

4 November 2018

Ms. Jean Kelleher
Irish Underwater Council
Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin
Ireland

Dear Ms. Kelleher,

**Re: Communication concerning compliance by Ireland with articles 5 and 6 of the Convention
with respect to Dumping at Sea Permits (ACCC/C/2016/139)**

I write to inform you that at its sixty-first meeting (Geneva, 2-6 July 2018), the Committee considered the communicant's reply of 19 April 2018 to the Committee's questions of 12 March 2018.

After taking into account that reply, the Committee agreed to inform the parties that it would only examine allegations concerning the permits referred to in the communication that were issued after 18 September 2012, being the entry into force of the Convention for the Party concerned.

The Committee accordingly agreed to request the communicant to provide additional information to clarify which of the permits listed in annex 1 of its reply to the Committee's questions of 5 September 2016 were:

- (i) Issued after 18 September 2012;
- (ii) Within the scope of either article 6(1)(a) or (b) of the Convention.

This means that, for **each** of the listed permits issued after 18 September 2012, you will need to explain how that permit comes within the scope of either article 6(1)(a) or (b) of the Convention. Please provide any necessary documentary evidence to substantiate your answer.

I would be grateful to receive your reply to aarhus.compliance@unece.org by **17 December 2018**. Please copy the Party concerned on your reply. The Party concerned will thereafter have six weeks from the date of your reply to provide any comments it wishes to make thereon. The Committee will take into account the information received when deciding how to proceed with respect to the communication at its sixty-third meeting (Geneva, 11-15 March 2019).

Please do not hesitate to contact the secretariat if you have any questions regarding the above.

Yours sincerely,



Fiona Marshall
Secretary to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee

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Mr. Kevin McCormick, Department of Communications, Climate Action & Environment
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