



# Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009

## 2009 CHAPTER 23

### PART 4

#### MARINE LICENSING

### CHAPTER 1

#### MARINE LICENCES

#### 66 Licensable marine activities

(1) For the purposes of this Part, it is a licensable marine activity to do any of the following—

1. To deposit any substance or object within the UK marine licensing area, either in the sea or on or under the sea bed, from—
  - (a) any vehicle, vessel, aircraft or marine structure,
  - (b) any container floating in the sea, or
  - (c) any structure on land constructed or adapted wholly or mainly for the purpose of depositing solids in the sea.
2. To deposit any substance or object anywhere in the sea or on or under the sea bed from—
  - (a) a British vessel, British aircraft or British marine structure, or
  - (b) a container floating in the sea, if the deposit is controlled from a British vessel, British aircraft or British marine structure.
3. To deposit any substance or object anywhere in the sea or on or under the sea bed from a vehicle, vessel, aircraft, marine structure or floating container which was loaded with the substance or object—
  - (a) in any part of the United Kingdom except Scotland, or

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- (b) in the UK marine licensing area.
- 4. To scuttle any vessel or floating container in the UK marine licensing area.
- 5. To scuttle any vessel or floating container anywhere at sea, if the scuttling is controlled from a British vessel, British aircraft or British marine structure.
- 6. To scuttle any vessel or floating container anywhere at sea, if the vessel or container has been towed or propelled, for the purpose of that scuttling,—
  - (a) from any part of the United Kingdom except Scotland, or
  - (b) from the UK marine licensing area, unless the towing or propelling began outside that area.
- 7. To construct, alter or improve any works within the UK marine licensing area either—
  - (a) in or over the sea, or
  - (b) on or under the sea bed.
- 8. To use a vehicle, vessel, aircraft, marine structure or floating container to remove any substance or object from the sea bed within the UK marine licensing area.
- 9. To carry out any form of dredging within the UK marine licensing area (whether or not involving the removal of any material from the sea or sea bed).
- 10. To deposit or use any explosive substance or article within the UK marine licensing area either in the sea or on or under the sea bed.
- 11. To incinerate any substance or object on any vehicle, vessel, marine structure or floating container in the UK marine licensing area.
- 12. To incinerate any substance or object anywhere at sea on—
  - (a) a British vessel or British marine structure, or
  - (b) a container floating in the sea, if the incineration is controlled from a British vessel, British aircraft or British marine structure.
- 13. To load a vehicle, vessel, aircraft, marine structure or floating container in any part of the United Kingdom except Scotland, or in the UK marine licensing area, with any substance or object for incineration anywhere at sea.

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(2) In subsection (1)—

- (a) in item 9, “dredging” includes using any device to move any material (whether or not suspended in water) from one part of the sea or sea bed to another part;
- (b) in items 12 and 13, “incineration” means the combustion of a substance or object for the purpose of its thermal destruction (and in items 11 and 12 “incinerate” is to be read accordingly).

(3) The appropriate licensing authority for any area may by order amend subsection (1) so as to add any activity to, or remove any activity from, the list of licensable marine activities as it has effect in that area.

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- (4) For the purposes of this Part “the UK marine licensing area” consists of the UK marine area, other than the Scottish inshore region.

**Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

- C1** Pt. 4 modified (E.W.S.) (7.9.2016) by [The Hornsea Two Offshore Wind Farm Order 2016 \(S.I. 2016/844\)](#), arts. 1(2), **36** (with arts. 37, 38)
- C2** Pt. 4 applied (E.W.S) (1.1.2022) by [The Norfolk Boreas Offshore Wind Farm Order 2021 \(S.I. 2021/1414\)](#), arts. 1, **32** (with arts. 41, 42, Sch. 17 para. 66)
- C3** Pt. 4 applied (E.W.S.) (5.3.2022) by [The Norfolk Vanguard Offshore Wind Farm Order 2022 \(S.I. 2022/138\)](#), arts. 1, **32** (with arts. 41, 42, Sch. 16)

**Commencement Information**

- I1** S. 66 partly in force; s. 66 in force for specified purposes at Royal Assent see s. 324(1)(c)
- I2** S. 66 in force at 6.4.2011 in so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2011/556](#), **art. 3(2)(a)**

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:**

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 72A(2A) inserted by [2023 c. 55 s. 232\(2\)\(d\)](#)
- s. 72A(6)(a) words in s. 72A(6) renumbered as s. 72A(6)(a) by [2023 c. 55 s. 232\(2\)\(f\)\(i\)](#)
- s. 72A(6)(a) words inserted by [2023 c. 55 s. 232\(2\)\(f\)\(ii\)](#)
- s. 72A(6)(b) and word inserted by [2023 c. 55 s. 232\(2\)\(f\)\(iii\)](#)
- Sch. 6 para. 1(2)(da) inserted by [2023 c. 55 Sch. 8 para. 31\(2\)\(a\)](#)