amendments to the duration of any individual activities included in the overall activity.

No proposed amendments to the duration of individual activities included in the overall activity.



C. Give reasons for the proposed amendments to the durations.

No proposed amendments to the durations.

D. Indicate any seasonal, vessel or other schedule constraints.

No seasonal, vessel or other schedule constraints relevant to the proposed amendments.

E. Additional information can be provided in Attachment 2.4. Attachment 2.4 included.

Yes No Not Applicable

2.5 Describe proposed amendments to the area of the Maritime Usage

A. State the total size of the Maritime Area (in m², ha or km², as appropriate), which is the subject of the application.

No proposed amendments to the area of the Maritime Usage.

B. Attach map, titled 'Proposed MUL Map' and GIS Shapefiles outlining the proposed Maritime Area(s). If the application relates to more than one area, each area should be labelled on the accompanying maps/drawings and its area provided. The map(s)/drawing(s) should be included as Attachment 2.5.

Map(s)/GIS Shapefiles must comply with 'MARA Technical Mapping Guidance Notes for MAC/MUL Applications in the Maritime Area under the Maritime Area Planning Act 2021 (MAPA)'.

List the attached map/drawing number(s) and map/drawing name(s) in the space below.

Not applicable as existing Maritime Usage Maps are not amended and continue to apply.

C. Attachment 2.5 included.

Yes No Not Applicable

2.6 Describe proposed amendments to the location of Maritime Usage

A. Provide the distance in kilometres and direction of the main body of the proposed Maritime Usage area from the shore at its closest point.



No proposed amendments to the location of the Maritime Usage.

- B. Attach map(s)/drawing(s) showing the location of the proposed Maritime Usage. The attached map/drawing number(s) and map/drawing name(s) should also be listed in the space below. The map(s)/drawing(s) should be included as Attachment 2.6.

Map(s)/GIS Shapefiles must comply with 'MARA Technical Mapping Guidance Notes for MAC/MUL Applications in the Maritime Area under the Maritime Area Planning Act 2021 (MAPA)'.

Not applicable as existing Maritime Usage Maps are not amended and continue to apply.

- C. Attachment 2.6 included.

Yes No Not Applicable

2.7 Ownership

- A. Are proposed amendments to any part of the Licensed Area in private ownership?

Yes No

- B. If yes, indicate on a drawing/map the area concerned in relation to the proposed maritime usage area and provide a letter confirming that the Applicant has obtained all necessary consents from the relevant owner(s).

- C. Is the Applicant aware of any actual or claimed legal rights or interests held by third parties in the proposed site that may be affected by the proposed amendments to the Licensed Area?

Yes No

- D. If yes, indicate on a drawing/map the area concerned in relation to the proposed maritime usage area and provide a letter confirming that the Applicant has obtained all necessary consents from the relevant owner(s) of such legal rights or interests.

- E. The letter(s) and drawing(s)/map(s) referred to above in subsections B and D should be included as Attachment 2.7. List the attached letters, map/drawing number(s) and map/drawing name(s) in the space below.

Not applicable.

- F. Attachment 2.7 included.

Yes No Not Applicable

2.8 Existing Foreshore Authorisations

- A. Provide the reference number and title of any existing Foreshore Authorisations you may hold, or have a current application for, within, or otherwise in the vicinity of the proposed Maritime Usage.



Not applicable.

- B. Do you intend to surrender any existing Foreshore Authorisations for any maritime usage other than that granted by the foreshore authorisation?

Yes No

- C. If yes, provide description of the existing Foreshore Authorisations authorised usage. If necessary, provide additional information in Attachment 2.8.

Not applicable.

- D. Attachment 2.8 included.

Yes No Not Applicable

2.9 Other authorisations or consents

- A. Provide the reference number, a brief description and the status (e.g. application made or authorisation/consent granted) of any other authorisations or consents in the footprint, or otherwise in the vicinity of the proposed amendments to the Maritime Usage area, held by the applicant. If necessary, provide additional information as Attachment 2.9.

Not applicable.

- B. Attachment 2.9 included.

Yes No Not Applicable

2.10 Planning permission and/or other authorisation(s)

- A. Do the proposed amendments require planning permission and/or other authorisation(s), or is it ancillary to or part of to a proposed development which requires planning permission and/or other authorisation(s)?

Yes No

- B. If yes, what is the status of the planning and/or other authorisation(s)? If applicable, provide a brief description of the proposed development, to which the proposed amendment to the Maritime Usage is ancillary. Provide the file reference number(s) and link(s) to the websites where information on the planning and/or other authorisation application(s) and/or planning permission/ authorisation(s) can be obtained.



Not applicable.



Part 3 Marine Planning and Environmental Considerations

National Marine Planning Framework (NMPF)

3.1 NMPF Objectives

- A. Describe how the proposed amendment(s) to the Maritime Usage is consistent with the objectives of the NMPF. Provide sufficient information addressing the consistency of the proposed amendments to the Maritime Usage with the objectives of the NMPF. This information should be provided as Attachment 3.1.
- B. Attachment 3.1 included.

Yes No

3.2 Designated Marine Area Plan

- A. Is the proposed amendment to the Maritime Usage located in an area for which a Designated Marine Area Plan has been published?
- B. If yes, indicate if this proposed amendment to the Maritime Usage is consistent with the Designated Marine Area Plan. Additional information can be provided as Attachment 3.2.

Yes No

The EirGrid Powering Up Offshore South Coast (PUOSC) project is consistent with the South Coast DMAP policy objectives by supporting the coordinated, plan-led development of offshore renewable energy and ensuring the timely provision of enabling grid infrastructure. In particular, it aligns with objectives to facilitate offshore wind delivery, integrate renewable generation into the national grid, and support Ireland's climate and energy targets. PUOSC reflects key DMAP policy objectives around environmental protection, sustainable use of the maritime area, and stakeholder engagement.

Site investigation works are key to delivery of the PUOSC project.

MARA previously provided an assessment of consistency with SC-DMAP in Section 3.8 of their MUL Report stating *"One of the main priorities of the SC-DMAP is the establishment of an integrated network of offshore and onshore electricity transmission infrastructure, which this proposed MUL application is directly related to. Therefore, this proposed MUL activity fits within the overarching policy aims of the SC-DMAP."*

In relation to the proposed amendment to Condition 32, there is no change to the PUOSC alignment with the policies and objectives of the SC-DMAP. Condition 32 is overly restrictive and does not reflect current best available evidence. As such, if the proposed amendment is approved it will reduce the risk of delays to the carrying out of the surveys and assist with achieving the objectives in the SC-DMAP, whilst aligning with best available evidence for mitigating in-combination effects.

- C. Attachment 3.2 included.

Yes No Not Applicable

Habitats and Birds Directives

3.3 Report for Appropriate Assessment Screening



- A. Is the proposed amendment to the Maritime Usage directly connected with or necessary to the management of a European site?

Yes No

- B. If not, provide an Appropriate Assessment screening report to provide sufficient information for MARA to undertake screening to determine if an Appropriate Assessment is required of the implications of the proposed amendment to the Maritime Usage alone, or in combination with other plans or projects, for any relevant European site, in view of the site's conservation objectives.

If the Applicant has already determined that it is likely that an Appropriate Assessment will be required and have prepared an NIS, it may be submitted.

The Appropriate Assessment screening report and/or NIS must be prepared by a suitably qualified person, and a summary of the person's qualifications and experience must be included in the report/NIS.

The Appropriate Assessment screening report or NIS should be provided as Attachment 3.3.

- C. Attachment 3.3 included.

Yes No

3.4 Risk Assessment for Annex IV Species

- A. Is there potential for Annex IV species to be impacted by the Proposed Maritime Usage?

Yes No

- B. If yes, the Applicant should provide an assessment of the risk posed to such species by the proposed amendment to the Maritime Usage, in accordance with national guidance. The Risk Assessment for Annex IV Species report must be prepared by a suitably qualified person, and a summary of the person's qualifications and experience must be included in the report.

The Risk Assessment for Annex IV Species report should be provided as Attachment 3.4.

Attachment 3.4 included.

Yes No

- C. Are you required to apply for a derogation licence under Regulation 54 of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011, as amended?

Yes No

If yes, provide NPWS application reference number or derogation number:

Water Framework Directive

- 3.5 Provide sufficient information addressing the consistency of the proposed amendment to the Maritime Usage with the objectives of the Water Framework Directive. This information should be provided as Attachment 3.5.



Attachment 3.5 included.

Yes No

Marine Strategy Framework Directive

3.6 Provide sufficient information addressing the consistency of the proposed amendment to the Maritime Usage with the objectives of the Marine Strategy Framework Directive. is information should be provided as Attachment 3.6.

Attachment 3.6 included.

Yes No

Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Directive

3.7 EIA Screening

A. With reference to Parts 1 and 2 of Schedule 5 of the Planning and Development Regulations, S.I. 600 of 2001, as amended confirm that the proposed amendment to the activity:

- i. Is not of a class listed, where no quantity, area or other limit is specified in that Part, or
- ii. Does not either equal or exceed, any relevant quantity, area or other limit specified for a class listed in that Part.

Yes – is not of a class/does not equal or exceed a threshold	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
No – is of a class/equals or exceeds a threshold	<input type="checkbox"/>

B. If yes, confirm if the activity is of a class listed in Part 2 of Schedule 5 of the Planning and Development Regulations, S.I. 600 of 2001, as amended, but does not equal or exceed the relevant quantity.

Yes No

C. If yes to '3.7 B', provide the information for EIA screening specified in Schedule 7A of the Planning and Development Regulations, S.I. 600 of 2001, as amended. The information specified in Schedule 7A should be provided as Attachment 3.7.

Attachment 3.7 included.

Yes No Not Applicable

UN Convention on the Law of the Sea and the Maritime Jurisdiction Act

3.8 Provide sufficient information addressing the consistency of the proposed amendment to the Maritime Usage with the Irish State's obligations under the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea and the Maritime Jurisdiction Act.

Additional information can be provided as Attachment 3.8.



Ireland has a requirement to meet international and national standards in the management of maritime activities within its waters, including the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) and the Maritime Jurisdiction Act. The proposed amendment does not have any impact on the Irish State's obligations under the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea and the Maritime Jurisdiction Act. The proposed amendment to Condition 32 is in line with best available evidence and does not impact Ireland's obligations under UNCLOS to protect and preserve the marine environment.

Attachment 3.8 included.

Yes No Not Applicable

Climate Action and Low Carbon Act of 2015, as amended

3.9 Provide sufficient information addressing the consistency of the proposed amendment to the Maritime Usage with achieving the National Climate Objective, as defined in the Climate Action and Low Carbon Act of 2015, as amended. Additional information can be provided as Attachment 3.9.

The proposed amendment does not have any impact on the Maritime Usage regarding the National Climate Objective. At a national level, the project aligns with Ireland's [Climate Action Plan](#), which set out ambitions for significant increases in renewable electricity generation, including offshore wind deployment. The proposed amendment to Condition 32 is in line with best available evidence and does not impact Ireland achieving its objectives under the Climate Action and Low Carbon Act of 2015, as amended. The amendment will facilitate SI works for the PUOSC project, which will provide transmission infrastructure for offshore renewable energy and therefore is consistent with the Climate Action Plan.

Attachment 3.9 included.

Yes No N/A

4th National Biodiversity Action Plan 2023 – 2030

3.10 Provide sufficient information addressing the consistency of the proposed amendment to the Maritime Usage with the 4th National Biodiversity Action Plan 2023 – 2030. Additional information can be provided as Attachment 3.10.

The proposed amendment does not have any impact on the Maritime Usage with regard to the 4th National Biodiversity Action Plan 2023 – 2030.

Attachment 3.10 included.

Yes No N/A

National or European Strategic or Policy Objectives

3.11 Provide any additional relevant information with regard to the overall purpose of the proposed amendment to the maritime usage, with reference to, e.g. National or European strategic or policy objectives and national targets, and strategic research objectives. Additional information can be included as Attachment 3.11.

The proposed amendment supports the delivery of the Powering Up Offshore South Coast (PUOSC) project, which forms a critical component of Ireland's national strategy to enable large-scale offshore renewable energy integration and achieve decarbonisation targets. At a national level, the project aligns with Ireland's [Climate Action Plan](#), which set out ambitions for significant increases in renewable electricity generation, including offshore wind



deployment. The project is being developed within the framework of the [Maritime Area Planning Act 2021](#) and the [South Coast Designated Maritime Area Plan \(SC-DMAP\)](#), Ireland's first plan-led approach to offshore renewable energy development, which identifies Tonn Nua as a key area for offshore wind generation. The PUOSC project will provide the necessary offshore transmission infrastructure to connect Phase 2 offshore wind developments (awarded under the ORESS Tonn Nua auction) to the national electricity grid, thereby enabling the efficient integration of renewable energy and supporting security of supply and system resilience.

At a European level, the project has been included in [ENTSO-E's Ten-Year Network Development Plan \(TYNDP\)](#), confirming its strategic relevance within the broader European electricity system and ensuring its assessment under the EU Cost-Benefit Analysis framework. This inclusion supports alignment with EU energy policy objectives under the [TEN-E Regulation](#), including market integration, sustainability, and security of supply. Accordingly, the proposed amendment to the maritime usage licence condition is directly linked to facilitating the timely and efficient delivery of strategically important infrastructure through seeking aligned spatial coordination requirements of surveys with 'other authorisation holders', which are required to meet Ireland's renewable energy targets and contribute to wider European decarbonisation and energy system integration objectives.

Attachment 3.11 included.

Yes No N/A



Declaration and Consent

I declare that all information provided with this application, including this completed form and all attachments confirmed as included in the application checklist, is correct at the time of submission and that I will notify MARA of any changes to this information that may arise during the application process. MARA may, by notice in writing given to the applicant, require the applicant to provide in the specified form, by affidavit or otherwise, such additional information in relation to any matter to which the application relates as MARA reasonably considers necessary to assist it to determine the application.

By submitting this application form, I agree that certain details provided may be published on MARA's website and that the information provided in this form will be processed and retained by MARA and may be shared with bodies appropriate to assessing aspects of this application in furtherance of consideration of the granting of a MUL in accordance with the MAP Act.

This consent relates to this application and to any further information provided by me, or on my behalf, for the purposes of this application.

Name of Signatory:

SEAN DILLON

Position held:

CONSENTS MANAGER

Date:

27 May 2026

Signed for and on behalf of the applicant:



Application Checklist

Complete the below application checklist

Section No.	Document	Required	Submitted
Application Form			
Part 1	Applicant Details	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Part 2	Details of Maritime Usage	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Part 3	Marine Planning and Environmental Considerations	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Declaration and Consent	Signed Declaration and Consent	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Application Checklist	Application Checklist	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Supporting Documentation			
1.1	Attachment 1.1 – List of Directors	Yes (if applicable)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2.2	Attachment 2.2 – Details of material amendment(s) proposed to the existing MUL	Yes (if applicable)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2.4	Attachment 2.4 – MUL Duration	Yes (if applicable)	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.5	Attachment 2.5 – MUL Map and GIS Shapefiles	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.6	Attachment 2.6 – Other Maps and Drawings	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.7	Attachment 2.7 – Private Ownership Details	Yes (if applicable)	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.8	Attachment 2.8 – Details of Foreshore Authorisation(s)	Yes (if applicable)	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.9	Attachment 2.9 – Details of Other Authorisation(s)	Yes (if applicable)	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.1	Attachment 3.1 – Compliance with Objectives of NMPF	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3.2	Attachment 3.2 – Designated Marine Area Plan Compliance Details	Yes (if applicable)	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.3	Attachment 3.3 – Appropriate Assessment Screening Report and/or NIS	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3.4	Attachment 3.4 – Risk Assessment for Annex IV Species report	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	NPWS application or derogation reference number entered on form	Yes (if applicable)	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.5	Attachment 3.5 – Compliance with Objectives of the Water Framework Directive	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3.6	Attachment 3.6 – Compliance with Objectives of the Marine Strategy Framework Directive	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3.7	Attachment 3.7 – Information for EIA screening	Yes (if applicable)	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.8	Attachment 3.8 – UN Convention on the Law of the Sea and the Maritime Jurisdiction Act Compliance Details	Yes (if applicable)	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.9	Attachment 3.9 – National Climate Objective Compliance Details	Yes (if applicable)	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.10	Attachment 3.10 – National Biodiversity Action Plan Compliance Details	Yes (if applicable)	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.11	Attachment 3.11 – National or European strategic or policy objectives Compliance Details	Yes (if applicable)	<input type="checkbox"/>
0.0	Confirmation of Payment of Fee	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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