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By email only

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Dear Colleague,

COLLABORATIVE WORKING BETWEEN IFCA's AND THE MMO

Sam Evans wrote to you on 12 May 2015 to initiate a review of collaboration and joint working between IFCA's and the MMO. As a result of that review the MMO and IFCA's identified, amongst others, opportunities for better integrated working between the organisations including opportunities for joint control and enforcement operations.

As we prepare for our exit from the European Union it is more important than ever that IFCA's and the MMO continue your close collaborative working and build on the progress already made. The outcome may bring with it many opportunities and challenges which will continue long after day 1.

I would therefore be grateful if the IFCA Association, the IFCA Chief Officers and the MMO Chief Executive and Senior Executive Team could identify and develop a strategy for dealing with those aspects of the EU Exit that will benefit from joint working. The work should cover both day 1 readiness issues and the longer term. As with the 2015 review, this work will help contribute to the main recommendations of the MMO Triennial Review and the IFCA four year report in relation to joint working.

A copy of this letter has been sent to John Tuckett, CEO of the MMO; Phil Haslam, Director of Operations, MMO; Stephen Bolt in his capacity as CEO of the Association of IFCA's; John Lamb in his capacity as Chair of the Association of IFCA's; Tim Robbins in his capacity as Chair of the Chief Officers Group; and all IFCA Chairs and Chiefs.

Yours sincerely,

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