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To: FSMA RAL Vessel Operators

SUBJECT: Consumption of alcohol by observers on FSMA vessels prohibited

Dear FSMA Regional Access License holder,

I am writing to advise that PNA Regional Observers on FSMA RAL vessels are not permitted under their terms of contract to consume alcohol while onboard FSMA RAL vessels.

Please strongly advise your Captains that **provision of alcohol to observers is forbidden** and that gifts of alcohol to observers could be interpreted as attempted bribery. Any report of alcohol being given to, or consumed onboard by observers will be investigated fully and may result in compliance action, and/or, delays to the vessel departure to fishing grounds.

Please note that alcohol consumption onboard is a real threat to observer safety and we take this matter seriously. Your cooperation in ensuring **observers do not have access to alcohol** while onboard is greatly appreciated.

For further information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact:

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Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

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