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Sent: Friday, April 21, 2023 11:28 AM

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Subject: RE: Official Sensitive- I-VMS

Thanks for the update REDACTED and for including me in your meeting this morning, much appreciated.

The Welsh position is that anyone fishing in the Welsh zone (whether a Welsh registered fisher or not) must have a functions IVMS on board that meets the requirements set out in our legislation. Please note that there are some English registered fishers that fish in Welsh waters. I'm not sure which iVMS devices they have on board - REDACTED should be able to comment on this and potential impacts on them of Maritime Systems losing type approval.

In the [FAQ's](#) on our website we state:

AST is Welsh Government's sole contractor for the provision of free iVMS devices. Should you chose not to have the free device from Welsh Government, or if you are not eligible, a device can be purchased from AST or another supplier at your own cost.

iVMS devices must provide the following information to Welsh Government at least once in every 10 minutes:

- The most recent geographical position of that boat using coordinates of latitude and longitude on the World Geodetic System 1984, with a position error of less than 10 metres.*
- The date and time expressed in Co-ordinated Universal Time of any geographical position of that boat.*
- The speed and course of that boat at that time.*

The device must also meet the required technical specification. To obtain a copy of the specification please contact us using the details below.

You may wish to view the [Marine Management Organisation approved devices list](#) to identify additional potential device suppliers.

If you fish in England information is available at GOV.UK

If you chose a device that isn't approved by Welsh Government or another UK Fisheries Authority you will need to contact us to discuss whether the device is suitable. Integrating the device with the UK VMS hub could incur additional fees.

The technical specification is broadly what we used to procure the AST contract. What is set out in legislation is much more limited. Fishers are only legally required to meet the requirements set out in the legislation. We would usually apply the wider requirements of the technical specification when assessing the appropriateness of connecting a new supplier to the VMS hub. This is where it gets complicated with Maritime Systems as they are already connected to the VMS hub.

Regards
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Hi REDACTED

REDACTED has written in this morning making representations, REDACTED

He makes a point in his note that welsh fishers cannot fish without a device which is true but it doesnt need to be a MMO TA one - is that Welsh Gvt position - it would be really helpful if you could advise please

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On 20 Apr 2023, at 17:06, < REDACTED @marinemanagement.org.uk> wrote:

Hi REDACTED

Thanks for your time again today.

As promised, I am sharing in confidence the letter that hopefully has now been issued to Maritime Systems and our lines to take.

I am more than happy to have a further call with you tomorrow once you have had chance to consider, if you wish you can join our internal staff briefing in the morning - which REDACTED can share the invite.

Thanks again

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