
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order specifies activities which do not need a marine licence, or do not 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 Department of the Environment 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 34) 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).

Part 4 (Articles 35 and 36) contains an amendment and revocations.

Guidance on the use of these Regulations can be obtained from the Marine Assessment and Licensing Team, Northern Ireland Environment Agency, Department of the Environment, 17 Antrim Road, Lisburn, Co. Antrim, BT28 3AL and from the Agency's website at www.ni-environment.gov.uk.

A full regulatory 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 Marine Policy Team, 3rd Floor, Millennium House, 17-25 Great Victoria Street, Belfast, BT2 7AD and from the Department of the Environment website, www.doeni.gov.uk.