



## Digital Monitoring Update – October 2018

Kia ora

We have a couple of important updates for you around exemptions and consultation.

### Camera exemptions

An [exemption](#) has been granted from complying with Part 1 of the [Fisheries \(Electronic Monitoring on Vessels\) Regulations 2017](#). It means you're not yet required to install or operate cameras on fishing vessels. It applies from 1 October 2018 until 31 January 2019. It would have been unreasonable to expect you to have cameras installed and operating by 1 October 2018, which is why the exemption has been granted.

We're aware that further work is required before cameras can be introduced, including confirming how they will be introduced and camera specifications. We will keep you informed about what happens at the end of the exemption period.

### Electronic catch and position exemptions

We've also extended the expiry date for the [exemptions](#) from complying with the electronic catch and position reporting regulations. This applies to all fishers, except those on over 28m trawlers who are already reporting electronically.

This is to cover the period until the amended regulations for electronic catch and position reporting take effect. They will take effect by the end of the year at which point the requirement for exemptions will be reassessed.

As you know, electronic catch and position reporting is being introduced progressively in 2019, starting in January. The exemptions do not impact the planned start date for your stage.

Read more about the [staged introduction](#) on our website.

### Circular consultation

We've just started consulting on a few proposed minor and technical changes to the following circulars:

- *The Fisheries (E-logbook Technical Specifications) Circular 2018*
- *The Fisheries (E-logbook Users Instructions and Codes) Circular 2018.*
- *Fisheries (Geospatial Position Reporting Devices) Circular 2018.*

The proposed changes follow Cabinet's agreement on 10 September 2018 to amend the Fisheries (Reporting) Regulations 2017 and the Fisheries (Geospatial Position Reporting) Regulations 2017, and they address other issues raised by industry.

Consultation runs until Friday 19 October 2018. Find out [more about consultation](#)

These circulars are used by technology providers to develop their products. They've told us proposed changes will have little impact on the design of their devices.



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If you have any questions, email us at [digitalmonitoring@mpi.govt.nz](mailto:digitalmonitoring@mpi.govt.nz) or call our main contact centre on 0800 00 83 33 (select option 3 for general enquiries).

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