# LOBBYING RETURN REGISTER REGULATION OF LOBBYING ACT 2015 IRELAND

# Lobbying regulation: The Irish Model

- Web-based public registry
- Independent lobbying registrar
- Requires registration of lobbyists and regular submission of returns (3 times/year)
- Broad scope of registerable matters
- Post-employment restrictions for some public officials
- Investigation and enforcement provisions
- Approach based on promoting compliance
- Regular reports to parliament
- Legislative review

# What is lobbying? The Three-Step Test

- Communication must meet the "three step test" to be considered lobbying - communication by:
  - 1. Persons within the scope of the Act
  - 2. With Designated Public Officials
  - 3. On relevant matters
- Act makes no distinction regarding method, venue or formality of communication
  - Mail, telephone, in-person, electronic, social media
  - Office, social setting, casual encounter, other

# Exemptions (s.5(5))

Several types of communications are exempt from requirement to register:

- Private affairs
- Principal private residence
- Diplomatic context
- Between public officials
- Strictly factual information
- Trade union negotiations
- Threat to life or safety
- Security of the State

- Shareholder of State body
- Within proceedings of Oireachtas Committee
- Information requested and published by public body
- Groups established by Public Body where Transparency Code applies

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Enter organisation, DPO or subject



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# Declan O'Toole & Co., Solicitors

lobbying.ie/return/56400/declan-otoole--co-solicitors

Published 12 Feb, 2020 O Nil Return

# Sisters of Mercy

lobbying.ie/return/56398/sisters-of-mercy

Published 12 Feb, 2020

SPECIFIC DETAILS

Re introducing lead contaminated products in the European Union - the EU Commission propose to allow lead contaminated PVC to be sold / distributed in the ... PUBLIC POLICY AREA RELEVANT MATTER

Health Public policy or programme

# The Soar Foundation

lobbying.ie/return/56397/the-soar-foundation

Published 11 Feb, 2020 O Nil Return

# Irish Equine Centre

lobbying.ie/return/56396/irish-equine-centre

Published 10 Feb, 2020

SPECIFIC DETAILS Submission from the Irish Equine Centre in relation to Agriculture

the redevelopment of the existing facility in Johnstotwn, Co. Kildare which are no longer fit for ...

PUBLIC POLICY AREA

Matters involving public

funds

RELEVANT MATTER

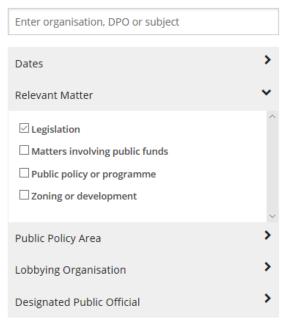
# Pro Life Campaign

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# 6018 Returns

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Relevant Matter: Legislation

#### The Irish Farmers' Association - IFA

lobbying.ie/return/357/the-irish-farmers-association---ifa

Published 21 Jan, 2016

PUBLIC POLICY AREA RELEVANT MATTER

Penalties on Single Farm Payments in relation to noncutting of hedgerows along public roads.

PUBLIC POLICY AREA RELEVANT MATTER

Local Government Legislation

#### Screen Producers Ireland

lobbying.ie/return/362/screen-producers-ireland

Published 20 Jan, 2016

SPECIFIC DETAILS PUBLIC POLICY AREA RELEVANT MATTER

Broadcasting policy. Communications Legislation

#### IMPACT trade union

lobbying.ie/return/378/impact-trade-union

🖰 Published 19 Jan, 2016

SPECIFIC DETAILS PUBLIC POLICY AREA RELEVANT MATTER

European Citizens Initiative (ECI) on recognising access
to water and sanitation as a human right

PUBLIC POLICY AREA RELEVANT MATTER

EU Affairs Legislation

# Royal College of Physicians of Ireland

lobbying.ie/return/379/royal-college-of-physicians-of-ireland

(Right2Water.eu) which aims to exclude water and ...

Published 18 Jan, 2016

SPECIFIC DETAILS

PUBLIC POLICY AREA

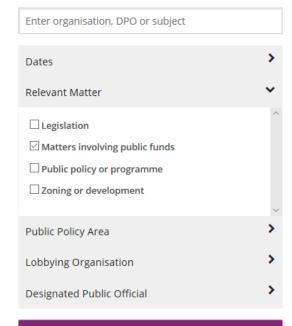
RELEVANT MATTER

Meeting with the Sein it we call of ficer to discuss the Public Health (Alcohol) Bill 2015

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Relevant Matter: Matters involving public funds

#### IMPACT trade union

lobbying.ie/return/359/impact-trade-union

Published 19 Jan, 2016

SPECIFIC DETAILS

PUBLIC POLICY AREA

RELEVANT MATTER

Trade union participation and co-operation in events

Commemorating the centenary of the 1916 Rising

PUBLIC POLICY AREA

Heritage

Matters involving public

funds

#### The Irish Farmers' Association - IFA

lobbying.ie/return/371/the-irish-farmers-association---ifa

Published 21 Jan, 2016

SPECIFIC DETAILS

Remedial works on the Shannon Estuary and West Clare areas following 2014 flood damage, Lough Rynn flood relief programme, South Galway (Dunkellen and ... PUBLIC POLICY AREA RELEVANT MATTER

Matters involving public funds

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# Royal College of Physicians of Ireland

lobbying.ie/return/384/royal-college-of-physicians-of-ireland

Published 18 Jan, 2016

SPECIFIC DETAILS

PUBLIC POLICY AREA

RELEVANT MATTER

The Royal College of Physicians of Ireland pre-Budget
submission sent to all Oireachtas members

PUBLIC POLICY AREA

RELEVANT MATTER

Matters involving public
funds

Finance

#### The Irish Farmers' Association - IFA

lobbying.ie/return/389/the-irish-farmers-association---ifa

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SPECIFIC DETAILS **Sensitive**Basic Payment and Rural Development Schemes

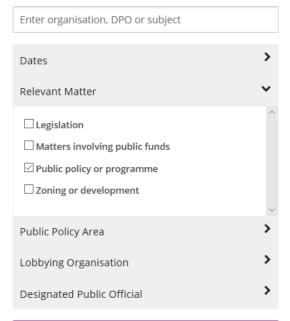
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Agriculture

RELEVANT MATTER

Matters involving public funds

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#### The Irish Farmers' Association - IFA

lobbying.ie/return/358/the-irish-farmers-association---ifa

Published 21 Jan, 2016

SPECIFIC DETAILS

PUBLIC POLICY AREA

RELEVANT MATTER

Opposition to proposal by members of Cork County

Council that road repair work be associated with

Dairy/Milk Production Expansion.

# The Irish Co-operative Organisation Society Ltd

lobbying.ie/return/374/the-irish-co-operative-organisation-society-ltd

Published 19 Jan, 2016

SPECIFIC DETAILS

PUBLIC POLICY AREA

RELEVANT MATTER

ICOS Pre-Budget Submission 2016

Finance

Public policy or programme

### The Irish Co-operative Organisation Society Ltd

lobbying.ie/return/382/the-irish-co-operative-organisation-society-ltd

Published 19 Jan, 2016

SPECIFIC DETAILS

PUBLIC POLICY AREA

RELEVANT MATTER

The downturn in global dairy markets

Agriculture

Public policy or programme

#### Dogs Trust

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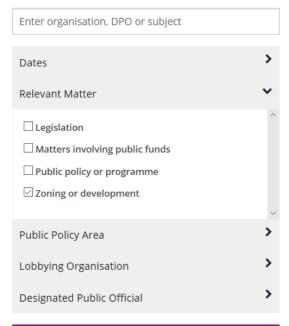
Published 07 Jan, 2016

SPECIFIC DETAILS **Sensitive**Animal welfare matters within the EU.

PUBLIC POLICY AREA EU Affairs Public policy or

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Published 16 Jan, 2016	

SPECIFIC DETAILS

PUBLIC POLICY AREA

RELEVANT MATTER

Upgrading of the Abbey Meadow into a Town Park for

Community

Zoning or development

# **David Mc Nally**

Callan

lobbying.ie/return/520/david-mc-nally

Published 19 Dec, 2015

SPECIFIC DETAILS

Local Authority Bylaws

# Temple Media Ltd

lobbying.ie/return/540/temple-media-ltd

Published 18 Oct, 2015

SPECIFIC DETAILS

I have lobbied and am lobbying local authorities to encourage them to adopt higher building standards in their development plans. This is unpaid lobbying work. PUBLIC POLICY AREA

Development and Zoning

PUBLIC POLICY AREA

Development and Zoning

RELEVANT MATTER

RELEVANT MATTER

Zoning or development

Zoning or development

# Brian Halligan

lobbying.ie/return/585/brian-halligan

Published 28 Oct, 2015

SPECIFIC DETAILS
Fingal Developr**SenSitive**17-2023

PUBLIC POLICY AREA

RELEVANT MATTER

Local Government Zoning or development

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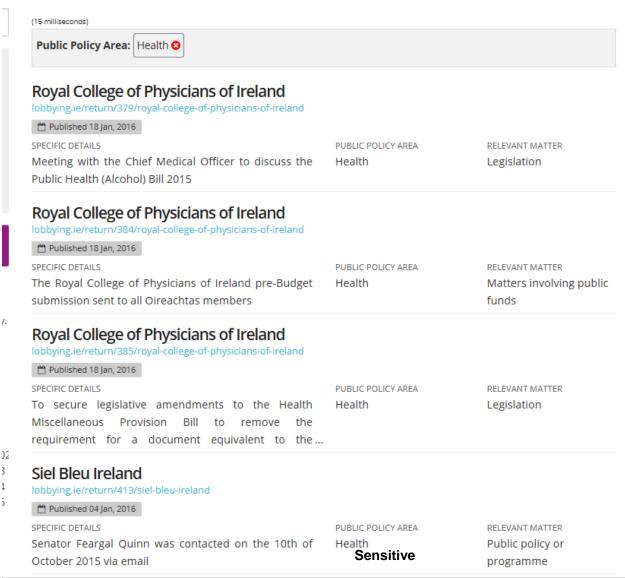
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## By Lobbying Organisation

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Lobbying Organisation: Ibec

Ibec

lobbying.ie/return/416/ibec

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SPECIFIC DETAILS

PUBLIC POLICY AREA

RELEVANT MATTER

Budgetary measures to increase the supply of housing

Housing

Public policy or programme

Ibec

lobbying.ie/return/605/ibec

Published 20 Jan, 2016

SPECIFIC DETAILS

PUBLIC POLICY AREA

RELEVANT MATTER

Telecommunications network rates payable by Public Expenditure and Legislation 
telecoms companies

Reform

Ibec

lobbying.ie/return/606/ibec

Published 20 Jan, 2016

SPECIFIC DETAILS

PUBLIC POLICY AREA

RELEVANT MATTER

Budget 2016 Campaign; Taxation, Capital Budgetary matters

Public policy or

Expenditure, Government Reform

programme

Ibec

lobbying.ie/return/607/ibec

Published 20 Jan, 2016

SPECIFIC DETAILS

Provision of information on challenges facing the Communications

Public Policy AREA

Public Policy AREA

Public policy or telecommunications industry in rolling out

programme

infrastructure investment requirements

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# **Ibec**

Registration information

Date of registration Date last updated 7 July, 2015 3 November, 2015

**Contact information** 

Principal Address

84-86 Lower Baggott Street, Dublin, Dublin, 2, Dublin

Country

Contact phone number

01 605 1651

Organisation Website

Ireland % www.ibec.ie

Main activities of the organisation

Industry body

Responsible person

Name Phone Number

♣ Danny McCoy ♣ 01 605 1514

Email

**CRO Information** 

CRO Company Registration Name 8706 IBEC LIMITED

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# The Irish Farmers' Association - IFA

**Lobbying Organisation** 

The Irish Farmers' Association - IFA

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Relevant Matter

Legislation EU Affairs

Period

Date published

19 Jan, 2020

1 Sep, 2019 to 31 Dec, 2019

**Specific Details** 

Brexit - Withdrawal of the UK from the EU - Implications of Brexit for Agriculture & the Food Sector Intended results

**Public Policy Area** 

Support required for the Agricultural sector and specifical vulnerable sectors such as the beef sector and the mushroom sector in the event of a hard deal

brexit

Name of person primarily responsible for lobbying on this activity

Joe Healy IFA President.

Is or was there any Designated Public Officials or former Designated Public Officials who carried out lobbying activities related to this return on your behalf? (What is a Designated Public Official?)

No

Did you manage or direct a grassroots campaign?

Νo

Was this lobbying done on behalf of a client?

No

# **Lobbying activity**

**1** The following activities occurred for this specific Subject Matter Area.

Meeting (2-5)

Event / Reception (1)

Meeting (1)

# Designated public officials lobbied

**1** The following DPOs were lobbied during this return period on this specific Subject Matter Area. These DPOs were involved in at least one of the Lobbying Activities listed above, but not necessarily all of them. As returns are specific to a Subject Matter Area the above Lobbying Activities may be associated with multiple returns.

Simon Coveney	Frances Black
Tánaiste and Minister (Department of Foreign Affairs and	Senator (Seanad)
Trade)	Gerard Craughwell Senator (Seanad)
Paul Daly	Ian Marshall
Senator (Seanad)	Senator (Seanad)
Michelle Mulherin Senator (Seanad)	<b>Gerald Nash</b> Senator (Seanad)
Joe O'Reilly	Ned O'Sullivan
Senator (Seanad)	Senator (Seanad)

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