

**Vessel Monitoring System Certification Statement
For Vessels Engaged in Fishing Activities covered by
the Antarctic Marine Living Resources Convention Act**

INSTRUCTIONS: This Vessel Monitoring Systems (VMS) Certification Statement for the Vessels Engaged in Fishing Activities covered by the Antarctic Marine Living Resources Convention Act is provided by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NOAA Fisheries) pursuant to the regulatory requirements of 50 CFR 300. This certification statement applies only to type-approved EMTUs and type-approved providers.

Installation checklists will be provided and revised if additional VMS providers are approved. Follow the checklist steps indicated by the vendor for the communications service and transmitting unit selected. The vessel owner or operator must follow the installation procedures when installing or re-installing a NOAA Fisheries-approved VMS unit. The vessel owner is responsible for all installation and activation costs. After completion of installation and activation, the owner may confirm that NOAA Fisheries is receiving position reports by calling NOAA Office of Law Enforcement (OLE) in Silver Spring, MD, at 1-888-219-9228, or by sending email to ole.helpdesk@noaa.gov with "CCAMLR - Position Verification" in the subject line.

The vessel owner must sign the statement certifying compliance with the installation procedures, then submit the certification statement to the NMFS Office of International Affairs and Seafood Inspection, who will verify through OLE that that unit is activated in the surveillance system, using the following address: NMFS Office of International Affairs and Seafood Inspection, 1315 East-West Hwy (F/IASI), Silver Spring, MD 20910 (fax number: 301-713-2313, phone: 301-427-8350).

Vessel Name: _____ Vessel Doc. Number: _____

VMS Enhanced Mobile Transmitting Unit Vendor: _____

VMS Communications Service Provider (may be the same entity as above): _____

Certification:

In accordance with 50 C.F.R. Part 300, as the owner of a vessel engaged in fishing activities covered by the Antarctic Marine Living Resources Convention Act, I hereby certify that the VMS system on my vessel has been installed in compliance with applicable procedures.

Vessel Owner Name: _____

Vessel Owner Signature: _____ Date: _____

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