Government response to the Consultation on the Assessment and Management of Environment Noise (Amendment) Regulations, 2018
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Executive Summary

Introduction and overview

1. A brief introduction about the subject.


2. The public consultation date.

Include the objective and purpose of the public consultation.

The draft Assessment and Management of Environment Noise (Amendment) Regulations, were issued for public consultation for a period of four weeks, beginning on the 6th July and ending on the 3rd August 2018. Members of the public were invited to make comments and suggestions as to how the proposed regulations could be improved to reach their ultimate aim.

3. This consultation sought views on:

The text contained in the draft regulations.

Responses to the consultation and process used to seek stakeholder views

This document is the Government Response to this consultation and sets out the Government’s decisions on these matters.

4. The closing date of the public consultation. Which methods were used to receive the feedback.

The total amount of responses. From whom you received the feedback.

The consultation closed on 3 August 2018. The public consultation brief and the draft regulations were available online through the ERA, MEUSAC and MEAE websites, and responses were accepted by email to an ERA address. Two comments or suggestions were submitted by members of the general public during this consultation period. A list of respondents can be found in Annex A.

5. Include (if any) meetings with stakeholders and list who the stakeholders were.

No meetings with stakeholders were carried out due to the technical nature of the amendment.
Summary of responses and decisions

The following is a summary of the consultation responses received. We would like to thank all those who took the time to respond to the consultation and participate in stakeholder meetings around the consultation exercise.


- Total feedback received: 2
- Total feedback received by individuals: 2
- Total feedback received by organisations: 0
- Total feedback received through email: 2
- Total feedback received through online form: 0
- Total feedback received by post: 0

7. Summary of feedback received.

One respondent enquired whether the regulations provide for noise generated by entertainment in addition to ‘industrial noise’; the other comment received addressed the problem of noise as a disturbance in general and suggested the setting up of a public body purely responsible for noise abuse.

8. Your assessment and the Government’s decision (list the Government’s decisions).

After considering the comments received, it was held that these regulations could not be amended to cater for the concerns raised. The public consultation in question addressed the incorporation of the EU’s Common Noise Assessment Methods (CNOSSOS Directive 2015/996), into existing national legislation. This Directive, as well as the original EU Directive 2002/49/EC on noise, to which these regulations relate, do not cater for the inclusion of noise generated by the entertainment industry. Notably, Directive 2015/996, aims to establish common noise assessment methods throughout the EU and therefore Member States would need to take a harmonised approach to how they monitor and assess environmental noise and consequently, what would be included within the scope of such assessments. Other points were beyond the scope of the specific draft amendment to which this consultation referred.

Implementation

9. When you intend to implement the decisions

The aim is that the regulations will be published and will come into force by the end of 2018.
Annex A: List of respondents

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