

Form 1

Requirement for Environmental Impact Assessment Questionnaire

Maritime Usage Licence Application Number:	LIC230017
Name of Applicant:	Microsoft Ireland Operations Ltd
Description of Proposed Maritime Usage:	A survey area is proposed off the coast Co. Wexford, with a proposed landfall sites in Kilmore Quay, Co. Wexford.
Type of maritime usage activity in accordance with Schedule 7 of the Maritime Area Planning Act, 2021 (as amended):	<i>3. Marine environmental surveys for the purposes of site investigations or in support of an application under Part Xxi of the Act of 2000.</i>

Question 1: Is the proposed development included in Annex I and above the specified threshold of the Directive (Schedule 5 to the P&D Regs)?

If Yes, EIA is mandatory.

If No, proceed to Question 2

Answer: No

Question 2: Is the proposed development included in Annex II and above the specified threshold of the Directive (Schedule 5 to the P&D Regs)?

If Yes, EIA is mandatory.

If No, proceed to Question 3

Answer: No

Question 3: Is the proposed development of a type/class included in Annex I or II of the Directive (Schedule 5 to the P&D Regs) but below the threshold specified?

If Yes, proceed to Form 2.

If No, no EIA required. Proceed to Q4

Answer: No

Question 4: Despite Q's 1 to 3 above returning negative answers, has the applicant submitted an EIAR?

If Yes, licence application shall be returned to the applicant.

If No, no EIA required.

Answer: No

Decision:

Based on an examination of the nature, size duration and location of these works under the requirements of the EIA Directive (2014/52/EU), it has been determined that an EIA is not required for this proposed activity.

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