

Cables and pipelines removal obligation checklist*

Criterion	Checklist
Space	Requisite space including operational and safety zones Fragmentation of free space Barrier effect Impediments caused to other existing and future designated uses
Environmental consequences	Disturbance caused to seabed ecosystem Consequences in terms of water quality Release of substances not naturally occurring in the area Disturbance to fish fauna Disturbance to birds and marine mammals Net energy consumption Recycling options
Safety	If removing: - risks to workers and material during removal. If leaving in place: - risks in terms of becoming exposed, rupture, etc.; - risks to fishing; - risks to shipping.
Costs	If removing: - Balance of removal and processing costs and any revenue. If leaving in place: - cleaning costs; - inspection costs; - liability costs; - extra costs for other existing or future designated uses as a result of hindrance caused.

* This checklist does not apply to cables for wind farms.