

Sourcing from valid certified suppliers

Certified products are seafood that originate from an ASC certified farm and are identified as certified. Certified products must be purchased from certified suppliers to maintain the certified Chain of Custody (CoC). A certified supplier can be a farm Unit of Certification (UoC), or a supplier with a valid CoC certificate. In some cases, a certified farm is required to have CoC certification in addition to their farm certification.

Companies buying certified products from farms should refer to the [most recent relevant farm audit report](#) to confirm the product originates from a valid Unit of Certification (UoC). Companies should also check the required starting point of CoC and the farm Eligibility Date in the audit report.

Checklist to confirm valid UoC and eligible certified products:

✓	Farm or CoC certificate is valid – check company name/ address, dates, species, production units and sites covered. Online confirmation for farm or supplier <i>*Note - The ASC logo on a company’s website or documentation does not confirm valid certificate status*</i>
✓	For purchase from farms, check the farm audit report for the starting point of CoC and the Eligibility Date
✓	Confirm whether the entire farm is certified. If any parts are not certified (by species, pond/cage/unit etc), verify purchases are from the certified portion only
✓	If sites or parts of the farm/ company were certified at different times, confirm purchases are from valid dates for each
✓	For certificates covering multiple sites, confirm relevant sites are eligible to sell certified products (not suspended, or with a major site non-conformity for ASC Multi-site)
✓	Check for dates of any certificate suspension, cancellation or withdrawal
✓	Check scope of suspensions, if the whole certificate is not affected
✓	Request evidence the product does not contain antibiotics or banned substances according to the relevant ASC species standard

For the purposes of CoC, a supplier is an entity that is named on the sales documentation that demonstrates transfer of legal ownership from seller to buyer and relates to certified product. In most cases, this proof of purchase is an invoice, but could also be demonstrated through a contract or deed.

The certified status of supply chain companies and farms can be verified on the [ASC website](#). Note that printed paper certificates may be cancelled, suspended or withdrawn before expiring.

