



Background Information

“Delivering the assurance of quality to the aquaculture, fisheries and seafood industries worldwide”

Food Certification International (FCI) is an accredited independent third party Certification Body (CB) that has specialised in the certification of aquaculture, fisheries and seafood products for over 15 years. Their operation, certification and control procedures conform to the requirements of European Standard EN45011.

Members of the company were recently involved in a successful management buyout. The office is located near the famous Loch Ness, Scotland.

FCI holds accreditation to certify aquaculture to a wide range of global standards having over 15 years experience in auditing aquaculture operations. More than 95% of UK based salmon farms are audited annually by FCI.

FCI is one of fewer than 10 world-wide CB's accredited to carry out the Marine Stewardship Council's standard for *Principles and Criteria for Sustainable Fishing*. This involves Pre and Full assessment, Surveillance Audits and Re-assessment of wild caught fisheries. These assessments have been carried out by FCI throughout Scotland, England and Ireland as well as further a field in Europe, Africa, Russia and South America.

MSC approved fish products are controlled through the use of the MSC eco-label to ensure that where it is displayed, the labelled product is only from a certified fishery. This is carried out through the certification against the MSC *Chain of Custody Standard*, which has taken FCI auditors throughout the UK, to Poland, Spain, Portugal and Ecuador in South America. FCI can offer the whole package of MSC requirements.

If you or your organisation is interested in anything FCI can offer information is provided via our website (www.foodcertint.com) or contact the office for a chat on T: 0044 (0)1463 223 039.