



22 July 2022

Ein cyf/Our ref: ATISN 16426

Dear ,

Request for Information – ATISN 16426

I wrote to you on 12 July regarding your request for information.

Information requested

You have asked for the following information regarding the fishing vessel “The Nicola Faith”:

1. Over a 3 year period how many times was the fishing vessel met by a fishery officer upon return to port
2. How often was the boat overloaded with catch (more than compliant with the vessel)
3. Were any paperwork audits undertaken to ensure appropriate risk assessments and contracts of employment in place
4. Was a VMS system in place, and had any contact been made with the skipper in relation to this

Our Response

I can confirm the Welsh Government holds some of the information captured by your request.

The Welsh Government Marine and Fisheries Division are only responsible for the enforcement of fishery legislation with regard to your request for information.



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Rydym yn croesawu derbyn gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg. Byddwn yn ateb gohebiaeth a dderbynnir yn Gymraeg yn Gymraeg ac ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn arwain at oedi.

We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding .

1. Between 2018 and 2020, the Nicola Faith was met by a Marine Enforcement Officer once on its arrival into port.
2. Stability issues are a matter for the Maritime & Coastguard Agency.
3. Risk assessments and contracts of employment are the responsibility of the vessel owner.
4. Although not legally required to have VMS fitted at the time of the incident, the vessel was one of the first in Wales to be fitted with an iVMS device provide through the Welsh Government Scheme

Next steps

If you are dissatisfied with the Welsh Government's handling of your request, you can ask for an internal review within 40 working days of the date of this response. Requests for an internal review should be addressed to the Welsh Government's Freedom of Information Officer at: Information Rights Unit, Welsh Government, Cathays Park, Cardiff, CF10 3NQ or Email: Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales. Please remember to quote the ATISN reference number above.

You also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely