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I, EMER HIGGINS, Minister of State at the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment, in exercise of the powers conferred on me by sections 14, 29 and 30 (as amended by sections 17, 29 and 30 of the Employment Permits (Amendment) Act 2014 (No. 26 of 2014)) of the Employment Permits Act 2006 (No. 16 of 2006) (as adapted by the Business, Enterprise and Innovation (Alteration of Name of Department and Title of Minister) Order 2020 (S.I. No. 519 of 2020)) and the Enterprise, Trade and Employment (Delegation of Ministerial Functions) Order 2024 (S.I. No. 165 of 2024), hereby make the following regulations:

1. (1) These Regulations may be cited as the Employment Permits (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2024.

(2) The collection citation “the Employment Permits Regulations 2017 to 2024” includes these Regulations.

2. In these Regulations—

“Principal Regulations” means the Employment Permits Regulations 2017 (S.I. No. 95 of 2017);

“Regulations of 2023” means the Employment Permit (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2023 (S.I. No. 680 of 2023).

3. Regulation 8(2) (as amended by Regulation 4 of the Employment Permits (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations (S.I. No. 677 of 2022)) of the Principal Regulations is amended—

- (a) in subparagraph (m), by substituting “horticulture worker, meat processor operative or sea fisher in the Irish fishing fleet” for “horticulture worker or meat processor operative”,
- (b) in subparagraph (p), by substituting “employment;” for “employment; and”,
- (c) in subparagraph (q), by substituting “made; and” for “made.”, and
- (d) by inserting after subparagraph (q) the following subparagraph:

“(r) in the case of an application for employment as a sea fisher in the Irish fishing fleet—

 - (I) a clear and complete copy of the terms of employment, work agreement or contract of employment, entered into by the foreign national in respect of whom the application is made, in the English language, including—

- (A) the particulars required under the Fisherman’s Work Agreement provided for under Regulation 7 of the European Union (International Labour Organisation Work in Fishing Convention) (Crew List and Fisherman’s Work Agreement) Regulations 2020,
 - (B) the particulars required under the Principal Act and Section 3(1) and Section 3(1A) of the Terms of Employment (Information) Act 1994 (No. 5 of 1994),
 - (C) details of the periodic payments of the minimum annual remuneration, and
 - (D) all deductions from pay, including any deduction for the provision of food or accommodation by the employer while on the fishing vessel,
- (II) a certified translation of the agreement or contract referred to in clause (I) in a language comprehensible to the sea fisher, and
 - (III) a copy of a declaration signed by the person who makes the offer of employment that that person will ensure the foreign national concerned will be enrolled in a Bord Iascaigh Mhara (BIM) Safety Training Scheme prior to commencement of employment in accordance with the Fishing Vessel (Basic Safety Training) Regulations 2001 (S.I. No. 587 of 2001).”.

4. Schedule 3 (as amended by Regulation 11 of the Regulations of 2023) of the Principal Regulations is amended by substituting for entry SOC-3 no. 354 the following:

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SOC 3	Categories of Employment	SOC 4	Employment
354	Sales, Marketing and Related Associate Professionals	3542	Business sales executives specialising in International Sales Roles or ITB2B sales roles and with fluency in the official language of a state which is not a Member State of the EEA and is not an official language of an EEA state
		3543	International marketing experts with required domain knowledge specialising in product strategy development and management with technical and product/service knowledge (pharmaceutical, medical devices, Software B2B, SaaS products)

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5. The Principal Regulations are amended by substituting for Schedule 4 (as amended by Regulation 11 of the Regulations of 2023) the Schedule set out in the Schedule to these Regulations.

6. Schedule 7 (inserted by Regulation 12 of the Regulations of 2023) of the Principal Regulations is amended by substituting for the entry for “Meat Processing Operative” the following entries:

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Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Employments	Maximum number	Start date of period during which maximum number shall be granted
Meat Processor Operative	1,000	17 January 2024
Sea fisher in the Irish fishing fleet	150	2 July 2024

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Schedule

New Schedule 4 to Principal Regulations

“Regulations 18, 29, 31, 43 and 61

Schedule 4

Employments in respect of which an employment permit shall not be granted

SOC-3	Categories of employment	SOC-4	Employment
122	Managers in Hospitality and Leisure Services	1225	Leisure and sports facilities managers
		1226	Travel agency managers
124	Managers in Health and Care Services	1242	Residential, day and domiciliary care managers (with the exception of those working in disability services)
125	Managers in Other Services	1251	Property, housing and estate managers
		1252	Garage managers
		1253	Hairdressing and beauty salon managers
		1254	Shopkeepers – wholesale and retail
		1255	Waste disposal and environmental services managers
1259		1259	Other managers in other services not elsewhere classified (includes Betting shop manager, Graphic design manager, Library manager, Plant hire manager, Production manager) (with the exception of Safety Manager)
222	Therapy Professionals	2229	Other therapy professionals not elsewhere classified (with the exception of orthoptists, and chiropractors who are members of the Chiropractic Association of Ireland)

SOC-3	Categories of employment	SOC-4	Employment
			(with the exception of Play Therapists working in disability services)
244	Welfare Professionals	2443	Probation officers
		2449	Other welfare professionals not elsewhere classified
312	Draughtspersons and Related Architectural Technicians	3121	Town planning technicians
321	Health Associate Professionals	3217	Pharmaceutical technicians
		3218	Dental technicians only
		3219	Other health associate professionals not elsewhere classified (includes Acupuncturists, Homeopaths, Hypnotherapists, Massage therapists, Reflexologists, Sports therapists) (with the exception of Genetic Counsellor)
323	Welfare and Housing Associate Professionals	3231	Youth and community workers (with the exception of Family Support Workers working in disability services)
		3233	Child and early years officers
		3234	Housing officers
		3235	Counsellors
		3239	Other welfare and housing associate professionals not elsewhere classified (with the exception of Project Officer working in disability services) (with the exception of Support Worker)
331	Protective Service Occupations	3311	NCOs and other ranks
		3312	Police officers (sergeant and below)
		3313	Fire service officers (watch manager and below)

SOC-3	Categories of employment	SOC-4	Employment
		3314	Prison service officers (below principal officer)
		3315	Police community support officers
		3319	Other protective service associate professionals not elsewhere classified
344	Sports and Fitness Occupations	3443	Fitness instructors
352	Legal Associate Professionals	3520	Legal associate professionals (with the exception of employment of a person fluent in the official language of a State which is not a member of the EEA and is not an official language of an EEA state and who has market knowledge of that non-EEA state)
354	Sales, Marketing and Related Associate Professionals	3544	Estate agents and auctioneers
		3546	Conference and exhibition managers and organisers
356	Public Services and Other Associate Professionals	3561	Public services associate professionals
		3563	Vocational and industrial trainers and instructors (with the exception of mobility instructors and Guide Dog mobility instructors for the visually impaired) (with the exception of Autism Assistance Dog Instructor)
		3564	Careers advisers and vocational guidance specialists (with the exception of career guidance teachers in secondary schools)
		3565	Inspectors of standards and regulations
		3567	Health and safety officers (with the exception of Construction Safety Officers)
411	Administrative Occupations:	4112	National government administrative occupations

SOC-3	Categories of employment	SOC-4	Employment
	Government and Related Organisations	4113	Local government administrative occupations
412	Administrative Occupations: Finance	4121	Credit controllers (with the exception of employment of a person fluent in the official language of a State which is not a member of the EEA and is not an official language of an EEA state, in a role in credit control where the employment is supported by an enterprise development agency)
		4122	Book-keepers, payroll managers and wages clerks (with the exception of employment of a person fluent in the official language of a State which is not a member of the EEA and is not an official language of an EEA state in a role in accounts payable where the employment is supported by an enterprise development agency)
		4123	Bank and post office clerks
		4124	Finance officers
		4129	Other financial administrative occupations not elsewhere classified
413	Administrative Occupations: Records	4131	Records clerks and assistants
		4132	Pensions and insurance clerks and assistants
		4133	Stock control clerks and assistants
		4135	Library clerks and assistants
		4138	Human resources administrative occupations
415	Other Administrative Occupations	4151	Sales administrators
		4159	Other administrative occupations not elsewhere classified
416		4161	Office managers

SOC-3	Categories of employment	SOC-4	Employment
	Administrative Occupations: Office Managers and Supervisors	4162	Office supervisors
421	Secretarial and Related Occupations	4211	Medical secretaries
		4212	Legal secretaries
		4213	School secretaries
		4214	Company secretaries
		4215	Personal assistants and other secretaries
		4216	Receptionists
		4217	Typists and related keyboard occupations
511	Agricultural and Related Trades	5111	Farmers (with the exception of Pig Manager)
		5112	Horticultural trades
		5113	Gardeners and landscape gardeners
		5114	Groundsmen and greenkeepers
		5119	Other agricultural and fishing trades not elsewhere classified (with the exception of sea fisher in the Irish fishing fleet)
523	Vehicle Trades	5236	Boat and ship builders and repairers
		5237	Rail and rolling stock builders and repairers
524	Electrical and Electronic Trades	5244	TV, video and audio engineers
		5249	Other electrical and electronic trades not elsewhere classified (with the exception of lineworker working on behalf of ESB Networks)
531	Construction and building trades	5319	Other construction and building trades not elsewhere classified
541		5411	Weavers and knitters

SOC-3	Categories of employment	SOC-4	Employment
	Textiles and Garments Trades	5413	Footwear and leather working trades
		5419	Other textiles, garments and related trades not elsewhere classified
542	Printing Trades	5421	Pre-press technicians
		5422	Printers
		5423	Print finishing and binding workers
543	Food Preparation and Hospitality Trades	5432	Flour confectioners
		5433	Fishmongers and poultry dressers
		5434	<p>Chefs</p> <p>(with the exception of –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Executive Chef with minimum of 5 years' experience ○ Head Chef with minimum of 5 years' experience ○ Sous Chef with minimum of 5 years' experience ○ Chef de Partie with minimum of 2 years' experience ○ Commis Chef with minimum of 2 years' experience <p>who will be employed in establishments other than fast food outlets)</p>
		5435	Cooks
544	Other Skilled Trades	5441	Glass and ceramics makers, decorators and finishers
		5443	Florists
		5449	All other skilled trades not elsewhere classified
612	Childcare and Related Personal Services	6121	Nursery nurses and assistants
		6122	Childminders and related occupations
		6125	Teaching assistants

SOC-3	Categories of employment	SOC-4	Employment
		6126	Educational support assistants
613	Animal Care and Control Services	6131	Veterinary nurses
		6132	Pest control officers
		6139	Other animal care services occupations not elsewhere classified (with the exception of work riders)
614	Caring Personal Services	6142	Ambulance staff (with the exception of paramedics)
		6143	Dental nurses
		6144	Houseparents and residential wardens
		6146	Senior care workers (with the exception of those working in disability services)
		6147	Care escorts
		6148	Undertakers, mortuary and crematorium assistants
621	Leisure and Travel Services	6211	Sports and leisure assistants
		6212	Travel agents
		6214	Air travel assistants
		6215	Rail travel assistants
		6219	Other leisure and travel service occupations not elsewhere classified (with the exception of tourist guides fluent in the official language of a State which is not a member of the EEA and is not an official language of an EEA state)
622	Hairdressers and Related Services	6221	Hairdressers, barbers, and related occupations
		6222	Beauticians and related occupations
623	Housekeeping and Related Services	6231	Housekeepers and related occupations
		6232	Caretakers

SOC-3	Categories of employment	SOC-4	Employment
624	Cleaning and Housekeeping Managers and Supervisors	6240	Cleaning and housekeeping managers and supervisors
711	Sales Assistants and Retail Cashiers	7111	Sales and retail assistants
		7112	Retail cashiers and check-out operators
		7113	Telephone salespersons
		7114	Pharmacy and other dispensing assistants
		7115	Vehicle and parts salespersons and advisers
712	Sales Related Occupations	7121	Collector salespersons and credit agents
		7122	Debt, rent and other cash collectors
		7123	Roundspersons and van salespersons
		7124	Market and street traders and assistants
		7125	Merchandisers and window dressers
		7129	Other sales related occupations not elsewhere classified
713	Sales Supervisors	7130	Sales supervisors
721	Customer Service Occupations	7211	Call and contact centre occupations (with the exception of employment of a person fluent in the official language of a State which is not a member of the EEA and is not an official language of an EEA state, where the employment is supported by an enterprise development agency and is in— <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ a customer service and sales role with relevant product knowledge, ○ a specialist online digital marketing and sales role, or ○ a specialist language support and technical sales support role)
		7213	Telephonists
		7214	Communication operators
		7215	Market research interviewers

SOC-3	Categories of employment	SOC-4	Employment
		7219	Other customer service occupations not elsewhere classified
722	Customer Service Managers and Supervisors	7220	Customer service managers and supervisors
811	Process Operatives	8111	Food, drink and tobacco process operatives (with the exception of Computer Numerical Control Operative and Meat processor operative)
		8112	Glass and ceramics process operatives (with the exception of Computer Numerical Control Operative)
		8114	Chemical and related process operatives (with the exception of Computer Numerical Control Operative)
		8115	Rubber process operatives (with the exception of Computer Numerical Control Operative)
		8116	Plastics process operatives (with the exception of Computer Numerical Control Operative)
		8117	Metal making and treating process operatives (with the exception of Computer Numerical Control Operative)
		8118	Electroplaters (with the exception of Computer Numerical Control Operative)
		8119	Other process operatives not elsewhere classified (with the exception of Computer Numerical Control Operative)
812		8121	Paper machine operatives

SOC-3	Categories of employment	SOC-4	Employment
	Plant and Machine Operatives		(with the exception of Computer Numerical Control Operative)
8122		Coal mine operatives (with the exception of Computer Numerical Control Operative)	
8123		Quarry workers and related operatives (with the exception of Computer Numerical Control Operative)	
8124		Energy plant operatives (with the exception of Computer Numerical Control Operative)	
8125		Metal working machine operatives (with the exception of Computer Numerical Control Operative)	
8126		Water and sewerage plant operatives (with the exception of Computer Numerical Control Operative)	
8127		Printing machine assistants (with the exception of Computer Numerical Control Operative)	
8129		Other plant and machine operatives not elsewhere classified (with the exception of Computer Numerical Control Operative) (with the exception of Saw Doctor)	
813	Assemblers and Routine Operatives	8131	Assemblers (electrical and electronic products) (with the exception of Armature Rewinder)
		8132	Assemblers (vehicles and metal goods)
		8133	Routine inspectors and testers
		8134	Weighers, graders and sorters

SOC-3	Categories of employment	SOC-4	Employment
		8135	Tyre, exhaust and windscreen fitters
		8137	Sewing machinists
		8139	Other assemblers and routine operatives not elsewhere classified
814	Construction Operatives	8142	Road construction operatives
		8143	Rail construction and maintenance operatives
		8149	Other construction operatives not elsewhere classified
821	Road Transport Drivers	8211	Large goods vehicle drivers (with the exception of heavy goods vehicle drivers who have- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ a category CE or C1E driving licence, or ○ an equivalent category to a category CE or C1E driving licence identified through a mutual recognition agreement between the Road Safety Authority and the appropriate regulatory authority in another jurisdiction).
		8212	Van drivers
		8213	Bus and coach drivers (with the exception of bus and coach drivers who have- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A category D, DE, D1 or D1E driving licence, or ○ an equivalent category to a category D, DE, D1 or D1E driving licence identified through a mutual recognition agreement between the Road Safety Authority and the appropriate regulatory authority in another jurisdiction)
		8214	Taxi and cab drivers and chauffeurs

SOC-3	Categories of employment	SOC-4	Employment
		8215	Driving instructors
822	Mobile Machine Drivers and Operatives	8222	Fork-lift truck drivers
		8223	Agricultural machinery drivers
		8229	Other mobile machine drivers and operatives not elsewhere classified
823	Other Drivers and Transport Operatives	8231	Train and tram drivers
		8232	Marine and waterways transport operatives
		8233	Air transport operatives
		8234	Rail transport operatives
		8239	Other drivers and transport operatives not elsewhere classified
911	Elementary Agricultural Occupations	9111	Farm workers (with the exception of dairy farm assistants) (with the exception of pig farm assistants)
			9112
		9119	Other fishing and other general agriculture occupations not elsewhere classified (with the exception of horticulture worker)
912	Elementary Construction Occupations	9120	Elementary construction occupations
913	Elementary Process Plant Occupations	9132	Industrial cleaning process occupations
		9134	Packers, bottlers, canners and fillers
		9139	Other elementary process plant occupations not elsewhere classified

SOC-3	Categories of employment	SOC-4	Employment
921	Elementary Administration Occupations	9211	Postal workers, mail sorters, messengers and couriers
		9219	Other elementary administration occupations not elsewhere classified
923	Elementary Cleaning Occupations	9231	Window cleaners
		9232	Street cleaners
		9233	Cleaners and domestics
		9234	Launderers, dry cleaners and pressers
		9235	Refuse and salvage occupations
		9236	Vehicle valeters and cleaners
		9239	Other elementary cleaning occupations not elsewhere classified
924	Elementary Security Occupations	9241	Security guards and related occupations
		9242	Parking and civil enforcement occupations
		9244	School midday and crossing patrol occupations
		9249	Other elementary security occupations not elsewhere classified
925	Elementary Sales Occupations	9251	Shelf fillers
		9259	Other elementary sales occupations not elsewhere classified
926	Elementary Storage Occupations	9260	Elementary storage occupations
927	Other Elementary Services Occupations	9271	Hospital porters
		9272	Kitchen and catering assistants
		9273	Waiters and waitresses
		9274	Bar staff
		9275	Leisure and theme park attendants
		9279	Other elementary services occupations not elsewhere classified

SOC-3	Categories of employment	SOC-4	Employment
All	Work in the private home	All	Domestic operatives

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GIVEN under my hand,
2 July 2024

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Instrument and does not purport to be a legal interpretation.)

These Regulations amend the Employment Permits Regulations 2017 to provide for employment permits for sea fishers in the Irish fishing fleet and make other minor amendments to the schedules thereto.

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