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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

This instrument prescribes the particulars of the matters required by section 101(1) of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 (“the Act”) to be contained in the register of information maintained by the Welsh Ministers as a licensing authority. Section 66 of the Act identifies licensable marine activities.

Regulation 2 defines certain terms used in the Regulations, and regulation 3 provides for the application of the Regulations. Regulation 4 makes provision for the form in which the register may be kept, and prescribed information.

Regulation 5 prescribes the particulars that must be included in the register relating to applications and licences. Regulations 6 to 12 prescribe additional particulars relating to particular types of applications and licences. Regulations 13 and 14 prescribe particulars relating to variations, revocations, suspensions and transfers of licences. Regulations 15 to 17 prescribe particulars relating to convictions, other enforcement action and remedial action.

Section 101(5) of the Act prohibits inclusion in the register of certain information on the grounds of national security or commercial confidentiality. See paragraph 7 of Schedule 9 to the Act for transitional provisions relating to the register maintained under section 14 of the Food and Environment Protection Act 1985.

Enquiries as to the form in which the register is made available should be directed to the Marine Consents Unit of the Welsh Assembly Government at the address below.

A full impact assessment of the effect of the marine licensing system established under the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 has been prepared and is available from the Marine Consents Unit, Welsh Assembly Government, Cathays Park, Cardiff, CF10 3NQ or at the Welsh Assembly Government website at [www.wales.gov.uk](http://www.wales.gov.uk).