

Our Ref: 604569

**Airspace and Navigation,**

The Times Building,  
11-12 D'Olier Street,  
Dublin 2.  
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22<sup>nd</sup> December 2023

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**Department of Agriculture, Food and Marine,**

Agriculture House,  
Kildare Street,  
D02 WK12

22<sup>nd</sup> December 2023

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29-31 Adelaide Road,

Dublin 2,

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