



## Marine Notice No. 18 of 2021

*Notice to all Maritime Stakeholders*

**Public Consultation**  
**Review of the Current Organisational Structures**  
**Underpinning Marine Casualty Investigation in Ireland in**  
**the context of national, EU and international obligations**

The Department of Transport (“the Department”) has recently engaged a supplier to conduct an independent review of the current organisational structures underpinning marine casualty investigation in Ireland. The Department is seeking written submission from interested parties on matters pertinent to the review. The submissions received will form an input into the review.

The consultation period runs from 29 March 2021 to 21 April 2021.

The key objective of the review is to:

- assess the current organisational structures for marine casualty investigation in Ireland; and
- set out in a report to the Minister for Transport any recommendations, including in relation to change, to achieve the most appropriate and effective marine casualty investigation structures for Ireland, taking into account national, EU and international obligations.

The issues listed below will be considered as part of the review:

- a) Ireland’s marine sector, including:
  - the composition of the Irish flag and of vessels operating in Irish waters, taking into account the overall number and types of vessels on the flag and operating in Irish waters and the activities that such vessels engage in (i.e. merchant fleet, fishing and potting, and recreational craft), including at sea and on inland waterways;
  - the number, size and type of foreign vessels arriving in Irish ports and harbours or operating in Irish coastal and inland waters; and
  - the number and the nature of marine casualties that occur each year, including the activity and the type of vessels involved in such incidents;

- b) the approach taken to marine casualty investigation in other jurisdictions, particularly arrangements at a European level;
- c) the approach taken to casualty investigation in the other transport modes (rail and aviation) in Ireland;
- d) the current legislative framework establishing the Marine Casualty Investigation Board (MCIB) under the 2000 Act and designating the MCIB as Ireland's marine casualty investigation body under Directive 2009/18/EC
- e) the IMO Casualty Investigation Code;
- f) the current organisational and operational structures of the MCIB in respect of the Board structure and the arrangements for the investigation of marine casualties; and
- g) any stakeholder views received via written submission on matters pertinent to this review or as sought by the reviewer during the course of the review.

Full details of the consultation are available at <https://www.gov.ie/en/consultation/3c3a0-review-of-the-current-organisational-structures-underpinning-marine-casualty-investigation-in-ireland-in-the-context-of-national-eu-and-international-obligations/>

Submissions in relation to this consultation should be emailed on or before 5pm, 21 April 2021 to [maritimesafetypolicydivision@transport.gov.ie](mailto:maritimesafetypolicydivision@transport.gov.ie)

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