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Guidance on using the rulings assessment tool

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Introduction

Purpose
1. This document provides guidance and instructions for operators on how to use the EPA’s rulings tool V6.0 for requesting rulings under section 162 of the Exclusive Economic Zone and Continental Shelf (Environmental Effects) Act 2012 (EEZ Act).

Context
2. This document is relevant to operators who are undertaking an existing activity in the EEZ that:
   1) involves a structure or a submarine pipeline that existed at 28 June 2013; and
   2) is associated with mining for petroleum authorised by a petroleum mining permit granted under section 25 of the Crown Minerals Act 1991 before 28 June 2013 (the date of the EEZ Act coming into force) or authorised by an existing privilege preserved under clause 12 of Schedule 1 of the Crown Minerals Act 1991.

3. Section 162 of the EEZ Act allows an operator to continue existing activities that would otherwise require a marine consent as a result of the EEZ Act coming into force. These existing activities may continue without a marine consent for the term of the relevant petroleum mining permit or privilege under the Crown Minerals Act 1991.

4. However, if operators wish to undertake restricted activities described in section 162(3) of the EEZ Act, they will need to request a ruling from the EPA that the adverse effects on the environment or existing interests of an activity are likely to be minor or less than minor. Activities described in section 162(3) are:
   1) any activity that is part of the existing activity, such as placing a structure or drilling a well, that had not commenced (emphasis added) before 28 June 2013; or
   2) any change in the character, intensity or scale of the existing activity made on or after 28 June 2013; or
   3) the alteration, extension, removal or demolition of an existing structure or existing submarine pipeline associated with the activity.

5. A case-by-case assessment is required to determine if a restricted activity had commenced before the Act came into force, but in general the EPA considers that restricted activities that had started before 28 June 2013 and have an established periodic schedule of performance beyond this date are existing activities that had commenced before the Act came into force and are authorised under section 162.

6. Examples of this may be the established, periodic benthic surveying as required by operators’ Discharge Management Plans, or annual inspections of subsea equipment, mooring lines etc.

7. Notwithstanding the above, if a commenced restricted activity changes in character, intensity or scale and there are additional adverse effects due to these changes, then the restricted activity would require authorisation from the EPA before continuing.
8. Activities that are specified in section 162(3) that will not have any adverse effect\(^1\) on the environment or existing interests do not need to be authorised by a ruling to be able to take place without a marine consent (see paragraph 56).

9. The examples identified in this document are for guidance only. They are not an exclusive list of restricted activities that could be authorised by a ruling and the descriptions would not necessarily provide sufficient information for an assessment of an activity.

\(^1\) Effects are defined in section 6 of the EZZ Act and includes any potential effect of low probability that has a high potential impact.
How to Use the EPA’s Ruling Tool

Tab 1 – Cover Sheet

10. The rulings tool is an Excel spreadsheet. The first worksheet collects the basic information about you and your request.

11. The cover sheet will not be published on the EPA website.

12. The following will appear in the ruling, if one is provided:

   1) Company name – the entity to which the ruling will be provided.
   2) Date of request.
   3) Title of request.
   4) Existing structure or submarine pipeline.
   5) Petroleum mining permit or existing privilege.

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2 Rulings certificates provided to date can be found on the EPA website:
http://www.epa.govt.nz/EEZ/applications_EEZ/rulings_requests/Pages/Reports_on_Rulings.aspx
Tab 2 – Section 20 Table

13. This worksheet identifies the activities restricted by section 20 for which you are seeking a ruling.

14. Section 20 restricts activities in two areas. Section 20(2) places restrictions on activities in the EEZ or in or on the continental shelf, and section 20(4) restricts activities in the waters of the EEZ.

15. An activity will only need a ruling if the activity:

1) is restricted by section 20 of the EEZ Act, and

2) falls under section 162(1) of the EEZ Act, and

3) falls under section 162(3) of the EEZ Act, and

4) has an adverse effect on the environment or existing interests.

Altering compressors, motors or other structures inside the body of a floating production, storage and offloading facility (FPSO) (in existence before 28 June 2013) may be restricted under sections 20(2)(a) and 20(4)(a) of the EEZ Act, but if the activity does not have an adverse effect (such as pollution of the marine environment) it would not require a ruling from the EPA to authorise the activity.

16. For the purposes of interpreting restricted activities under section 162, the EPA will generally consider that:

1) A structure consists of an offshore installation or floating platform and all the associated equipment and devices that are intrinsic to that structure, including wells, but excluding submarine pipelines.

2) Connecting pieces of equipment via flanges or connectors, or the replacing of parts designed to be replaced (as part of maintenance), is unlikely to constitute an alteration under the EEZ Act. However, modifying a piece of equipment, part of a structure or submarine pipeline to change its capacity or nature is likely to constitute an alteration under the EEZ Act.

3) Altering any part of a structure that is on the seabed in the EEZ is the alteration of a structure on the seabed and in the waters of the EEZ, even if the alteration takes place above the water line. For example, altering a hazardous storage container, to increase the volume or hazardous nature of the substance stored, on a deck of a FPSO that is...
anchored to the seafloor in the EEZ, is restricted by sections 20(2)(a) and (4)(a) of the EEZ Act.

4) Activities restricted by section 20(2)(e) disturb the intrinsic nature of the seabed or subsoil resulting in alterations to the seabed or subsoil that are different from or greater than are occurring naturally or as the result of other existing activities authorised under section 162.

5) Activities restricted by section 20(2)(g) destroy, damage or disturb the seabed or subsoil resulting in adverse effects on marine species or their habitat that are different from or greater than are occurring naturally or as the result of other existing activities authorised under section 162.

6) The subsoil is all naturally occurring matter lying beneath the seabed or deep ocean floor.³

7) The placement of structures or pipelines restricted by sections 20(2)(a) and 20(2)(b) are also considered to be the deposit of “things” as restricted by section 20(2)(f).

³ International Hydrographic Organisation online hydrographic dictionary
Activity elements and location

17. The following part of the worksheet breaks down the elements of section 20 to identify whether an activity is restricted by the EEZ Act and, if so, why.

**Section 20(2) restricted activities**

![Worksheet image]

**Section 20(4) restricted activities**

![Worksheet image]

**Are the elements met?**

![Worksheet image]

18. To identify whether an activity is restricted under section 20, each element of the restriction must be met.

19. Once all the elements are met, the next step is to describe the activity.
20. If an activity does not trigger all the elements, then the activity is not restricted by section 20 of the EEZ Act, so neither a ruling nor a marine consent is needed.

The EPA considers that using explosives inside a wellbore (in the subsoil) is not the causing of an explosion in the waters of the EEZ and is not restricted by section 20(4)(c).

**Description of the activity(s)**

21. The description of the activity in this tab will be the “activity” for which the assessment of adverse effects is made and, if appropriate, the activity for which the ruling is provided.

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<th>Element met?</th>
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<td>The placement and removal of a construction skid associated with the maintenance of flowlines connecting the FPSO Raroa and the Maari Wellhead Platform, where:</td>
<td>s 20(2)(a) - the construction, placement, alteration, extension, removal, or demolition of a structure on or under the seabed</td>
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<td>b. the footprint of the construction skid will be no greater than 5m x 20m</td>
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<td>c. the dry weight of the construction skid will be no greater than 10,000 kg</td>
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<td>d. the construction skid will be placed within 10m of the existing channels created by the flowlines</td>
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<td>e. no harmful substances will be released into the marine environment from the construction skid</td>
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<td>f. the placement and removal is performed using suitably certified lifting equipment</td>
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<td>g. the placement and removal is performed within 3 years of the request document (s) and the date of the request to be undertaken</td>
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<td>h. the activities are performed within the timeframe proposed in the request document (s) and are performed in a manner to comply with the requirements of the relevant legislation</td>
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22. The description also includes the limitations or circumstances under which the activity is to be performed, in other words, the scope of the activity to be authorised.

23. The limitations reflect the control measures to avoid, remedy or mitigate the adverse effects of the activities as described in the request document(s) and enables the EPA to be certain that the activities will be undertaken in the same, or a similar, manner to that against which the assessment of effects is made.

24. The activity number corresponds with the activity tab, which contains either the summary of the supporting assessment information or the information itself (see Activity Tabs).
25. The “Section 163(2) Element” column (column E) in the section 20 table identifies the section 162(3) activities that are to be undertaken. For example, is the activity the placing of a structure (162(3)(a)), or is it a change in the character, intensity or scale (of an existing activity) (162(3)(b)), or is it the alteration of an existing submarine pipeline (162(3)(c))?

**Tab 3 – Identified Activities and Effects**

26. This worksheet is populated with activities that have identified effects on a range of marine receptors and existing interests. The description of the activities and the control or mitigation measures are purposely broad and would not provide sufficient detail for an actual request. However, they provide guidance on the types of activities that are subject to rulings and their potential adverse effects.

27. This list is a starting point and it may be that you identify additional activities that fall under section 162(3) that have adverse effects.

28. You should modify the activities and control measures in this worksheet to reflect the specific activity for which you are seeking a ruling and delete the other activities.

**Activities**

*Activity Number*

29. This should match the respective activity in Tab 2 (section 20 table) and the corresponding activity tab.

*Type of activity*

30. The overall description of the work. This may capture more than one section 20 restricted activity. This may include, but is not limited to:
- Well intervention work
- Sidetracking existing wells
- Benthic surveying
- Placement or replacement of freespan cushions
- Invasive inspection, maintenance or repairs of submarine pipelines
- Mooring line maintenance, repair or replacement
- Invasive inspection, maintenance or repairs of submarine umbilicals or control lines
- Removing redundant structures from the seabed

**Related section 20 restriction and Detail of activity**

31. The specific activity and how this is restricted by section 20 of the EEZ Act.

**Cutting disposal (associated with sidetracking) is restricted under section 20(2)(f) as the deposit of any thing or organism in, on or under the seabed, while the drilling of the (sidetracked) well is restricted by section 20(2)(d), the removal of non-living material from the seabed or subsoil.**

**Control measures**

32. Control measures describe the controls implemented to remedy or mitigate the adverse effects of the activities.

33. These measures should describe and ultimately form the scope of the activity in Tab 2 (section 20 table).

**Will your activity result in additional effects to the existing interests or environment?**

34. This section helps you to identify consequences of the activities on the environment and existing interests.

35. Section 6 of the EEZ Act defines effects as:

1) *any* positive or adverse effect; and

2) *any* temporary or permanent effect; and

3) *any* past, present, or future effect; and
4) any cumulative effect that arises over time or in combination with other effects; and
5) any potential effect of high probability; and
6) any potential effect of low probability that has a high potential impact.

The examples below and in Appendix One are intended to provide examples of activities that are restricted by section 20 of the EEZ Act. They are not statements of fact that performing these activities will result in adverse effects.

The consequences or effects of the activities must be in addition to effects that are part of the existing environment.

A facility may have an existing 500m exclusion zone surrounding it, preventing vessels from entering. If a restricted activity does not increase or alter the area of exclusion or have additional adverse effects beyond the exclusion zone, then the activity may be considered as having no additional direct adverse effects on existing interests.

Increased sediment regime

38. Will the activity create or result in a sediment plume?
   For example, disposal of drill cuttings and other material into the water column.

Reduction in seafloor environment/sediment quality

39. Will the activity result in an adverse change to the existing benthic environment?
   For example, the introduction of contaminants with drill cuttings deposited on the seafloor.

Reduction in water quality

40. Will the activities result in the introduction of harmful substances into the waters?
   For example, hazardous substances in the drill muds.
Increase the risk of a harmful substance (including hydrocarbon) spill event

41. Will the activity increase the potential for a loss of well containment?
   
   For example, entry in to wells with coil tubing.

Increase of vibration including noise

42. Will the activity increase vibrations or noise (in the water column)?

   For example, use of downhole equipment that results in vibrations in the water column.

Increase in light levels

43. Will the activity increase or alter the overall luminosity of the facility?

   For example, modifying the lights on the helideck.

Decrease in air quality

44. Will the activity result in a (localised or general) decrease in the quality of air?

   For example, installation of a diesel generator.

Increase in radiation levels

45. Will the activity result in an increase in radiation levels in the water column and/or seafloor?

   For example, deposition of radioactive material in drill cuttings.

Disturbance of the seabed or subsoil

46. Will the activity disturb the seabed or subsoil?

   For example, excavating the seabed to install freespan cushions, installing conductors or perforating subsoil production casing.

Alteration to existing exclusion zones

47. Will the activity alter the existing exclusion zone(s)?

   For example, extending a submarine pipeline.
Will these additional effects result or potentially result in adverse effects on the environment or existing interests?

48. Will the additional effects, identified above, result in an adverse effect on the environment or existing interests?

49. The adverse effect could either be an actual effect or potential effect.

Sidetracking a well deposits cuttings on the seabed which has an actual adverse effect on benthic communities. The activity also has the potential for an adverse effect on a number of receptors, including existing interests, because of the additional risk of spills of hydrocarbons or other harmful substances.

Any adverse effects on species on, in or near the seabed

50. The effects of the activities result in the death or modification of behaviours of benthic communities.

For example, loss of benthic diversity from smothering of benthic fauna associated with depositing drill cuttings on the seabed.

Any adverse effects on marine mammals

51. The effects of the activities result in the death or modification of behaviours of marine mammals.

For example, downhole equipment emitting noise that interferes with whale acoustics or auditory systems.

Any adverse effect on species (other than marine mammals) in the water column

52. The effects of the activities result in mortality, injury or modification in behaviour of species other than marine mammals.

For example, bioaccumulation through the food chain of toxic compounds contained in drill cuttings.
Any adverse effects on seabirds

53. The effects of the activities result in mortality, injury or modification in behaviour of seabirds.

For example, installing additional lighting that may attract birds, increasing the risk of collision with structures.

Any adverse effects on the environment through the introduction of non-indigenous species

54. The effects of the activities result in the introduction of foreign species.

For example, placing sub-sea control units on the seabed that have been constructed and shipped from overseas.

Any adverse effects on existing interests (eg spatial access to resources, economic benefits, access to mineral rights)

55. The effects of the activities affect existing interests such as their access to resources, economic benefits or mineral rights.

For example, extending a submarine pipeline that results in an increase to existing exclusion zones, restricting access to fishing areas or a sediment plume extending outside an exclusion zone that has the potential to impact fishing.

Restricted activities with no adverse effects

56. The onus is on operators to ensure compliance with the EEZ Act. If you conclude, during internal assessments of restricted activities that there would be no additional or different adverse effects$^4$ resulting from performing the restricted activity, then it is likely that the activity can be performed without a ruling by the EPA. However, to provide certainty, a request to undertake the activity could still be submitted and the EPA will provide its assessment in writing.

57. In any case we recommend that you document, using the rulings tool, your assessment of, and conclusion that, an activity does not result in additional adverse effects.

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$^4$ to those that are part of the existing environment, on the environment or existing interests
### Tabs 4, 5 and 6 – Activity Information for Assessing Effects

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58. These are where the details and justification for the request is entered, either in totality or as a summary with references to supporting documentation.

59.

60. This section of the guide lists matters the EPA requires you to address when making a request and identifies the tests the EPA makes against these matters.

61. A tab should be completed for each activity requiring a ruling, as identified in the section 20 Table worksheet.

62. Appendix One is a completed worksheet containing example responses to the questions described below.

Use this button to identify all the input fields relevant to the request.

*Note: the other buttons are for EPA use.*
Matters for Consideration

63. The following are the matters that the EPA is likely to consider when deciding whether a ruling can be provided.

Describe the activity for which the ruling is sought

64. Does the request documentation contain information describing the activity for which the ruling is sought in sufficient detail to enable the EPA and people whose existing interests may be affected to understand the nature of the activity? This should:

1) include each of the elements required to trigger the section 20 restriction, and
2) indicate the nature of the activity, eg the character, intensity and scale of the activity.

Describe the current state of the area where it is proposed that the activity will be undertaken and the environment surrounding the area

65. Does the request documentation contain the information describing the current state of the area, where it is proposed that the activity will be undertaken, and the environment surrounding the area in detail? This should be sufficient to enable the EPA and people whose existing interests may be affected to understand the activity's effect on the environment and in such detail as corresponds to the scale and significance of the effects that the activity may have on the environment and existing interests.

Identify the effects of the activity on the environment and existing interests (including cumulative effects and effects that may occur in New Zealand or in the sea above or beyond the continental shelf beyond the outer limits of the EEZ)

66. Is the EPA satisfied that the requestor has made a reasonable effort to identify all the effects of the activity on the environment and existing interests (including cumulative effects and effects that may occur in New Zealand or in the sea above or beyond the continental shelf beyond the outer limits of the EEZ)?

Scale of the effects that the activity may have on the environment and existing interests, and Significance of the effects that the activity may have on the environment and existing interests

67. Does the request documentation contain the information identifying the effects of the activity on the environment and existing interests in such detail as corresponds to the scale and significance of the effects that the activity may have on the environment and existing interests?

Identify the effects on the biological diversity and integrity of marine species, ecosystems and process through the damage or destruction of rare and vulnerable ecosystems and habitats of threatened species

68. Does the request documentation contain the information identifying the effects of the activity on marine species, vulnerable ecosystems and threatened species in such detail as corresponds to the scale and significance of the effects that the activity may have on them?

Identify the effects on human health that may arise from effects of the activity on the environment

69. Does the request documentation contain the information identifying the effects of the activity on human health arising from effects on the environment in such detail as corresponds to the scale and significance of the effects?

Describe any consultation undertaken with people whose existing interests are likely to be adversely affected by the activity, and
Specify the people whose existing interests are likely to be adversely affected by the activity who have given written approval to the activity, and include copies of any written approvals to the activity.

70. Are copies of the written approvals included?

Specify possible alternative locations for, or methods for, undertaking the activity that would avoid, remedy or mitigate the effect.

71. Do the request documents contain the information specifying the possible alternative locations for, or methods for, undertaking the activity that would avoid, remedy or mitigate the effect in such detail as corresponds to the scale and significance of the effects on the environment and existing interests?

Specify the measures required by another marine management regime and any measures required by or under the Health and Safety in Employment Act 1992 that may have the effect of avoiding, remedying or mitigating the adverse effect, and other measures the applicant intends to take to avoid, remedy or mitigate the effect, including any best-practice standards.

72. Does the request documentation contain the information specifying the measures, including requirements of other regimes and regulations, the applicant intends to take to avoid, remedy or mitigate the effect in such detail as corresponds to the scale and significance of the effects that the activity may have on the environment and existing interests?

Completed rulings tool

73. Once the tool has been completed, you can either submit the request by:
   - Email: eez.info@epa.govt.nz
   - Post: Environmental Protection Authority
     Private Bag 63002
     Wellington 6140

74. Once the EPA has received a request for a ruling we will follow the process identified in the Guidance for petroleum mining operators - Rulings.
APPENDIX ONE

Example of completed Activity Tab
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<td>20(2)(a), 20(2)(b), 20(2)(f), 20(4)(a)</td>
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Describe the activity for which ruling is sought

The deposting of 3000m³ of drill cuttings ranging from 0.1m to 0.5m deep over an area of 6000m² during a period of XX days. See page XYZ of impact assessment for full description.

Describe the current state of the area where it is proposed that the activity will be undertaken and the environment surrounding the area

South Island. Eight to 10hrs of water 500m off the western coastline. See page XYZ of impact assessment for full description.

Identify the effects of the activity on the environment and existing interests

There will be a seabird colonies that extends approx. 3000m. Within 3000m at points of origin the deposition will be 600m deep, tapering to 300m at a distance of approx. 300m. See section XYZ for full details of modelling.

The effects will be localised and limited to the benthic communities within 3000m of the facility. See page XYZ of supporting incumentation for full description.

Identify persons whose existing interests are likely to be adversely affected by activity

There following groups: AA, BB, CCC

Limit number of benthic communities affected. No effects on the existing interests.

Significance of the effects that the activity may have on the environment and existing interests

There are no identified effects on human health from the activity.

The effects are localised and limited to the benthic communities within 3000m of the facility. See page XYZ of supporting incumentation for full description.

Identify persons whose existing interests are likely to be adversely affected by activity

No fishing expected this time of year.

Existing interests are identified as part of ongoing community consultation

Specifying those persons whose existing interests are likely to be adversely affected by the activity who have given written approval to the activity

See attached.

Specify possible alternative locations for, or methods for undertaking the activity that would avoid, remedy, or mitigate the effect

See attached specifications.

Specify the measures required by another marine management regime and any measures required by or under the Health and Safety in Employment (Petroleum Exploration and Extraction) Regulations 1987

At the site used will comply with the Maritime Transport Act 1994.

All personnel involved in the activity will be trained and certified as required by operations manual XX.

Other measures the applicant intends to take to avoid, remedy or mitigate the effect including any best practice standards

See page XYZ of supporting documentation for full description.

The above is an example of how a completed Activity tab may look. The contents above would not necessarily provide sufficient information for an assessment of an activity.

Further examples of ruling requests can be found [EPA website - Rulings](#).