

Scientific Instrument Deposit and Removal Guidance

This guidance applies to the deposit and removal of scientific instruments. Where criteria 1-4 below are met by your activity then the works are covered by:

- The Marine Licensing (Exempted Activities) (Scottish Inshore Region) Order 2011 (as amended); or
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In this case, you are **exempt** from the need for a marine licence and do not need to take any further action. You do not need to contact Marine Scotland – Licensing Operations Team.

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1. The deposit is not made for the purpose of disposal, i.e. all scientific instruments and associated equipment (excluding any tracers) will be removed on conclusion of the activity.
 2. All reagents and chemical/particle tracers used will be approved by the Scottish Ministers. For a list of approved tracers and maximum allowable quantities, please see the *Marine Management Organisation approved list of tracers*.
 3. The activity will not cause an obstruction or danger to navigation. Please confirm this by consultation with the Maritime and Coastguard Agency, the Northern Lighthouse Board and the statutory harbour authority (if applicable).
 4. The activity will not have a likely significant effect on a Special Area of Conservation (“SAC”) Special Protection Area (“SPA”), proposed SPA (“pSPA”), Ramsar site and the activity is not capable of affecting (other than insignificantly) a Marine Protected Area (“MPA”) or proposed MPA (“pMPA”).*

* If the activity takes place within or in close proximity to an SAC, SPA, pSPA, Ramsar site or MPA or pMPA, you must consult with Scottish Natural Heritage (within 12nm) and/or the Joint Nature Conservation Committee (outwith 12nm) to confirm that the proposed works will not have a likely significant effect on an SAC, SPA, pSPA or Ramsar site or be capable of affecting (other than insignificantly) a MPA or pMPA.

If the above criteria are not met the activity is a licensable marine activity and a marine licence will be required prior to the commencement of the works. You should complete a [marine licence application form](#).

The marine licence application form should be emailed to ms.marinelicensing@gov.scot