



SCOTTISH SALMON CERTIFICATION

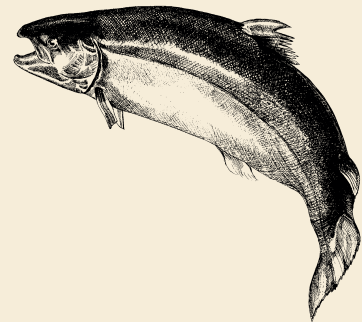
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ESSENTIAL FOODS is fully committed to maintaining the highest standards of animal welfare across all stages of our production. We require all our suppliers to adhere to the principles of the Five Freedoms for Animal Welfare, ensuring that animals are treated ethically and with respect throughout their lives.

We are aware of recent media reports regarding alleged parasite infestations at Mowi salmon farms. We can confirm that ESSENTIAL FOODS does not source any Scottish salmon from Mowi farms.

Our preference for farmed salmon is based on careful consideration of food safety and sustainability. Wild salmon, while a natural alternative, carries a higher risk of heavy metal accumulation due to exposure to contaminated waters. We are acutely aware of the potential risks associated with aquaculture and therefore work closely with our trusted suppliers to ensure that the farms we use implement robust procedures to prevent disease and parasites. Animal welfare and product quality remain our top priorities at all times.

Additionally, ESSENTIAL FOODS' kitchen manages the transportation of salmon directly from the source using our own chilled logistics system, allowing us to regularly monitor the standards and conditions of our supply chain. Upon arrival at our manufacturing site, each delivery is meticulously inspected by our team of highly trained quality technicians, who are skilled in identifying any signs of parasites or disease.



To date, we have not identified any evidence of sea lice, parasites, or disease in the salmon we source. We trust that this statement provides assurance of our ongoing commitment to animal welfare and product integrity.

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