EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order specifies activities which are not to need a marine licence, or not to need a marine licence if conditions specified in the Order are satisfied. It applies in relation to any area, and any licensable marine activity taking place in that area, in relation to which the Secretary of State is the appropriate licensing authority under section 113 of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 (article 2).

Part 1 (articles 1 to 3) contains introductory provisions.

Part 2 (articles 4 to 5) contains provisions setting out when a marine licence is not needed for a licensable marine activity, and provisions relating to waste (which implement in part Directive 2008/98/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on waste (OJ No L 312, 22.11.2008, p 3).

Part 3 (articles 6 to 38) contains provisions setting out the licensable marine activities which do not need a marine licence (including any conditions that must be satisfied as part of that exemption).

A full impact assessment of the effects that this instrument will have on the costs of business, the voluntary sector and the public sector is available from the Licensing Policy Team, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, Nobel House, 17 Smith Square, London SW1P 3JR and from Defra's website at www.defra.gov.uk.