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**Subject:** RE: COMMERCIAL IN CONFIDENCE - Draft iVMS briefing for review

Thanks REDACTED. Some comments on the ishare doc. Appreciate we need to get to translation today, and / tomorrow, but we will just need a final check against the MMO comms as and when that goes out, I think?

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Morning All,

Further to my email last night with the draft briefing for the Minister, please find attached draft comms for fishers for your review. Please could you comment/track changes on the document with any suggestions. I need to get the lines translated so again, I would appreciate it if you could provide your feedback asap (ideally by the end of the day today (sorry!)).

Once the wording is agreed, I will use these lines as the basis for other comms (website, email to UKFA's etc).

Again, the information contained within the document is currently confidential so please do not share.

Thanks

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Hi All,

You may be aware that on 21 April 2023, MMO took action to suspend the Type Approval status of Maritime System's MS44 device – see notice on [MMO website](#). This suspension is because MMO type approved iVMS suppliers were instructed not to sell any iVMS devices while testing of all of the devices against their Type Approval specification was undertaken. Maritime Systems have been found to have disregarded this instruction.

MMO's device testing process is yet to be concluded but we have been verbally told in confidence that they intend to revoke Maritime System type approval as the device failed several tests.

I have drafted the attached briefing for the Minister which explains the situation and the action I propose we take when MMO make their announcement. I have not seen the report of the MMO device testing but I spoke with one of their staff yesterday who talked me through the issues. Based on this conversation it is my interpretation that the Maritime Systems device does not meet the requirements of the [Welsh iVMS Order](#) and once the MMO publish the results of their device testing the Maritime Systems device will no longer be considered suitable for use by Welsh fishing vessels or any vessel fishing in the Welsh Zone – see draft briefing for further details.

This briefing is shared with you for awareness and for comment. I'd really welcome your feedback. Please add comments onto the briefing or amend using track changes. I'd be grateful if you could provide any comments by COB tomorrow (Wednesday 26 April) so that it can be sent to our Minister asap.

Please note we cannot issue any comms to fishers until after MMO has announced the results of the device testing but I am trying to get everything set up so that we are ready to go. I will draft comms lines (to send to fishers, to go on the website, and to send to UK & CD FA's) shortly which I will circulate for comment.

I, and the rest of my team, will be out of the office for the rest of the week but I will be keeping an eye on Teams/emails. Please reach out if you have any questions.

Thanks

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