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# NOTICE TO SURVEYORS

## REVIEW OF AGSA OPERATIONS

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Under the Deed of Arrangement between the Department of Agriculture Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF), there is a requirement to undertake a review of the services and operational aspects of the AGSA Scheme (The Scheme). This includes an internal review by the Australasian Institute of Marine Surveyors (AIMS) relating to the administration of the Scheme and a review by DAFF of the policies and procedures relating to the Scheme overall and the supporting documentation.

The review involves clearly establishing what the Scheme aims to achieve, whether it's improving efficiency, enhancing user satisfaction, or addressing specific issues. It is essentially an evaluation to assess the Scheme's efficiency, effectiveness, and quality, and to identify opportunities for improvement. This process can lead to minor adjustments, or more significant changes, or even complete redesigns of some aspects of the services.

The AIMS and DAFF will be collecting relevant information from various sources, including user feedback and internal reports and performance data to identify strengths, weaknesses, and areas for improvement. The information sources may include surveys, interviews, third-party reports and audits.

Once the review is completed either the DAFF or the AIMS may propose specific recommendations for changes, adjustments, or improvements based on the analysis.

The review has now commenced, and during the review period the current policies and procedures related to the Scheme will remain in place and accredited surveyors are expected to continue to implement them fully.

The guidance notes and supporting documentation have been temporarily removed from the AIMS website and replaced with an Interim Guidance note that will apply to all accredited surveyors while these documents are reviewed.

AIMS will forward the new guidance note to accredited surveyors and post the document on the AIMS website.

The Department encourages you to read all information provided and to use any accompanying forms as necessary to ensure that you continue to implement transparency measures and report and manage conflicts of interest.

Once the review is completed, all accredited surveyors will be provided with information on any amendments or changes to the Scheme objectives or policies and procedures.