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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:

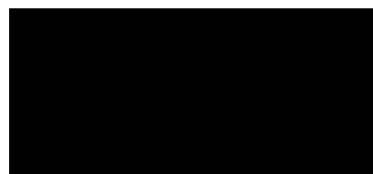
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Applicants are asked to consider if any of the information supplied by them in their application to MARA is commercially sensitive and/or confidential. The applicant should clearly identify and separate the specific sections of their application containing 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

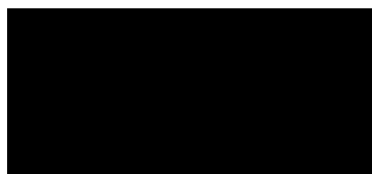
Part 1 Applicant Details

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	Port of Waterford Company
Company/Organisation (if Applicable)	Port of Waterford Company
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	THIRD FLOOR, MARINE POINT,
Address line 2	BELVIEW PORT,
Address line 3	SLIEVERUE,
City/Town	WATERFORD
Eircode	X91W0XW
Applicant Email Address	bm@portofwaterford.ie
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.	299445
If the Applicant is a non-profit entity, which is a registered charity, the Registered Charity Number	

Attachment 1.1 included (if required).

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐





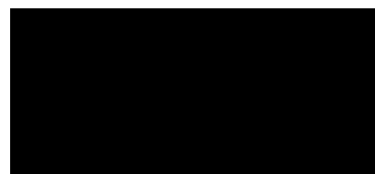
1.2 Authorised Contact Person for MUL Material Amendment Application.

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	Eimear Sharkey
Authorised Contact Position	Director
Email	esharkey@morce.ie
Telephone	+353 (0)51 876855

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.

N/A





Part 2 Outline of Proposed Material Amendment(s)

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

LIC230013

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.

Port of Waterford Company is requesting an amendment to the existing MUL LIC230013 to remove Specific Condition 28 regarding fish spawning and nursery grounds from the MUL to allow the proposed marine environmental surveys for the purposes of site investigation, or in support of an application under Part XXI of the Act of 2000, to take place between 1st November and 31st January as it is considered that there is no scientific justification for such a restriction.

Please see additional details 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 proposed amendment is to allow proposed marine environmental surveys for the purposes of site investigation, or in support of an application under Part XXI of the Act of 2000, for the proposed extension of port facilities to support Offshore Renewable Energy ('ORE') development and ancillary works at Port of Waterford, Belview, Co. Kilkenny, between 1st November and 31st January.

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 any 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. The proposed works to be conducted by the Port of Waterford Company will take place within the existing Belview Port waters and will be coordinated with existing boat traffic and vessel movements.

- 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.

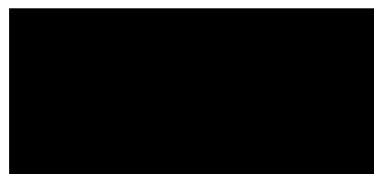
Map(s)/GIS Shapefiles must comply with 'MARA Technical Mapping Guidance Notes for MAC/MUL Applications in the Maritime Area under the Maritime Area Planning Act 2021 (MAPA)'.

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

Not Applicable - 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 - 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).

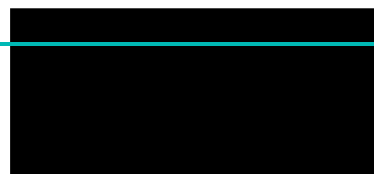
- C. Is the Applicant aware of any actual or claimed legal rights or interests held by third parties in the proposed site that may be affected by the proposed amendments to the Licensed Area?

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.

The Port of Waterford Company have a number of Foreshore Leases which have been previously granted. The only active Foreshore Lease in the vicinity is FS005098 River Groynes at Cheekpoint.

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 ☒

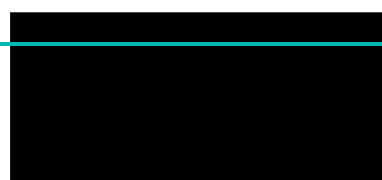
2.9 Other authorisations or consents

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.

MAC20230001 – Granted with Conditions by MARA on 16th June 2025 and permitted for 'Permitted Maritime Usage - Port Facilities to support the ORE energy sector.'

LIC230025 – MUL Licence Granted by MARA on 23rd February 2026 for 'Maintenance dredging of accumulated sediments to maintain the port's navigational trade areas.'

An Coimisiún Pleanála ('ACP') - Case reference: OA10.323575: Marine Development Application for 'Proposed extension of port facilities to support Offshore Renewable Energy ('ORE') development and ancillary works'. The application was submitted by the Port of Waterford to ACP on 5th September 2025. The application is current active with ACP.





B. Attachment 2.9 included.

Yes ☐	No ☒	Not Applicable ☐
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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 ☒
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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?

Yes ☐ No ☒

- 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.

Not Applicable

- 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:

Not Applicable

Water Framework Directive

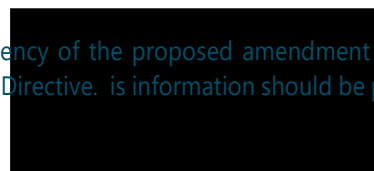
3.5 Provide sufficient information addressing the consistency of the proposed amendment to the Maritime Usage with the objectives of the Water Framework Directive. This information should be provided as Attachment 3.5.

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. This 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

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No – is of a class/equals or exceeds a threshold

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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.

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.





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.

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 works associated with the MUL will provide critical information to the delivery of the Port of Waterford's extension of port facilities to support Offshore Renewable Energy ('ORE') development and ancillary works.

The proposed ORE development at the Belview Port will provide key support to Ireland's growing ORE sector, specifically ORE developments situated off the South Coast of Ireland, in line with the South Coast DMAP (SC-DMAP), which form a critical component of Ireland's national strategy of large-scale offshore renewable energy integration and achieve decarbonisation targets.



At a national level, the project aligns with Ireland's Climate Action Plan, the Maritime Area Planning Act 2021, and the SC-DMAP, as it will provide critical support to the operation and maintenance of the ORE developments. Additionally, the proposed ORE development is in line with the National Planning Framework as per National Policy Objectives 50 and 41 that relate to the growth and development of ports.

The proposed amendment to the MUL LIC230013 will remove a condition that is supported by no scientific evidence. On the contrary, as part of this amendment application, robust scientific evidence has been provided to confirm that the necessary site investigation works required for the proposed ORE development at Belview Port should be able to take place without any seasonal restriction, as there will be no potential for impacts on spawning areas for commercial fish species. Furthermore, the inclusion of such an erroneous condition that stipulates such seasonal restrictions could form a precedent that constrains future operations at the Belview Port, and as such, it is essential that this condition be removed as part of this amendment application.

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:

Brian Moore

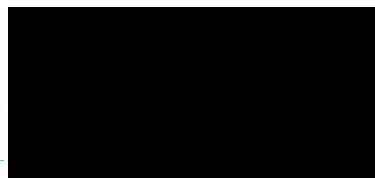
Position held:

Company Secretary & Administration Manager

Date:

08/09/2026

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	☒
Part 2	Details of Maritime Usage	Yes	☒
Part 3	Marine Planning and Environmental Considerations	Yes	☒
Declaration and Consent	Signed Declaration and Consent	Yes	☒
Application Checklist	Application Checklist	Yes	☒
Supporting Documentation			
1.1	Attachment 1.1 – List of Directors	Yes (if applicable)	☒
2.2	Attachment 2.2 – Details of material amendment(s) proposed to the existing MUL	Yes (if applicable)	☒
2.4	Attachment 2.4 – MUL Duration	Yes (if applicable)	☐
2.5	Attachment 2.5 – MUL Map and GIS Shapefiles	Yes	☐
2.6	Attachment 2.6 – Other Maps and Drawings	Yes	☐
2.7	Attachment 2.7 – Private Ownership Details	Yes (if applicable)	☐
2.8	Attachment 2.8 – Details of Foreshore Authorisation(s)	Yes (if applicable)	☐
2.9	Attachment 2.9 – Details of Other Authorisation(s)	Yes (if applicable)	☐
3.1	Attachment 3.1 – Compliance with Objectives of NMPF	Yes	☒
3.2	Attachment 3.2 – Designated Marine Area Plan Compliance Details	Yes (if applicable)	☐
3.3	Attachment 3.3 – Appropriate Assessment Screening Report and/or NIS	Yes	☒
3.4	Attachment 3.4 – Risk Assessment for Annex IV Species report	Yes	☒
	NPWS application or derogation reference number entered on form	Yes (if applicable)	☐
3.5	Attachment 3.5 – Compliance with Objectives of the Water Framework Directive	Yes	☒
3.6	Attachment 3.6 – Compliance with Objectives of the Marine Strategy Framework Directive	Yes	☒
3.7	Attachment 3.7 – Information for EIA screening	Yes (if applicable)	☐
3.8	Attachment 3.8 – UN Convention on the Law of the Sea and the Maritime Jurisdiction Act Compliance Details	Yes (if applicable)	☐
3.9	Attachment 3.9 – National Climate Objective Compliance Details	Yes (if applicable)	☐
3.10	Attachment 3.10 – National Biodiversity Action Plan Compliance Details	Yes (if applicable)	☐
3.11	Attachment 3.11 – National or European strategic or policy objectives Compliance Details	Yes (if applicable)	☐
0.0	Confirmation of Payment of Fee	Yes	☒

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