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Inshore Vessel Monitoring System (I-VMS) Specification of Requirements

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1. Structured Information Line

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2. Member State

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4. Notification Number

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5. Title

Inshore Vessel Monitoring System (I-VMS) Specification of Requirements

6. Products Concerned

The purpose of the I-VMS Specification of Requirements is to provide for an effective inshore vessel monitoring system to be used by regulators, specifically the Marine Management Organisation (MMO) and Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authorities (IFCAs). The specification sets out requirements for potential I-VMS suppliers to gain system approval for their device which may then be chosen by the fishing industry allowing them to comply with regulator management measures. The device which will be fitted onto vessels under 12metres in length to send low cost, high frequency positional reports, to a central hub, showing the position, speed and course of the vessel on entering a spatially managed area.

Once an I-VMS product is approved for use it will enable regulators to introduce management measures and a requirement for industry to fit an I-VMS device.

I-VMS devices submitted to the MMO will be tested against the specification. Those which meet the requirements will be 'approved' for use as part of MMO and IFCA management measures.

Scope:

- 1) The device applies to UK vessels only and byelaws requiring I-VMS will be in English waters
- 2) Vessels will only need the device fitted if they chose to fish in an area for which an MMO or IFCA byelaw is in place stating I-VMS is required to access the area.
- 3) The device will only report within locations specified in the management measure.
- 4) Trade will not be impacted
- 5) Other member state fishing vessels will not be impacted (see point 8)
- 6) There is currently no agreement or timetable in place to extend the requirement for EU VMS satellite reporting to vessels shorter than 12 metres in length. However, this project continues in the knowledge that such regulations could be introduced in future and it is without prejudice to any such developments. Therefore, suppliers wishing to apply for I-VMS Type Approval will wish to consider ensuring that their systems can be adapted to allow for position reporting via satellite telecommunications, should subsequent requirements for this facility arise.
- 7) The future potential for low cost high frequency reporting outside UK inshore waters will be explored with other member states as there may be benefits to using this device as part of offshore management measures. No action will be taken without agreement of other member states.

7. Notification Under Another Act

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8. Main Content

The I-VMS Device will be a valuable tool for regulation and control in inshore fisheries and zoned management in marine protected areas. It must be able to provide:

- a) Position reporting as laid out in management conditions from the MMO or IFCA in accordance with relevant



National and/or local regulations governing marine protected areas, IFCA Districts and other fisheries management schemes at sea.

b) Transmission of reports using GSM/GPRS

c) Delivery of reports (via the I-VMS device supplier hub) to the VMS operational hub. This is the facility used by UK fishing authorities to monitor vessels 12m and over in length, fishing in UK waters who are required to have a VMS device fitted under Council Regulation (EC)1224/2009

The supply and installation of I-VMS devices as detailed in the specification include; testing and approval of the I-VMS device model by the MMO and IFCA, in accordance with the I-VMS device approval programme.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

Management measures requiring the use of an I-VMS device are required in order to comply with a number of legislative requirements:

1) Marine Protected Area Management. The UK Government has a target to establish a network of MPAs in accordance with the requirements of the European Commission's Habitats Directive and Wild Birds Directive and part 5 of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009. The EC's Marine Strategy Framework Directive also sets a target for this network of MPAs to be well managed. In English waters this network will comprise of European marine sites (EMS) and marine conservation zones (MCZ). I-VMS will act as a tool to ensure that management measures put in place to protect sites located between 0-6 nautical miles are effectively managed

2) Management of Inshore Fisheries. Under the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 IFCA's have the powers to make byelaws to manage the exploitation of sea fisheries and resources within their district and protect marine conservation zones.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

No Basic Text exists

11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

No

12. Grounds for the Emergency

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13. Confidentiality

No

14. Fiscal measures

No

15. Impact assessment

Impact Assessment not available

16. TBT and SPS aspects



TBT aspect

No - The draft has no significant impact on international trade

SPS aspect

No - The draft is not a sanitary or phytosanitary measure

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