 Regulatory Policy Committee	Regulatory Triage Confirmation	
Title of regulatory proposal	The Marine Licensing (Exempted Activities) (Amendment) Order 2013	
Lead Department/Agency	Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs	
Expected date of implementation	SNR 5	
Origin	Domestic	
Date submitted to RPC	19/12/2012	
Confirmation date and reference	10/01/2013	RPC12-FT-DEFRA-1684
Departmental Triage Assessment	Deregulation	
<p>Departmental rationale for Triage rating</p> <p>The Regulatory Triage Assessment (RTA) says that:</p> <p><i>“(i) some small-scale activities in the marine environment are currently licensable when in practice the risks are minimal, which places unnecessary burdens on businesses and society; and</i></p> <p><i>(ii) the forthcoming extension of licensable activities to include all navigational dredging (other than certain dredging activities conducted by or on behalf of harbour authorities, which is exempted under section 75 of the MCAA) may place disproportionate burdens on some operators.</i></p> <p><i>The policy objective is to reduce the regulatory burden on marine users while maintaining the Government’s wider goals for the marine environment. The focus is on exempting low risk activities from the requirement of a marine licence and reducing the overall burden of licensing on navigational dredging.”</i></p>		
<p>RPC confirmation</p> <p>Based on the evidence presented to us, this appears to be a deregulatory measure.</p> <p>Based on the evidence presented to us, this appears to be a low cost regulatory measure.</p> <p>Based on the evidence presented to us, this does not appear to be either a deregulatory, or low cost regulatory measure.</p> <p>Based on the information provided it is not possible to confirm the RTA.</p>		<div style="background-color: green; color: white; padding: 5px; font-weight: bold;">APPROVED</div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<p>RPC comments</p> <p>The IA says <i>“the exemptions would be subject to certain conditions to ensure compliance with European legislation, compliance with legislation relating to MCZs, and to require prior notification to the MMO.”</i> In order to provide for a more meaningful consultation and for cost-benefit analysis purposes, any additional costs occurring as a result of the conditions attached to the</p>		

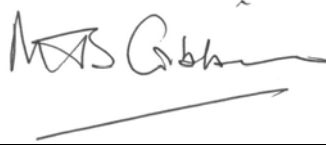
exemptions should be identified.

'One-in, One-out' (OIOO) Assessment

In scope

The RTA says that this is a deregulatory measure that is in scope of OIOO and has a direct net benefit to business (an 'OUT'). Based on the evidence presented this is consistent with the current One-in, One-out Methodology (paragraph 18) and provides a reasonable assessment of the likely direction of impacts. The evidence supporting the estimated EANCB will have to be further strengthened so that it can be validated at final stage.

Signed

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Michael Gibbons, Chairman