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SFPA Welcomes Publication of the 2025 EFCA REM Technical Guidelines

The Sea-Fisheries Protection Authority (SFPA) welcomes the recent publication of the 2025 European Fisheries Control Agency's (EFCA's) Technical Guidelines for the use of Remote Electronic Monitoring systems (REM) for fisheries control in the EU. The guidelines were developed as a result of close co-operation between EU member states including Ireland. REM technologies, such as cameras, GPS and sensors will form important compliance measuring tools in relation to the landing obligation and this specification provides clear guidance on equipment, data handling and system requirements.

The document published by EFCA sets out the current technical guidelines and reflects the latest understanding and advancements in the application of REM systems for fisheries control and will be significant in ensuring a harmonised approach to the implementation of EU Regulations (Article 13 of 2023/2842). Members of the Irish fishing industry are encouraged to read this comprehensive document to deepen their understanding of how REM systems function, what specifications are being considered and how these guidelines may impact them in the future.

The SFPA is committed to supporting compliance with both new and existing legislation and is available to provide guidance. For assistance or further details on the guidelines, please contact: sfpafood&fisheriessupport@sfpa.ie

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Note to Editor

The document can be accessed on EFCA's website and by clicking the following link: <https://www.efca.europa.eu/sites/default/files/2025-05/REM%20technical%20guidelines%20version%202025%20March%202025%20Final.pdf>

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About the SFPA

The Sea-Fisheries Protection Authority (SFPA) is the independent statutory body responsible for the regulation of the sea-fisheries and the sea-food production sectors. It promotes compliance with the EU Common Fisheries Policy, sea-fisheries law and food safety law relating to fish and fish products, verifies compliance and, where necessary, enforces it. Its mandate covers all fishing vessels operating within Ireland's 200-mile limit, over 2,000 Irish registered fishing vessels wherever they operate, and all seafood produced in Ireland's seafood processing companies. The SFPA operates through a network of regional port offices situated at Ireland's main fishery harbours. For further information visit: www.sfpa.ie