

## Regulation relevant to alien species - Ireland (IE)

The Republic of Ireland does not currently have a single guiding policy for IAS and does not have any pieces of legislation dedicated to invasive species. The provisions for management of invasive species are divided between several different Acts that are focused on different policy areas with relevance to the problem. For example, the Irish Fisheries (Consolidation) Acts 1959 regulate fisheries and the import and sale of fish species, and the Noxious Weeds Act 1936 applies to the removal of such weeds only. The Irish National Biodiversity Plan is at present the only policy that includes actions specifically focused on the control of invasive species.

Strong cooperation is in place regarding the issue of IAS with Northern Ireland and for instance the website [www.invasivespeciesireland.com](http://www.invasivespeciesireland.com) is a cooperation between Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland.

Name of Act (area)	<b>Wildlife (Amendment) Act</b>
Number of act	From 2000
Special section(s) relevant to IAS	Chapters 52, 53, 68 and 74
Content of regulations - mode of operation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Ministers may prohibit the import or export of specified wild animals, birds or plants, dead animals, parts of animals or plants, eggs or spawn of animals, or flowers or roots of plants.</li><li>- It is prohibited to transfer any species of wild animal or its spawn or any species of wild bird or eggs from one place in the State to another with the purpose of establishing it in the wild in the other place, unless under licence.</li><li>- It is prohibited to turn loose, wilfully allow or cause to escape any species of wild animal or its spawn or any species of wild birds or its eggs unless under licence. It is also prohibited to plant or otherwise cause to grow in the wild any species of flora, or its flowers, roots, seeds or spores unless under licence.</li><li>- Authorised officers can enter or inspect any land.</li><li>- Offences committed under the Act may result in a fine.</li></ul>
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If available in English – link to UK version:	<a href="http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/2012/en/act/pub/0029/index.html">http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/2012/en/act/pub/0029/index.html</a>

Name of Act (area)	<b>Irish Waste Management Acts</b>
Number of act	From 1996
Special section(s) relevant to IAS	Chapters 26, 32 and 39
Content of regulations - mode of operation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The regulations control waste. Waste may be classified as hazardous if it is 'ecotoxic', i.e. present immediate or delayed risks for one or more sectors of the environment.</li> <li>- Waste cannot be held, transported, recovered or disposed of in a manner that may cause environmental pollution. Losses or spillages of waste must be notified and waste disposal and recovery facilities must be licenced.</li> <li>- Fees can be charged for applications for waste licences.</li> <li>- Offences committed under the Regulations may result in a fine.</li> </ul>
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Name of Act (area)	<b>Irish Fisheries (Consolidation) Acts</b>
Number of act	From 1959
Special section(s) relevant to IAS	Chapters 9, 14 and 17
Content of regulations - mode of operation.	<p>The Minister can prohibit by order the import of live fish or other aquatic animals, and eggs or young of fish or other aquatic animals. Licences may be issued to import a specified number of animals or eggs. The Minister can also make any byelaws necessary to regulate fisheries.</p> <p>The Minister can authorise persons by permit to buy or sell ova or fry for the purpose of stocking or restocking or any scientific purpose.</p> <p>Offences committed under the Regulations may result in a fine.</p>

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Name of Act (area)	<b>Foyle Fisheries Act</b>
Number of act	From 1952
Special section(s) relevant to IAS	Chapter 13
Content of regulations - mode of operation.	The Commission may make regulations to protect the fisheries of the Foyle Area for example by protecting the waters from predatory fish or animals or to prohibit any practice detrimental to fisheries.
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If available in English – link to UK version:	<a href="http://acts.oireachtas.ie/en.act.1952.0005.1.html">http://acts.oireachtas.ie/en.act.1952.0005.1.html</a>

Name of Act (area)	<b>Destructive Insects and Pests (Consolidation) Act</b>
Number of act	From 1958
Special section(s) relevant to IAS	Chapters 2 and 3
Content of regulations - mode of operation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Minister can make orders to prevent destructive insects, pests or any agent for the biological control of plants from being introduced.</li> <li>- The Minister may make orders to prevent or prohibit the keeping, selling, exposing or offering for sale of destructive insects or pests or any agents for the biological control of pests.</li> <li>- Orders may authorise inspectors to remove or destroy crops infected with a destructive insect or pest or biological control agent that have been introduced into the country or when the crop may cause them to spread. Other steps can be taken as necessary.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Fees can be charged in pursuance of an order created by the Minister after an inspection.</li> <li>- Offences committed under Orders created under the Regulations may result in a fine.</li> </ul>
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If available in English – link to UK version:	<a href="http://acts.oireachtas.ie/en.act.1958.0011.1.html">http://acts.oireachtas.ie/en.act.1958.0011.1.html</a>
Name of Act (area)	<b>Irish Noxious Weeds Act</b>
Number of act	From 1936
Special section(s) relevant to IAS	Chapters 2, 3 and 5
Content of regulations - mode of operation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- This Act refers to noxious weeds. The Minister can make an order to define particular species in a particular area as being noxious weeds in that area.</li> <li>- Inspectors may enter land to ascertain if noxious weeds are growing there.</li> <li>- Costs and expenses incurred in the destruction of noxious weeds can be recovered from the landowner.</li> <li>- Any person on whose land noxious weeds are growing may be liable to a fine.</li> </ul>
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If available in English – link to UK version:	<a href="http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/1936/en/act/pub/0038/print.html">http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/1936/en/act/pub/0038/print.html</a>
Name of Act (area)	<b>Local Government Act</b>
Number of act	From 2001
Special section(s) relevant to IAS	Chapter 66

Content of regulations - mode of operation.	<p>- Local authorities can take any measures or activities to promote the environmental development of an area.</p> <p>- Local authorities can take measures to maintain, manage, preserve or restore land in order to promote environmental development.</p>
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Name of Act (area)	<b>Waste Management (Licensing) Regulations</b>
Number of act	Statutory Instrument (SI) 395/2004
Special section(s) relevant to IAS	Chapters 12, 40 and 41
Content of regulations - mode of operation.	- Waste licences are required and fees can be charged for applications, review or surrender of waste licences.
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Name of Act (area)	<b>Waste Management (Facility Permit and Registration) Regulations</b>
Number of act	SI 821/2007
Special section(s) relevant to IAS	Chapter 3
Content of regulations - mode of operation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Waste facilities must be registered and have a permit.</li> <li>- Applicants for waste facility licenses may be asked to cover some of the local authority's costs in verifying information or carrying out investigations.</li> </ul>
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Name of Act (area)	<b>Bees (Regulation of Import) Order</b>
Number of act	SI 161/1980
Special section(s) relevant to IAS	Chapter 2, 4 and 5
Content of regulations - mode of operation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- It is not permitted to import bees unless under licence. If licences are granted they require that a certificate stating the health and the species, sub-species or strain of the bees is stated. Conditions related to the origin of the bees, timing of import, disposal of bees, etc. may be attached.</li> <li>- Persons who import or attempt to import bees in contravention of the Order may be liable to a fine.</li> </ul>
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### Non-legally binding texts

Name of Act (area)	<b>National Biodiversity Plan 2010-2015</b>
Number of act	
Special section(s) relevant to IAS	
Content of regulations - mode of operation.	<p>The Action Plan includes an objective to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-prepare detailed species risk assessments and develop exclusion and contingency plans for high impact species that are likely to invade Ireland.</li> <li>-prepare detailed pathway risk assessments.</li> <li>-include in Birds and Habitats Regulations measures to prevent the import, movement, sale, distribution or release of invasive alien species, while advising on species considered safe alternatives.</li> <li>-continue and enhance measures for eradication, control and containment of invasive species.</li> <li>-work with neighbouring countries to improve the regulatory and policy framework on preventing and responding to the arrival of alien invasive species. It also aims to produce an all-Ireland strategy on invasive species.</li> </ul>
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If available in English – link to UK version:	
Name of Act (area)	<b>North South Ministerial Council Proposal for an All-Island Animal Health and Welfare Strategy</b>
Number of act	
Special section(s) relevant to IAS	
Content of regulations - mode of operation.	<p>The Strategy provides the framework for cooperation between Ireland and Northern Ireland on trade, animal identification and animal movement policies and legislation.</p>

	<p>The Strategy aims to enhance coordination between Ireland and Northern Ireland on animal health and welfare. Invasive Species Ireland is an all-Ireland body set up as a collaboration between the Northern Ireland Environment Agency and the National Parks and Wildlife Service of Ireland. The website provides a management toolkit and codes of practice.</p> <p>The Strategy aims to set up equivalent information systems on trade, animal identification and animal movement in Ireland and Northern Ireland to allow electronic exchange of movement information.</p>
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