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| Infectious Diseases (Animal)<br>e.g. Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD), Avian Influenza, other ‘exotic’ diseases | DAFF                       |                                       | DF (DOD)<br>HSE (See Remarks)   | Local Authorities (DEHLG)<br>AGS (DJLR)<br>DFA<br>CD (DOD)<br>DTRANS (IRCG/MSO/Shipping)<br>DTCS | HSE role relates to zoonotic diseases; infectious animal diseases with a human health dimension. |
| Contamination of Animal Feedstuffs  | DAFF                       |                                       |   | Circumstance dependent   |  |
| Food safety incidents in food processing plants (dairy and meat)  | DAFF                       |                                       | FSAI (DHC)  | HSE (DHC)  |  |
| Tsunami - Monitoring & Warning  | DCENR                      |                                       | Local Authorities (DEHLG)<br>AGS (DJLR)<br>HSE (DHC)<br>Met Eireann (DEHLG) | DIAS (DES)<br>GSI (DCENR)<br>DTRANS<br>DFA<br>IRCG (DTRANS)                                      | Local Authority Lead Agency per Framework for coordination of on-shore response                  |
| Earthquake –Monitoring & Warning  | DCENR                      |                                       | Local Authority (DEHLG)<br>GSI (DCENR)<br>AGS (DJLR)<br>HSE (DHC)           | DFA<br>DTRANS<br>DIAS (DES)<br>IRCG  | Principal responders would be lead agencies as per framework for earthquake impact               |
| Communications Services Emergency   | DCENR                      |                                       | COMREG  | System operators, users, providers   |  |

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| ICT Infrastructure – Cyber Attacks or Failures                    | DCENR                             |  | DFINANCE<br>AGS (DJLR)<br>COMREG  | DETI<br>Systems operators, users, providers.                                       |                |
| Broadcasting Services Emergency                                   | DCENR                             |  | BCI<br>RTE  | Systems operators, users, providers  |                |
| Energy Services Emergency (Electricity/ Gas)                      | DCENR                             |  | CER<br>ESB<br>Bord Gais   | Other Systems operators, users, providers  |                |
| Oil Supply Emergency  | DCENR                             |  | NORA<br>Irish Oil Supply Industry   | AGS (DJLR)<br>DF (DOD)<br>Local Authorities<br>Systems operators, users, providers |                |
| Nuclear Accidents/Incidents/Events Abroad (as described in NEPNA) | DEHLG                             |  | RPII (DEHLG)<br>AGS (DJLR)<br>Local Authorities<br>HSE (DHC)<br>Met Eireann (DEHLG)<br>IRCG (DTRANS)<br>FSAI (DHC)<br>CD (DOD)<br>DF (DOD)<br>DAFF, DHC, DCENR<br>DOD, DOT,DFA,<br>Revenue<br>Commissioners (D FINANCE),<br>RTE (DCENR) and<br>Commercial Radio<br>Stations | Teagasc (DAFF)<br>DTRANS<br>EPA (DEHLG)<br>Laboratories                            |                |

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| Incidents Involving Hazardous Materials (Including in transit) <sup>1</sup> | DEHLG <sup>2</sup>         | Local Authority                       | HSA <sup>3</sup> (DETI)<br>AGS (DJLR)<br>HSE (DHC)<br>DJLR<br>IRCG (DTRANS)<br>(Marine incidents)<br>DTRANS | DETI <sup>4</sup><br>DF (DOD) <sup>5</sup><br>Site/vehicle/material owners<br>Harbour Masters/Port Authorities<br>National Poisons Information Centre<br>Laboratories | Local Authority is Lead Agency per Framework.<br>AGS is the lead Agency (regardless of the agent) where terrorist/malign involvement is suspected, sometimes referred to as CBRN. Likely handover to Local Authority (Chem., Rad) or HSE (Bio) if it transpires that there is no terrorist involvement. |

<sup>1</sup> Hazardous Materials: One definition is: any solid liquid or gas that can harm people, other living organisms, property, or the environment. Hazardous materials may be flammable, toxic, corrosive, oxidizer, asphyxiant, an allergen, or may have other characteristics that make them hazardous in specific circumstances. They would also include items that are dealt with separately for convenience on this table, such as: radioactive materials, explosives, and bio-hazardous materials. The Seveso II Directive covers the greater majority of these materials (Seveso Sites: primarily chemical or pharmaceutical facilities or gas and oil storage facilities) but it has certain exclusions: military establishments, hazards created by ionising radiation, transport, pumping stations, pipelines, etc. For the purpose of this entry chemical incidents including fires, spillages/ release of chemicals into the environment, and Seveso II materials, with the exceptions mentioned above, are included under Hazardous Materials.

<sup>2</sup> Should the incident occur at sea, lead may pass to DTRANS

<sup>3</sup> The Central Competent Authority for Ireland in respect of Seveso Regulations is the HSA. Under these regulations the HSA seeks to ensure that operators coming under the scope of the Regulations - operators of a Seveso site - prepare emergency plans and safety reports. It is in a position to advise the relevant public authorities to prepare external emergency plans for dealing with emergencies that may escalate outside the boundary of the Seveso site. The main functions of the HSA include administration and enforcement of all workplace health and safety legislation and of certain chemical legislation. It also has a role in investigation of accidents and prosecution.

<sup>4</sup> DETI policy responsibility for chemicals includes EU internal market rules governing classification, packaging and labelling of chemicals and obligations of operators to register chemicals with the EU Chemicals Agency under the REACH framework.

<sup>5</sup> If requested, including where terrorist involvement (or other malign motive) is suspected, render safe devices with a potential dispersal effect.

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| Radioactive Contamination - Local (e.g. spillages, dispersal of material) – including in transit. | DEHLG                      |                                       | Local Authorities (DEHLG)<br>RPII (DEHLG)   | AGS (DJLR)<br>HSE (DHC)<br>DAFF<br>DCENR<br>DF (DOD)<br>CD (DOD)<br>FSAI (DHC)<br>DOT<br>HSA (DETI)<br>IRCG (DTRANS) | AGS is Lead Agency where terrorist involvement (or other malign motive) is suspected, sometimes referred to as ‘CBRN’ context. |
| Environmental Pollution   | DEHLG                      | Local Authorities                     |   | EPA (DEHLG)<br>DAFF<br>HSE (DHC)<br>CD (DOD)<br>OPW (DFINANCE)<br>IRCG (DTRANS)<br>(Marine incidents)                | Local Authority Lead Agency per Framework  |
| Severe Weather  | DEHLG                      |                                       | Local Authority (DEHLG)<br>AGS (DJLR)<br>HSE (DHC) DJLR<br>Met Eireann (DEHLG)<br>OPW (DFINANCE)                              | DF (DOD)<br>CD (DOD)<br>DCENR<br>EPA (DEHLG)<br>NRA (DTRANS)<br>DAFF<br>IRCG (DTRANS)                                | Local Authority Lead Agency per Framework  |
| Flooding Response   | DEHLG                      | Local Authorities                     | HSE (DHC)<br>AGS (DJLR)<br>OPW (DFINANCE)<br>(Ref Govt Decision S180/20/10/0996<br>Met Eireann (DEHLG)<br>EPA (DEHLG)<br>DAFF | Coillte  (DAFF)<br>Waterways Ireland (DCEGA)<br>DSP<br>DF (DOD)<br>CD (DOD)<br>IRCG (D TRANS)                        | OPW is responsible per Government Decision (Sept 2004) in respect of risk identification, mitigation and awareness             |

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| Coastal erosion  | DEHLG                             | Local Authorities (DEHLG)                    |  | OPW (DFINANCE)<br>AGS (DJLR)<br>HSE (DHC)   | Ref Govt Decision S180/20/10/0996  |
| Major impacts on water services, quality, infrastructure or supplies | DEHLG                             | Local Authorities                            | HSE (DHC)  | EPA   |  |
| Fire   | DEHLG                             | Local Authorities                            |  | AGS (DJLR)<br>HSE (DHC)<br>Coillte (DAFF)<br>CD (DOD)<br>DF (DOD)   | Local Authority Lead Agency per Framework  |
| Landslide Response   | DEHLG                             | Local Authority                              |  | AGS (DJLR)<br>HSE (DHC)<br>GSI (DCENR)  |  |
| Building Collapse/Accidental Explosions                              | DEHLG                             | Local Authority                              | AGS (DJLR)   | HSE (DHC)<br>HSA (DETI)   | Local Authority Lead Agency per Framework with likely handover to AGS when rescue phase complete |
| Financial Systems Emergencies  | D Finance                         |  | Central Bank<br>Financial Services<br>Authority of Ireland | DETI,<br>AGS (DJLR)   |  |
| Any Emergency Overseas, affecting Irish citizens.                    | DFA                               |  | Incident dependent   | DOT (G.I.S.)<br>DJLR (AGS)<br>DF (DOD)<br>HSE (DHC)<br>Consular Services of EU<br>Member States and other<br>Partners |  |

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| Emergency Incidents requiring humanitarian assistance in disaster management (Outwards) | DFA <sup>6</sup>           |                                       | Incident dependent     | Incident dependent<br>DEHLG<br>DF (DOD)<br>NGOs   | Where Irish Aid provides humanitarian assistance  |
| Emergency Incidents requiring humanitarian assistance in disaster management (Inwards)  | Incident Dependent         |                                       | Incident dependent     | DFA   | DFA will provide a supporting role in facilitating international contacts where appropriate. EU Civil Protection Monitoring and Information Centre (MIC) mechanisms may also apply.   |
| Biological Incident   | DHC                        | HSE                                   |                        | Local Authority(DEHLG)<br>AGS (DJLR)<br>DF (DOD)<br>DJLR (See remarks)<br>Regional Laboratories<br>Universities | HSE Lead Agency per Framework. DHC will act as LGD where the incident is primarily a public health emergency. AGS is Lead Agency where terrorist involvement or other malign motive is suspected, sometimes referred to as ‘CBRN’ context. The initial assumption, and subsequent changes in lead and supporting roles, both at agency and parent department level, will be subject to the assessment of evolving indicators and will be agreed under the procedures laid down in the Framework for Major Emergency Management. |

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| Pandemic Influenza and Other Public Health Emergencies  | DHC                        | HSE                                   | HSE<br>All members of the Interdepartmental Steering Committee on Public Health Emergency Planning | Local Authorities (DEHLG)<br>CD (DOD)<br>Revenue Commissioners<br>FSAI <sup>7</sup> (DHC)                        |  |
| Emergencies Involving Explosive Ordnance (Conventional or otherwise and regardless of provenance) | DJLR                       | AGS                                   | DF (DOD)   | Government Inspector of Explosives<br>Local Authority(DEHLG)<br>HSE (DHC)<br>IRCG (DTRANS)<br>(Marine Incidents) |  |
| National Security Related Incidents (Including terrorism)   | DJLR                       |                                       | AGS (DJLR)   | DEHLG<br>DF (DOD)<br>HSE (DHC)<br>Local Authority(DEHLG)<br>DTRANS (incl. IRCG)<br>DFA                           | DJLR lead role is incident dependent.  |
| Incidents Requiring Water Rescue Inland   | DJLR <sup>8</sup>          |                                       | AGS (DJLR)<br>IRCG (DTRANS)  | HSE (DHC)<br>DCEGA (Waterways Ireland)<br>Local Authority(DEHLG)<br>DTRANS<br>RNLI                               | AGS Lead Agency per Framework for initial coordination, with likely handover following consultation with IRCG. |
| Public Order/Crowd Events (including sports grounds emergencies)                                  | DJLR                       | AGS                                   | DF (DOD)   | Local Authority(DEHLG)<br>HSE (DHC)<br>DTCS  | AGS lead agency per Framework  |

<sup>7</sup>In the event of a food safety incident

<sup>8</sup>Lead may be reviewed if other elements are involved, e.g. an aircraft crash in a lake, in which DTRANS (IRCG) would lead

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| Emergencies Abroad with the result of mass inward population displacement  | DJLR                       |                                       | HSE (DHC)<br>Local Authority (DEHLG)<br>DFA<br>Revenue Commissioners (CUSTOMS)                                  | CD (DOD)<br>Red Cross<br>DSP  |   |
| All Major Emergencies requiring Cabinet or Cabinet Committee and central media /communications response <sup>9</sup> | DOT                        |                                       | GPO and LGDs <sup>10</sup>  | Lead and support departments and agencies involved in the emergency <sup>11</sup> |   |
| Aircraft Accident  | DTRANS                     | Local Authority                       | IAA (ATC)<br>Airport Authorities<br>AGS (DJLR)<br>IRCG<br>HSE (DHC)<br>DOD (DF)<br>DTRANS (AAIU)                | Airlines<br>DTCS  | Local Authority Lead Agency per Framework with likely handover to AGS when fire fighting/rescue complete. |
| Emergency Incidents at Airports  | DTRANS                     |                                       | IAA (ATC)<br>DTRANS (AAIU)<br>Airport Authorities<br>Local Authority (DEHLG)<br>AGS (DJLR)<br>HSE (DHC)<br>DTCS | Airlines<br>DF (DOD)  |   |

<sup>9</sup> Leadership role in this context is limited to specific functions in relation to convening the Cabinet or Cabinet Committees.

<sup>10</sup> The GPO plays a key role in preparing, coordinating and projecting the Government’s message. Depending on the circumstances, it is likely that the Lead Government Department will be the focus of media/public enquiries and press briefings. In other circumstances the GPO may provide a focus through which media enquiries will be handled and through which the Government message will be promulgated.

<sup>11</sup> All other departments must have complementary arrangements in place in respect of Cabinet engagement.



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| Aviation Security/ Terrorist Incident<br>(Actual or attempted hijacking or other terrorist activity at an Irish airport, in Irish airspace.) | DTRANS                            |  | AGS (DJLR)<br>Airport Authorities  | (DF) DOD<br>Local Authority(DEHLG)<br>HSE (DHC)<br>Airlines<br>DTCS  |   |
| Railway Accident   | DTRANS                            | Local Authority                              | Railway Safety Commission (RSC)<br>/ Chief Investigator<br>Local Authority (DEHLG)<br>AGS (DJLR)<br>HSE (DHC)<br>Systems Operators | DF (DOD)<br>DTCS   | Local Authority Lead Agency per Framework with likely handover to AGS when rescue phase complete.<br>Note: Discussions ongoing between RSC and AGS on detail. |
| Major accident on national & non-national roads and/or infrastructure (incl. bridges, tunnels etc)   | DTRANS                            | AGS  | HSE (DHC)<br>Local Authority (DEHLG)   | DF (DOD)<br>IRCG (DTRANS)<br>NRA<br>DTCS   | AGS Lead Agency per Framework (except when hazardous materials are involved, the local authority is the lead agency)  |
| Incidents Requiring Marine Search and Rescue   | DTRANS                            |  | IRCG (DTRANS)<br>DF (DOD)  | DCENR<br>HSE (DHC)<br>Harbour Masters<br>Port Authorities<br>Commissioner for Irish Lights<br>DTCS<br>RNLI |   |
| Ferry and Other Shipping Disasters   | DTRANS                            |  | IRCG (DTRANS)<br>DCENR<br>HSE (DHC)<br>AGS (DJLR)  | DF (DOD)<br>DCEGA<br>Local Authorities (DEHLG)<br>DFA<br>DTCS<br>RNLI                                      |   |

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| Marine and Coastal Pollution        | DTRANS <sup>12</sup>              |  | IRCG (DTRANS)<br>Local Authorities (DEHLG)<br>DCENR | Commissioners for Irish Lights<br>Harbour Masters<br>Port Authorities<br>DF(DOD)                          |   |
| Marine Emergency Impacting On-shore | DTRANS                            |  | IRCG (DTRANS)<br>Local Authorities (DEHLG)          | Commissioners for Irish Lights<br>Harbour Masters<br>Port Authorities<br>DCENR<br>AGS (DJLR)<br>HSE (DHC) | Local Authority Lead Agency per Framework for coordination of on-shore response |

**N.B. There are 41 Emergency/Incident Type**

<sup>12</sup> Onshore impact. Lead may pass from DTRANS to DEHLG as circumstances dictate.

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|-----------------|---|-----------------|--|
| <b>AGS</b>      | An Garda Siochana   | <b>DTRANS</b>   | Department of Transport                                |
| <b>BCI</b>      | Broadcasting Commission of Ireland                        | <b>EPA</b>      | Environment Protection Agency                          |
| <b>CBRN</b>     | Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear               | <b>FSAI</b>     | The Food Safety Authority of Ireland                   |
| <b>CD</b>       | Civil Defence   | <b>GIS</b>      | Government Information Service                         |
| <b>CER</b>      | Commission for Energy Regulation                          | <b>GPO</b>      | Government Press Office                                |
| <b>COMREG</b>   | Commission for Communications Regulation                  | <b>GSI</b>      | Geological Survey of Ireland                           |
| <b>DAFF</b>     | Department of Agriculture Fisheries & Food                | <b>HSA</b>      | Health & Safety Authority                              |
| <b>DTCS</b>     | Department of Tourism, Culture & Sport                    | <b>HSE</b>      | Health Service Executive                               |
| <b>DCENR</b>    | Department of Communications, Energy & Natural Resources  | <b>IRCG</b>     | Irish Coast Guard                                      |
| <b>DCEGA</b>    | Department of Community, Equality & Gaeltacht Affairs     | <b>MSO</b>      | Marine Survey Office                                   |
| <b>DEHLG</b>    | Department of the Environment Heritage & Local Government | <b>NEPNA</b>    | National Emergency Plan for Nuclear Accidents          |
| <b>DES</b>      | Department of Education and Skills                        | <b>NGO</b>      | Non-Government Organisations                           |
| <b>DETI</b>     | Department of Enterprise Trade & Innovation               | <b>NORA</b>     | National Oil Reserve Agency                            |
| <b>DF</b>       | Defence Forces  | <b>NRA</b>      | National Roads Authority                               |
| <b>DFA</b>      | Department of Foreign Affairs                             | <b>OPW</b>      | Office of Public Works                                 |
| <b>DFINANCE</b> | Department of Finance                                     | <b>REACH</b>    | Registration Evaluation and Authorisation of Chemicals |
| <b>DHC</b>      | Department of Health & Children                           | <b>RNLI</b>     | Royal National Lifeboat Institute                      |
| <b>DIAS</b>     | Dublin Institute of Advanced Studies                      | <b>RPII</b>     | Radiological Protection Institute of Ireland           |
| <b>DJLR</b>     | Department of Justice, & Law Reform                       | <b>SAR</b>      | Search and Rescue                                      |
| <b>DOD</b>      | Department of Defence                                     |                 |  |
| <b>DOT</b>      | Department of the Taoiseach                               |                 |  |
| <b>DSP</b>      | Department of Social Protection                           |                 |  |