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Subject: RE: I-VMS follow up from MMO

Hi REDACTED,

I was aware that they had updated their website but I didn't know that they had emailed fishers. The current suspension is for selling devices when they were told not to, it is not actually about the devices themselves. They have not yet finalised their position on the device testing. REDACTED.

I asked what this current suspension means for English fishers currently using a Maritime Systems device to comply with Welsh iVMS legislation or IFCA bylaws. REDACTED didn't know and said that he would find out for me from their compliance team.

I will try and speak to REDACTED tomorrow to get his steer. REDACTED.

Thanks

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Please see attached email from REDACTED, REDACTED.

It would have been nice if the MMO) had advised us in advance of the statement they planned to make on their website, knowing that a number of our vessels use Maritime Systems.

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Important update – April 21 2023

As England's marine regulator, MMO have been preparing to support industry, through grant funding to secure a Type Approved I-VMS device, so that every fisher has the opportunity to be compliant ahead of the statutory instrument being implemented.

Feedback received last year suggested that some devices may not be compliant with the MMO's Type Approval specification. In response, MMO have been undertaking an independent testing process to provide additional assurance to fishers ahead of the wider rollout of the I-VMS programme.

Suppliers were advised not to market, sell or install any devices pending the outcome of the independent testing assurance process.

On 21 April 2023, MMO took action to suspend the Type Approval status of [Maritime System's MS44 device](#) after receiving evidence the supplier has disregarded this instruction. Whilst this suspension is in place fishers are advised not to purchase this device if they intend to seek MMO grant funding.

MMO will shortly advise suppliers and fishers of the outcome of the independent testing process and the Type Approved status of all devices.

I'm not sure what should happen next. Welsh registered vessels owners using Maritime Systems units may well see the MMO update and have concerns.

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