



## Marine Notice No. 70 of 2023

### Review of National Ports Policy Public Consultation

The Department of Transport has commenced a review of its National Ports Policy. This review consists of a two-part consultation process:

- **Part 1** involves the publication of an Issues Paper and consultation with all interested stakeholders who are invited to make a submission.
- **Part 2** will be a shorter public consultation on the Draft Policy document on completion of the Part 1 process. The objective is to present a new draft policy to the Government in 2025 following a thorough and inclusive consultation.

As an island nation on the periphery of Europe, the maritime transport sector plays a crucial role in the functioning of our economy. Approximately 90% of all goods traded by Ireland pass through our commercial port network, underscoring the importance of a resilient and efficient maritime transport industry for our economic success.

The importance of our ports is not just economic. Located, as many ports are, in the heart of urban centres and areas of environmental significance, how our ports interact with both the communities that provide their social licence to operate, and the marine environment is something in which we all have a vested interest. The revised National Ports Policy will provide the vision for how our ports will meet these challenges.

Submissions are now invited in relation to **Part 1** of this process on the Ports Policy Issues Paper. Details on the Issues Paper and the Consultation process can be found [here](#).

Further information on the review of National Ports Policy generally is also available through the press release published on the Department's website [here](#).

**The final date for receipt of submissions is close of business, 15 January 2024 at 6pm.**

Any queries in relation to this consultation can be emailed to [portspolicy@transport.gov.ie](mailto:portspolicy@transport.gov.ie)

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