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The Scottish Government
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Dear Vessel Owner

Important - All Scottish registered vessels 12 metres and over
E-Log: Replacement of the Fish Register for fishing vessels registered in Scotland

Why are we writing to you

We wish to inform you that the existing path of where your fishing vessel electronic logbook is sent to is about to change.

In addition the ability to view logbook information and create landing declarations will become available on the new Scottish system, which will be known as Compass. Vessels registered in the rest of the UK are required to use a new system provided by the Marine Management Organisation (MMO).

Compass has become operational within Marine Scotland and external access for current ERS account holders is being finalised. After an internal proofing period we will begin migration of industry accounts from the Fish Register (ERS) to Compass.

Vessels using Electronic Logbook Submission Systems (ELSS) will be required to send their submissions (fishing activity and/or landing declarations) to a different email address. Marine Scotland have separately informed eLogbook system suppliers of this change and will work with them to make the transition as smooth as possible. This process will begin very shortly and continue over the summer of 2019 until all Scottish administered vessels have been changed over.

Progress towards improved data quality will include enforcing the closure of voyages with a Return to Port message before a new voyage can begin.
For certain vessels the new Compass system will provide improved data checks on Scottish Vessels messages to be forwarded to Norway to help ensure that the strict reporting requirements of the Norwegian Authorities are complied with.

What is required of you at this stage as a vessel owner

For most ELSS systems we hope that the internal setting adjustments can be carried out remotely and can be completed with a simple upgrade across the current transmission feeds. To ensure a smooth rollout, Marine Scotland will run a pilot with each eLogbook supplier for several vessels. Upon successful completion of these tests, Marine Scotland staff will work with suppliers and their representatives to facilitate the switchover. The functions of ELSS on board vessels will not change and you will also continue to receive Acknowledgement or Non Acknowledgement messages following submissions.

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You should not see any difference or need to report your data in any different format or timescale, the requirements to comply with ELSS regulations still remain.

Vessel owners or agents that enter landing declarations directly onto the existing ERS will be required to enter them onto the new system. The switchover will take several months, during which all users will migrate from the Fish Register (ERS) to the new system. Vessel owner and Agent account holders will be contacted separately.

What you may be required to do as a vessel owner

Officers from Marine Scotland Compliance will monitor the changes that are to be implemented remotely and will manage the transition of reporting from the current Hub to Compass. In the event that any upgrade has been unsuccessful then they will contact you to arrange to make the required changes manually. Though every effort will be taken to ensure that your fishing/landing patterns are not affected you may be expected to present your vessel in a port that allows Officers direct physical access to your electronic logbook.

You are also expected to comply with any requests or arrangements put in place that should see the process completed by September 30th 2019.

What will happen to your existing account(s) at a further stage

Implementation of a new IT system has entailed a thorough review of security and authentication protocols. To comply, we will create accounts for each existing vessel owner account holder using the email address held on record as the user name. An initial and temporary password will be provided with a forced change at first login. Standard password strengthening rules will be enforced.
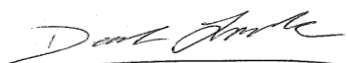
If you have multiple accounts the primary account will be used for account creation in Compass. Additional accounts can be requested. Accounts that have not been accessed in the last 12 months will be assumed not required. Such accounts can be activated upon request. Each account created must use a unique email address.

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Should you have any concerns or questions in the meantime about the ELSS rollout then please contact the Compass team at compass@gov.scot

Yours sincerely

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