

IFDM Recommendation 107 of 18-02-2021

on the transmission of control data to DG MARE

The Fisheries Control Experts Group – ERS (Electronic Recording and reporting System) and Data Management Working group,

Taking into account that:

- (1) The Commission needs access to VMS, fishing activity and sales notes data of its Member States in order to fulfil its obligations towards third countries and RFMOs. The Commission also needs access to such data for control and compliance matters and for the verification of data cross-checks.
- (2) The Control Regulation and its implementing rules, require Member States to ensure that the Commission has real-time access to all data that is subject to validation by Member States.
- (3) It is understood that, given point (2), the main principle is that MS “push” all VMS, Fishing Activity and Sales Notes data to the Commission, using the UN/FLUX standard. In addition, COM needs to be able to “pull” the data from Member States, mainly for ad hoc requests (e.g. to cover historical data).
- (4) Member States have requested, at the ERS & Data Management meeting of 19 November 2020, to clarify the timeline to implement those data exchanges with the Commission.

Recommends:

1. By **31st of March 2021** at the latest:
 - a. MS push in real-time¹ to DG MARE all VMS data in UN/FLUX format, in line with the latest Vessel Position Implementation Document, for all vessels equipped with VMS.
 - b. MS make available in real-time¹ to DG MARE via pull (FA Query) all Fishing Activity data in UN/FLUX format, in line with the latest Fishing Activity Implementation Document, for all vessels subject to logbook reporting.
 - c. MS push in real-time¹ to DG MARE all Fishing Activity data in UN/FLUX format, in line with the latest Fishing Activities Implementation Document, for all vessels subject to logbook reporting.

Transitional measure:

Where a Member State has duly and timely² informed DG MARE that technical limitations in their systems prevent pushing the requested data

¹ Real-time should be understood as “as soon as the flag state has the information available”

to DG MARE, a grace period will be granted, ending on 14 January 2022.

2. By **15th of January 2022** at the latest:
 - a. MS push in real-time¹ to DG MARE all sales notes and take over declarations in UN/FLUX format, in line with the Sales notes and take-over Implementation Document.

² Before 1st of March 2021.