

To: Members and CNCPs
VMS Working Group

Dear colleagues,

Re: 1st Draft of a revised VMS CMM 06-2017

Following-up on correspondence 113-2017 of 21 August 2017, the Chairperson of the VMS Working Group (Mr. Luis Molledo, European Union) is submitting, for consideration of Members and CNCPs, the first version of the revised VMS CMM 06-2017. The draft Word document is attached to this email both as a clean document and in track changes.

In doing this the VMS-WG Chairperson has been guided by the mandate and scope of the [Terms of reference of the VMS WG \(COMM4-Report, Annex M and COMM5-Report, Annex 9a\)](#) as well as the provisions of [CMM 06-2017](#) to develop the SPRFMO VMS policies and procedures (notably paragraphs 11 a) and b), 12, 16 and paragraph 12 of Annex 2) as follows:

Tampering (Paragraph 11 a) of CMM 06-2017)

The VMS-WG Chairperson has used the bracketed text of [COMM5-Report, Annex 9B](#) which was very advanced towards a possible agreement during the WG discussions last year.

The tampering provisions are now contained in paragraphs 14 to 20 and the new Annex 4 of the revised VMS CMM. Annex 4 incorporates all the tampering-related provisions that were included in Annex 1 complemented with some new wording. As a result of this, the revised Annex 1 only deals now with the ALC features strictly dealing with the transmission of positions, while Annex 4 specifically addresses anti-tampering measures.

Use and release of data (Paragraph 11b) of CMM 06-2017)

The VMS-WG Chairperson has used as a basis the bracketed text of [COMM5-Report, Annex 9B](#). The provisions on the use and release of data are divided in two sections: access to VMS data requiring the permission of the flag state (paragraphs 21 to 22 of the revised CMM) and access to VMS data not requiring such permission (paragraphs 23 to 28 of the revised CMM).

Security standards (Paragraph 12 of CMM 06-2017)

The VMS-WG Chairperson has rearranged and developed some of the provisions originally included in Annex 2 which is divided now in general provisions and provisions applicable only to the Secretariat. It has been completed with additional provisions sourced from the practice of other RFMOs.

Requirements for accessing VMS data (Paragraph 16 of CMM 06-2017) and external user access to the Commission VMS (Paragraph 12 of Annex 2 of CMM 06-2017)

Those requirements are in paragraph 29 and the new Annex 5 of the revised CMM. They have been developed on the basis of a first draft provided by the Secretariat.

Roles and responsibilities of fishing vessels, members, CNCPs and the Secretariat (paragraph 14 of CMM 06-2017).

There is no specific section dealing with the specific roles and responsibilities as those roles have become clearer through the revised CMM with the proposed amendments.

Other revisions

The Chairperson of the VMS WG has also addressed number of provisions which needed an update (i.e., date of activation in paragraph 1) of the CMM 06-2017), for which there was a mandate to review (notably regarding paragraph 8 of the storage of VMS data) or provisions in other CMMs that would become obsolete as a result of the revision of CMM 06-2017, notably Section 3 of CMM 02-2017.

The Chairperson would like to seek comments from Members and CNCP by 27 October 2017 to luis.molledo@ec.europa.eu and secretariat@sprfmo.int

It is the intention of the Chairperson to provide a revised version by mid-November 2017.

Your cooperation and attendance to this matter is much appreciated.

Best regards,

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