

**EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES (CONSERVATION OF WILD BIRDS)
(AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS, 1998.**

I, SILE DE VALERA, Minister for Arts, Heritage, Gaeltacht and the Islands, in exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 3 of the European Communities Act, 1972 (No. 27 of 1972), for the purpose of giving further effect to Council Directive of 2 April 1979 on the conservation of wild birds (79/409/EEC)¹, hereby make the following Regulations:

¹*O.J. No. L103/1, 25/04/1979.*

1. (1) These Regulations may be cited as the European Communities (Conservation of Wild Birds) (Amendment) Regulations, 1998.

(2) These Regulations shall come into operation on 1st day of June, 1998.

2. The European Communities (Conservation of Wild Birds) Regulations, 1985 (S.I. No. 291 of 1985), is hereby amended in the Schedule, by the addition of the following paragraph after paragraph 101.

"102. Wexford Harbour in the county of Wexford

The areas of foreshore situated in Wexford Harbour in the county of Wexford bounded by the high water mark enclosed on the map in Schedule 1 to these Regulations within the inner margin of the black line and hatched thereon in black".

GIVEN under my Official Seal, this 30th day of April, 1998.

Sile De Valera,

Minister for Arts, Heritage, Gaeltacht and the Islands.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Council Directive of 2 April, 1979, on the conservation of wild birds (79/409/EEC) provides for the conservation of wild birds by, among other things, classifying important ornithological sites as Special Protection Areas for them. The effect of these Regulations is to classify Wexford Harbour as a Special Protection Area in accordance with Article 4 of the Directive and to provide that contravention of the provisions of these Regulations shall constitute an offence.