

9th August 2023

Dear

ATISN18718 – Independent Testing of iVMS Trackers

Thank you for your request which I received on 17th July 2023. You asked for:

- 1) details of the exact tests undertaken by the Welsh Government, including the device types and model numbers of the devices tested and the outcome of those tests prior to the implementation of IVMS trackers.
- 2) What information was provided to scallop fishermen in 2012 by the Welsh Government so they knew which devices they could or could not use in Welsh waters and the costs involved and how was this information provided.
- 3) What, if any, independent testing of IVMS trackers used by Welsh Fisheries has been done to date since their implementation in 2012. Please provide details of the exact tests undertaken by The Welsh Government, the devices and model numbers of the devices tested and the outcome of those tests conducted post implementation to date.
- 4) Please provide details of any post implementation monitoring and reviews undertaken since 2012. Full details of the dates and content of any reviews and to whom the results were communicated to and full details of what was communicated.

Our Response

Q1. In relation to the 2012 Scallop Order no information is held. Details of Welsh Governments evaluation of iVMS devices, in relation to The Sea Fishing Operations (Monitoring Devices)(Wales) Order 2022, is provided in the procurement evaluation criteria which is available here

<https://ted.europa.eu/udl?uri=TED:NOTICE:003378-2019:TEXT:EN:HTML>

Q2. Invitations to participate in a trial were sent in 2011, copy of letter attached. Prior to the implementation of the legislative requirement in November 2012, letters were sent to the section of the industry known to participate in the Welsh Scallop Fishery.

Q3. No information held.

Q4. No information held.

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