
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2022 No. 68

**The Marine Licensing (Exempted Activities)
(Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2022**

Insertion of Article 24A

13. After Article 24 (removal of obstruction or danger to navigation) insert—

“Use of vehicles or vessels to remove marine litter and debris

24A.—(1) Article 4 applies to a removal activity using a vehicle or vessel carried on by or on behalf of a Harbour Authority for the purpose of removing marine litter and debris from the area within its jurisdiction.

(2) But Article 4 does not apply to any such removal activity—

- (a) that is likely to cause damage to features of archaeological or historic interest in the area where the activities in question occur; or
- (b) that—
 - (i) falls within paragraph (3); and
 - (ii) is not directly connected with or necessary for the management of a site or zone (as the case may be) referred to in that paragraph.

(3) An activity falls within this paragraph if—

- (a) it is a plan or project likely (either alone or in combination with other plans or projects) to have significant effect on a European site;
- (b) it is likely to have a significant effect on a Ramsar site; or
- (c) it is capable of affecting (other than insignificantly)—
 - (i) the protected features of an MCZ;
 - (ii) any ecological or geomorphological process on which the conservation of any protected feature of an MCZ is (wholly or in part) dependent.”.