

STATES OF JERSEY



DRAFT AQUATIC RESOURCES (JERSEY) LAW 201- (P.114/2013): AMENDMENT

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by the Minister for Economic Development**

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1 PAGES 16 AND 17, ARTICLE 2 –

- (a) after paragraph (1)(o) insert the following sub-paragraph and renumber the following sub-paragraphs accordingly –

“(p) for requiring an application for a licence or permit to be accompanied by such information as may be specified by the person to whom the application is made relating to the environmental impact of any activity for which the licence or permit is required, such person, in making any requirement for such information, having regard to the scale of such activity and any similar activities carried on (or proposed to be carried on) by any person;”.

2 PAGE 25, ARTICLE 22 –

For the words “7 days after it is registered” substitute the words “on such day or days as the States may by Act appoint”.

MINISTER FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

REPORT

The new Article 2(1)(p) clarifies that an application for a licence will be required to include details of environmental impact, scaled appropriately to reflect the size of activity. Whilst it was always the intention to include this as a requirement in subordinate Regulations, this amendment gives clarity in the Law.

With reference to the amendment to Article 22, in the original draft, the Law came into effect 7 days after registration in the Royal Court. As the Draft Aquatic Resources (Jersey) Law 201- repeals the *Loi (1894) sur la coupe et la pêche des vraics* it would have been necessary to ensure that Regulations were drafted and approved before this date. As it is not possible to guarantee that Regulations would be in place, and as there would therefore be a potential legislative loophole allowing for unregulated exploitation of seaweed, it is deemed prudent to amend the commencement date.

Financial and manpower implications

There are no financial or manpower implications for the States arising from this amendment.