



Practical Guidelines

CHAIN OF CUSTODY CERTIFICATION

The cod fisheries within the Icelandic 200 mile EEZ have been certified against the requirements of a specification directly derived from the FAO Guidelines for the Ecolabelling of Fish and Fishery Products from Marine Capture Fisheries. This is a third-party verification of responsible management for Icelandic cod fisheries certified by Global Trust Certification Ltd, www.GTCERT.com.

The Chain of Custody Specification is designed to provide a high level of confidence that products carrying the Iceland Responsible Fisheries certification mark originate from a certified fishery of this program while not imposing unreasonable compliance costs on the industry. The Icelandic Specification and Certification methodology is being accredited by an IAF Accreditation Body (a member of the International Accreditation Forum) to the international standard for certification EN45011 / ISO 65.

Who does benefit from chain of custody certification?

All stakeholders in the Icelandic cod fisheries value chain - from fisheries to retailers - that wish to use a certified claim on a product for marketing purposes need to apply for Responsible Fisheries Management Chain of Custody Certification from the independent Certification Body, Global Trust Certification Ltd.

Increased scope of current chain of custody certificate

When other fisheries will be certified, certified suppliers can apply for extended scope of the chain of custody certificate. If the supply chain for newly certified fishery is the same as for the cod, Global Trust will need written assurance that this is the case, and thus there is no need for further assessment. In this case a new certificate with an extended scope will be issued to the supplier with minimal costs.

If they have different suppliers, they will need to have these suppliers audited before they can be given an extension to the scope of the chain of custody. This will incur a site assessment cost of these new suppliers and an administration fee to cover the cost of amending the certificate.



THE APPLICATION AND CERTIFICATION PROCESS

This process has a number of distinct stages

- STAGE 1** Potential applicant can request information on the Chain of Custody Specification from Iceland Responsible Fisheries and/or the Certification Body.
- STAGE 2** If the potential applicant wishes to progress to certification they will need to complete an official application form which can be provided by the Certification Body. A single organisation or a group organisation can apply.
- STAGE 3** Application form is assessed by the Certification Body and an assessment plan is created on how the applicant will gain certification to the Chain of Custody Specification.
- STAGE 4** If the applicant agrees to the assessment plan an audit by an approved assessor will be conducted.
- STAGE 5** During the audit, the assessor will compile an Assessment report of how the applicant does or does not meet the Chain of Custody Specification.
- STAGE 6** The assessment report will be submitted to the Certification Body's Certification Committee for a certification decision.
- STAGE 7** When the certification of the applicant is confirmed the Certification Body will issue a Chain of Custody Certificate to the applicant. The certificate is valid for 3 years with annual re-assessments.
- STAGE 8** The certified applicant can apply to Iceland Responsible Fisheries for the right to use the certification mark and statement.

For more details on this process please contact Mike Platt at Global Trust Certification Ltd.
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Use of logo with certification mark

Every certified seafood handler wishing to supply products bearing an Iceland Responsible Fisheries logo with certification mark will need to apply to Iceland Responsible Fisheries for that use. Certified suppliers should contact Finnur Gardarsson, tel. +354 591 0308, finnur@fiskifelag.is.

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