

(4) The application regulations may provide for such procedural matters in relation to the revocation or amendment of licences as the Minister considers necessary or expedient.

(5) Where under *subsection (1)(c)* or (2) the Minister revokes or amends an aquaculture licence, the licensee shall be entitled to be paid by the Minister compensation for any loss suffered by him or her by reason of the revocation or amendment and, in default of agreement, the amount of compensation shall be determined under and in accordance with the Acquisition of Land (Assessment of Compensation) Act, 1919.

(6) Any expenses incurred by the Minister under this section shall, to such extent as may be sanctioned by the Minister for Finance, be paid out of moneys provided by the Oireachtas.

[Cesser of aquaculture licences in certain circumstances.

**69.—** (1) (a) Subject to paragraph (b), where aquaculture in respect of which a licence has been granted has not commenced within 2 years after the date on which the licence was granted, the licence ceases to have effect.

(b) A licensee, who considers that there are exceptional reasons why aquaculture, in respect of which a licence has been granted to the licensee, has not been commenced or cannot commence within the period specified in paragraph (a), may apply to the Minister, giving those reasons, for a determination that the licence concerned shall not cease to have effect.

(c) The Minister may, at his or her discretion, having considered the reasons given by the licensee under paragraph (b), determine whether or not the licence shall cease to have effect. The determination of the Minister is final.

(2) (a) Subject to paragraph (b), where aquaculture in respect of which a licence has been granted has ceased for a continuous period of 2 years, the Minister shall, without compensation to the licensee, revoke the licence.

(b) A licensee, who considers that there are exceptional reasons why aquaculture, in respect of which a licence has been granted to the licensee, has ceased or is likely to cease for the period referred to in paragraph (a), may apply to the Minister, giving those reasons, for a determination not to revoke the licence.

(c) The Minister may, in his or her discretion, having considered the reasons given by the licensee under paragraph (b), determine whether or not to revoke the licence. The determination of the Minister is final.

(d) This subsection is deemed to have come into operation on 30 June 1998.]

Review of aquaculture licences.

**70.—**(1) The Minister may, on the application of the licensee made at any time after the expiration of a period of three years commencing on the granting of the licence or its last renewal under *section 19*, review an aquaculture licence.

(2) On completion of a review under *subsection (1)*, the Minister may decide to—

- (a) alter any or all of the terms of the licence,
- (b) amend or delete any condition to which the licence is subject,
- (c) attach conditions or additional conditions to the licence, or
- (d) do none or all or any of those things.

(3) *Part III* shall apply to the decision of the Minister on an application for a review of an aquaculture licence in the same manner as it applies to a decision of the Minister on an application for an aquaculture licence.