

*These notes refer to the Marine Act (Northern Ireland) 2013  
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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

#### **Part 3: Marine Protection**

##### ***Section 28: Emergency byelaws***

This section enables the Department to make byelaws (under section 26) urgently, without having to comply with the usual consultation and publication requirements and without confirmation by the Secretary of State. This is only permitted where the Department considers there is an urgent need to protect an MCZ.

The Department must publish a notice that an emergency byelaw has been made (subsection (3)). Those affected may then make representations to the Secretary of State – who has the power to revoke emergency byelaws.

The Department must keep emergency byelaws under review. Under subsection (2), emergency byelaws remain in force for a maximum of 12 months (although they may be extended by up to a further six months by the Department (subsections (7) to (9))).