

## **RURAL ECONOMY AND CONNECTIVITY COMMITTEE**

### **SALMON FARMING IN SCOTLAND**

#### **SUBMISSION FROM ALDI**

We are very proud of our long standing commitment to support Scottish suppliers and we work with over 80 independent food and drink producers in Scotland. Our sourcing integrity and ability to provide excellent quality produce at everyday low prices is at the heart of our business, and we rely on our fantastic partnerships with our suppliers across the country to deliver great products to our customers.

We are proud to sell two fresh Scottish salmon lines in all of our English and Welsh stores, all year round. In Scotland, our Scottish salmon range consists of three fresh salmon lines, four smoked salmon lines and four hot smoked lines.

We are in direct contact with our fresh Scottish Salmon farmers and are able to engage with them locally, on the ground. This allows us visibility in terms of where the fish come from, how they are farmed, the standards of the farm and how the farmers are treating the fish and the environment. If there is a problem with a product, we have full traceability.

Where we use suppliers, we ask them to source from 100 per cent certified farms, and accept the following certifications:

- Global GAP
- GAA Best Aquaculture Practices (2\* or above)
- ASC
- Organic

As a business, we are committed to treating our suppliers fairly. We have developed many successful relationships since we first entered the UK market in 1990, and are proud to have been number one in the Groceries Code Adjudicator's compliance survey for four consecutive years.

We work closely with our suppliers to ensure they are able to accurately forecast demand for the product and have sufficient lead time. We provide them with an annual forecast of how much product we will need and then meet with the farmers regularly to review and adjust depending on demand.'

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