

Appendix 5-13 Addendum: UXO Desk Study



ORIEL WIND FARM PROJECT

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1 INTRODUCTION

This Addendum provides information to supplement appendix 5.13: UXO desk study (EIAR volume 2A).

A number of updates are required following submission of the planning application for the Oriel Wind Farm Project to An Coimisiún Pleanála (ACP) (formerly An Bord Pleanála) in May 2024. These updates to appendix 5-13: UXO Desk Study are to address comments made by the Irish Coast Guard (IRCG) in their submission regarding the publication of new guidance and supplement the information provided in section 8 Risk Mitigation Strategy.

One erratum was also identified by IRCG and this has been corrected in section 1.7 Legislation.

No changes have been made to any other sections of appendix 5.13: UXO desk study.

1.7 Legislation

The Applicant notes an erratum in Appendix 004 of the EIAR appendix 5-13: UXO Desk Study (EIAR volume 2A). **Appendix 004A** now replaces Appendix 004 and the update consists of the correction of the Project reference in the footer. This update does not change the content of appendix 5-13: UXO Desk Study.

8 RISK MITIGATION STRATEGY

Since the submission of the EIAR in May 2024, guidance relating to UXO entitled ‘Guidance for Consent Holders on the identification of Unexploded Ordnance (UXO) in the Maritime Area’ has been published by MARA. It outlines that the Irish Coast Guard have remit over maritime safety issues, including UXO, but emphasises that MARA must still be notified of any UXO identified. The guidance also sets out the procedure of providing the location and other relevant details of an identified UXO to An Garda Síochána. It names the Naval Service Dive Section as the organisation who are responsible for dealing with any UXO within Irish Territorial waters and who are deployed following a request from An Garda Síochána.

The procedure of responding to instances of UXO identification, which is outlined in ‘Guidance for Consent Holders on the identification of Unexploded Ordnance (UXO) in the Maritime Area’, will be followed by the Applicant during all phases of the Project and will also be listed in the EMP under the Emergency Response Plan.

In its submission, the Irish Coast Guard also referred to the absence of ‘Irish Marine Notice No. 3 of 2002: Explosives picked up at sea in trawls or sighted’ in EIAR appendix 5-13:UXO Desk Study (EIAR volume 2A). This guidance document is noted and the Applicant is committed to reporting any ordnance found during all stages of the Project to the Irish Coast Guard, updating the Explosives Site Safety Guidelines (ESSG) prior to construction and otherwise following the guidance and procedures outlined in the Irish Marine Notice No. 3 of 2002.

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Legislation

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Whilst undertaking this desk study the requirements of a number of legislations has been borne in mind, as presented following:

UK Legislation	Corresponding ROI Legislation
Manufacture and Storage of Explosives Act 2005.	Stores for Explosives Order 2007, S.I. No. 804 of 2007
Health & Safety at Work etc Act 1974.	The Safety, Health and Welfare at Work Act, 2005.
Construction (Design & Management) Regulations 2015.	The Safety, Health and Welfare at Work (Construction) Regulations, 2013. S.I. No.291 of 2013
Control of Substances Hazardous to Health (COSHH) Regulations 2002. (European law covered in Ireland by the Legislation listed to the right.	Chemicals Act 2008 (No. 13 of 2008) and Chemicals (Amendment) Act 2010 (No 32 of 2010)
Personal Protective Equipment at Work Regulations 1992.	The Safety, Health and Welfare at Work (General Application) Regulations 2007-2016

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Appendix 004A: Legislation



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