**Main roles of organisations listed under the national POPs regulations**

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| Organisation | Main responsibilities related to POPs |
| Department of Communication, Climate Action and Environment (DCCAE) | * Responsible for national policy and regulations concerning POPs
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| Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) | * Competent Authority for the purposes of the EU POPs Regulation.
* Monitoring, permitting, licensing or enforcement systems concerning licensable activities under the EPA Acts and activities under the Dumping at Sea Acts.
* Responsible for surveillance of products regarding content of POPs.
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| Health and Safety Authority (HSA) | * Carry out the administrative functions required under the EU Prior Informed Consent Regulation for POPs that are listed within this Regulation
* Provision of relevant information to the EPA, as appropriate.
* Lead competent authority for the REACh Regulation in Ireland.
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| Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM) | * Ensure that POPs intended for use as pesticides are not marketed or used.
* Monitoring of primary food and feed for the presence of POP pesticides.
* Cooperate with the EPA in the identification of any person who produces, places on the market or uses relevant substances containing POPs.
* The provision of data to the EPA resulting from monitoring, inspections, checks, examinations and investigations concerning POPs.
* Carry out the administrative functions required under the EU Prior Informed Consent Regulation for POPs that are listed within that Regulation and the provision of relevant information to the EPA, as appropriate.
* Participate in the ECHA PBT (Persistent, Bioaccumulative and Toxic) Expert Group.
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| Health Products Regulatory Authority (HPRA)Formerly Irish Medicines Board | * Ensure that medicinal products for human or veterinary use that are authorised for the Irish market do not contain POPs.
* Cooperate in the identification of any person who produces, places on the market or uses relevant substances containing POPs. The provision of data to the EPA resulting from monitoring, inspections, checks, examinations and investigations concerning POPs.
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| Food Safety Authority of Ireland(FSAI) | * Monitoring and investigations relating to food and foodstuff containing POPs.
* Provision of data to the EPA resulting from monitoring, inspections, checks, examinations and investigations concerning POPs.
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| Marine Institute (MI) | * The Marine Institute, in conjunction with the Sea Fisheries Protection Authority (SFPA) and the FSAI, monitor levels of chemical substances in finfish and shellfish to underpin the quality and safety of seafood produced and landed in Ireland.
* Information from the monitoring programmes is supplemented by one-off surveys and research projects (where relevant with other national and international agencies), for instance investigations into occurrence of contaminants not included in regular monitoring.
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| Health Service Executive (HSE) | * Food sampling, analysis and investigation of POPs in foodstuffs and public awareness of public health issues in consultation with the EPA.
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| Revenue’s Customs Service | * The control at point of importation of specified POPs to be based on criteria agreed with the EPA regarding the identification of consignments of interest to the EPA.
* Cooperate, by means of post clearance data exchange in the identification of relevant importations.
* Assigned specific responsibilities for the purposes of the EU Prior Informed Consent Regulation in respect of certain hazardous chemicals.
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| Local Authorities | * Monitoring, permitting or enforcement systems within their functional areas regarding POPs and relevant requirements under the Waste Management, Water Pollution and Air Pollution Acts.
* Cooperate in the identification of any person who holds a stockpile or waste containing POPs or who produces, disposes or recovers POPs containing wastes.
* The provision of data to the EPA resulting from monitoring, inspections, checks, examinations and investigations concerning POPs.
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