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Dear Vessel Agent

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

Why are we writing to you

We wish to inform you that the existing path of where existing fishing vessel electronic logbook is sent to is about to change and at a later date 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 and fishing vessel owners of this change and will work with them to make the transition as smooth as possible. This process for vessels with electronic logbooks will begin very shortly and continue over the summer of 2019 until all Scottish administered vessels have been changed over.

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

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.

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

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

and agent 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.

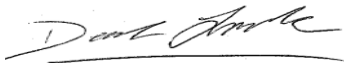
If you have multiple accounts the primary account will be used for account creation in Compass. Additional accounts can be requested. Accounts that have not been accessed in the last 12 months will be assumed not required. Such accounts can be activated upon request. Each account created must use a unique email address.

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In stage 1 vessel owners have been contacted separately by letter instructing them of their obligations. Changes to vessel electronic logbooks are expected to be completed by 30 September 2019.

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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