Sourcing from ASC certified suppliers

ASC certified products are seafood that originate from an ASC certified farm and 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 CoC certificate. ASC certified products with the ASC logo[1] are registered with ASC and available on our website.

Checklist to confirm valid certified products from farms and suppliers:

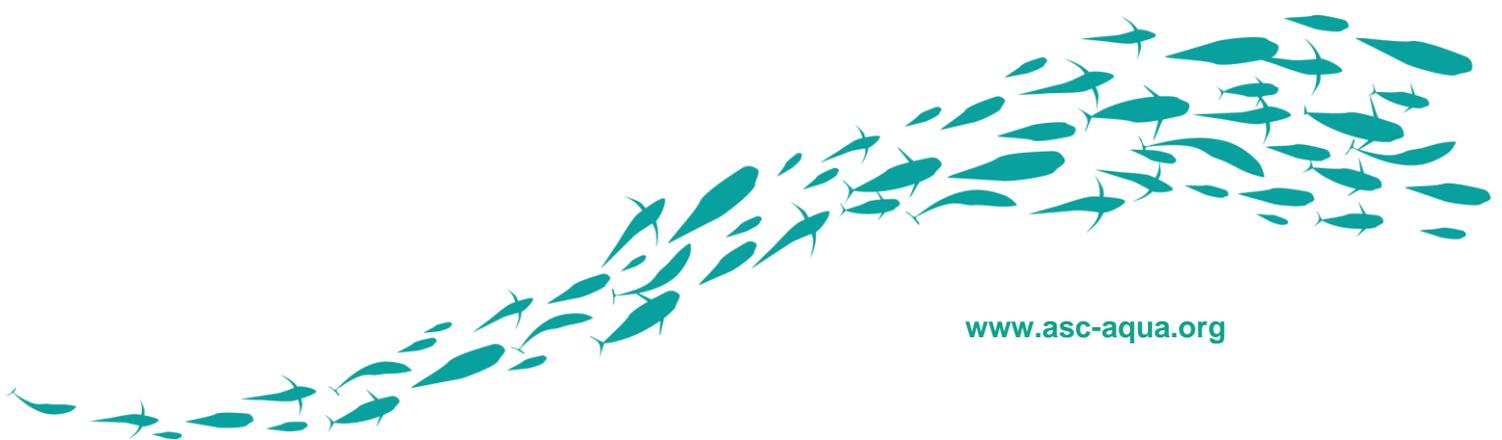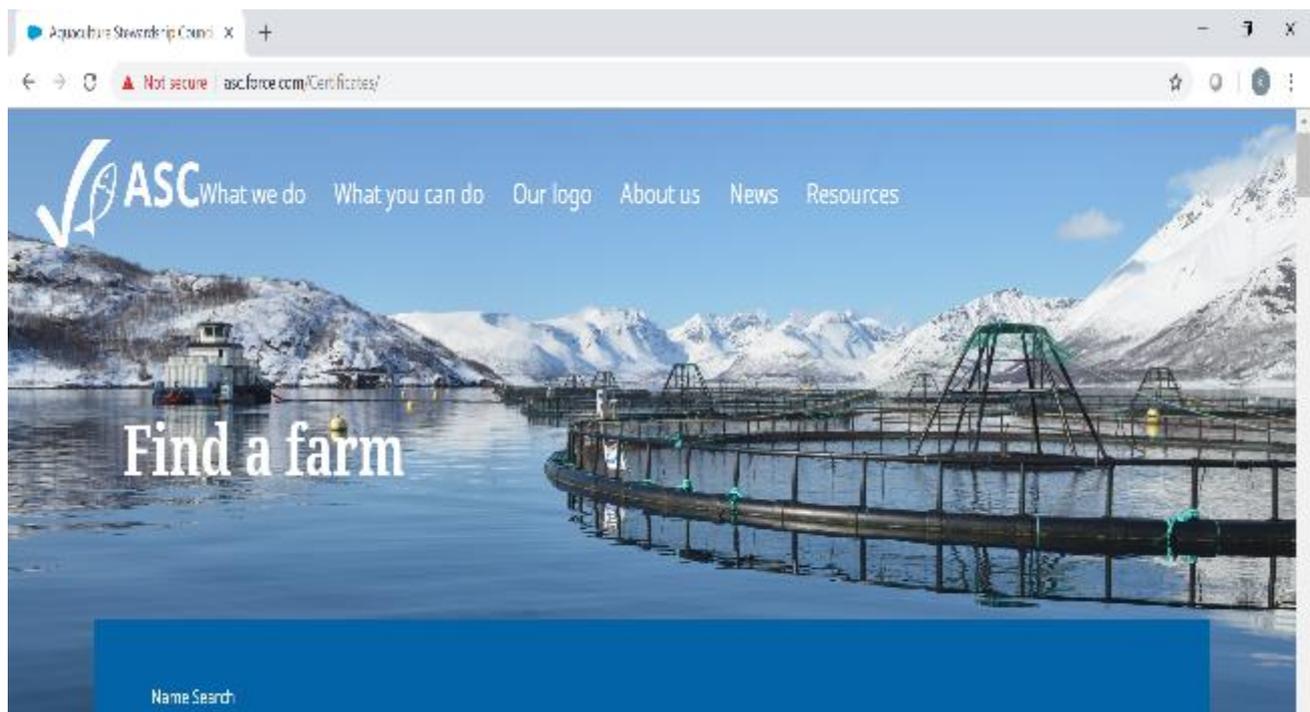|	
✅	Always check if farm or CoC certificate is valid – request their ASC certificate and check against the ASC website for farm or supplier. - Check the company's name, address, certification dates, species, production units, sites covered and status. - Recent certificate suspensions are also listed here. For details on how to do this, see below *Note - The ASC logo on a company's website or in a brochure or promotional materials does not confirm that the farm unit of certification or supplier CoC certificate is valid. Please confirm validity for a farm or supplier.*
✅	For purchase from farms, check the farm audit report for the starting point of CoC (13.3) and the Eligibility Date (13.2). - Confirm whether the entire farm is certified (1.6). If any parts are not certified (by species, pond/cage/unit etc), verify purchases are from the certified portion only. For details on how to do this, see below
✅	For purchase from suppliers, check if the sites you are buying from have a CoC certificate. - A CoC certified supplier is the entity that is named on the sales documentation that demonstrates transfer of legal ownership and from seller to buyer. For details on how to do this, see below
✅	When purchasing a packaged, consumer ready product with the ASC logo, check the product information against the ASC website. - Check that the package has a CoC number under the logo. Confirm that the CoC number matches the packaging companies' information available on ASC's website. For details on how to do this, see below
✅	If you have any questions, please contact Services@asc-aqua.org

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[1] These are called consumer ready tamper-proof products. More details: https://www.asc-aqua.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/ASC-Logo-User-Guide_May2018_03052018_reduced.pdf
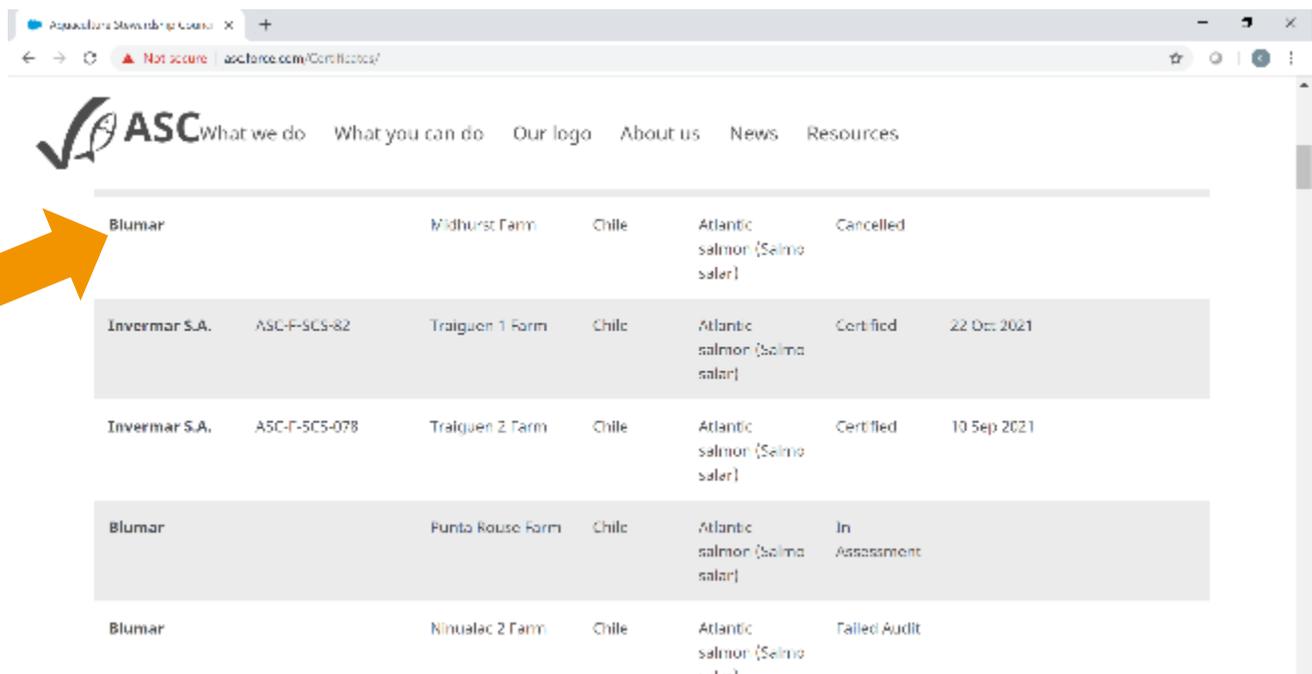
Buying from a farm:

Companies buying certified products from farms should refer to the farm certificate and the most recent **farm audit report** to confirm the product originates from within the unit of certification, that the certificate is valid.

Step 1: Request a copy of the farm's ASC certificate from the farm.

Step 2: Visit www.asc.force.com/Certificates/ and enter either the farm name, or search for the farm through the species, country and status options.
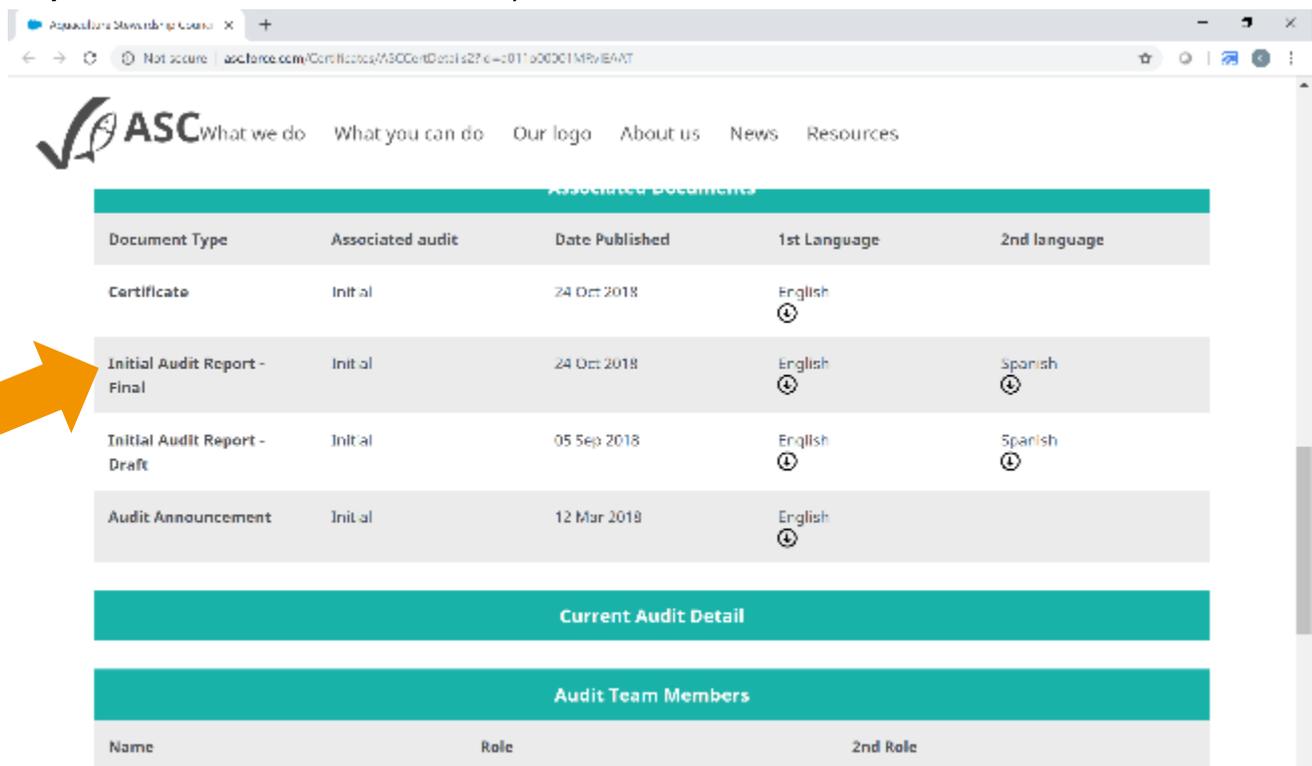
Step 2: Select the farm

Step 3: Select the most recent audit report

Step 4: Confirm that the site you are purchasing from is included in the scope of the certificate (1.6)

Step 5: Go to section 13. Confirm if the certificate was issued (13.1), the eligibility date (13.2), and if a separate CoC is necessary (13.3). **Note: if a separate CoC is necessary, confirm if the farm is CoC certified and follow the [instructions for sourcing from a CoC certified supplier](#).**

Buying from a CoC certified supplier:

Companies buying ASC certified product from a supplier should confirm that the company holds a valid ASC Chain of Custody (CoC) certification which can be verified through the ASC website. **Note that the ASC logo on a company's website or marketing materials does not confirm valid certificate status.**

Step 1: Request a copy of your supplier's ASC CoC certificate.

Step 2: Search your supplier through their CoC certificate number (ex. ASC-C-XXXXX), their company name, or country and species.
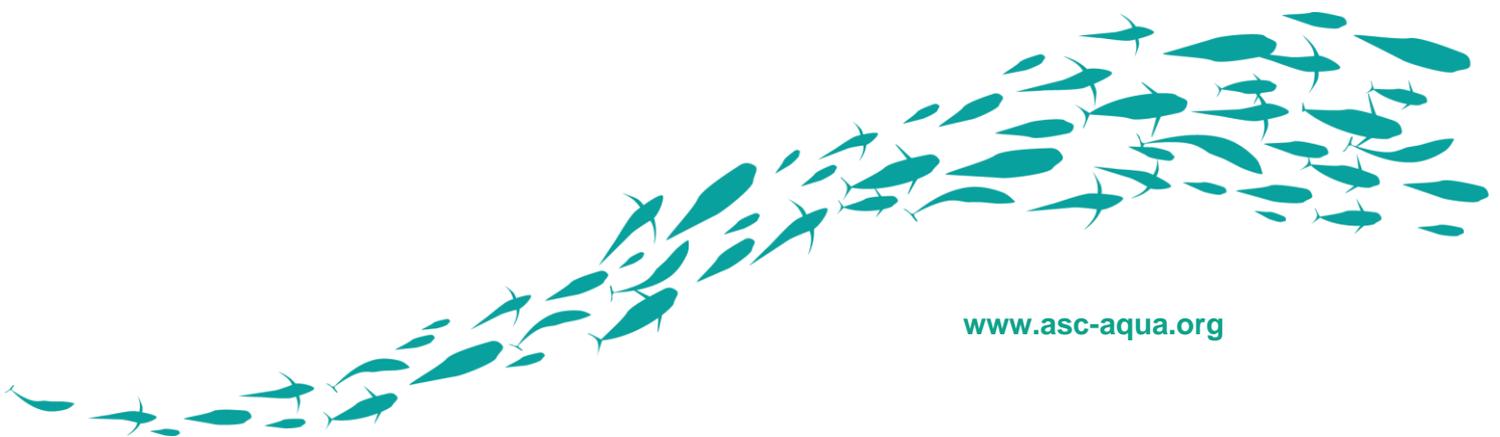
Step 3: Confirm that the CoC certificate number, the name of the company, the certification status and validity dates matches your information and that the site that you are sourcing from is included in the certificate.

Found 1 matching company

| Certification	Species	Contact	Sites	Status
ASC-C-00700 Gordon Food Service, Inc.	Atlantic salmon Giant tiger prawn Pangasius (Pangasius hypophthalmus) Tilapia (Nile) Whiteleg shrimp Koi Litopenaeus vannamei Oreochromis niloticus Pangasius hypophthalmus Penaeus monodon Salmo salar	1100 Gezon Parkway Grand Rapids US	Gordon Food Service Inc. - Aberdeen Gordon Food Service Inc. - Atlanta Gordon Food Service Inc. - Atlantic Gordon Food Service Inc. - Calgary Gordon Food Service Inc. - Central States Gordon Food Service Inc. - Edmonton Gordon Food Service Inc. - Florida/Miami Gordon Food Service Inc. - Florida/Plant City Gordon Food Service Inc. - Glazier/Coppell Gordon Food Service Inc. - Glazier/Houston Gordon Food Service Inc. - Great Lakes West Gordon Food Service Inc. - Great Lakes/50th Gordon Food Service Inc. - Great Lakes/631 Gordon Food Service Inc. - Great Lakes/Brighton Gordon Food Service Inc. - Great Lakes/Dry Gordon Food Service	Valid until 2021-01-01
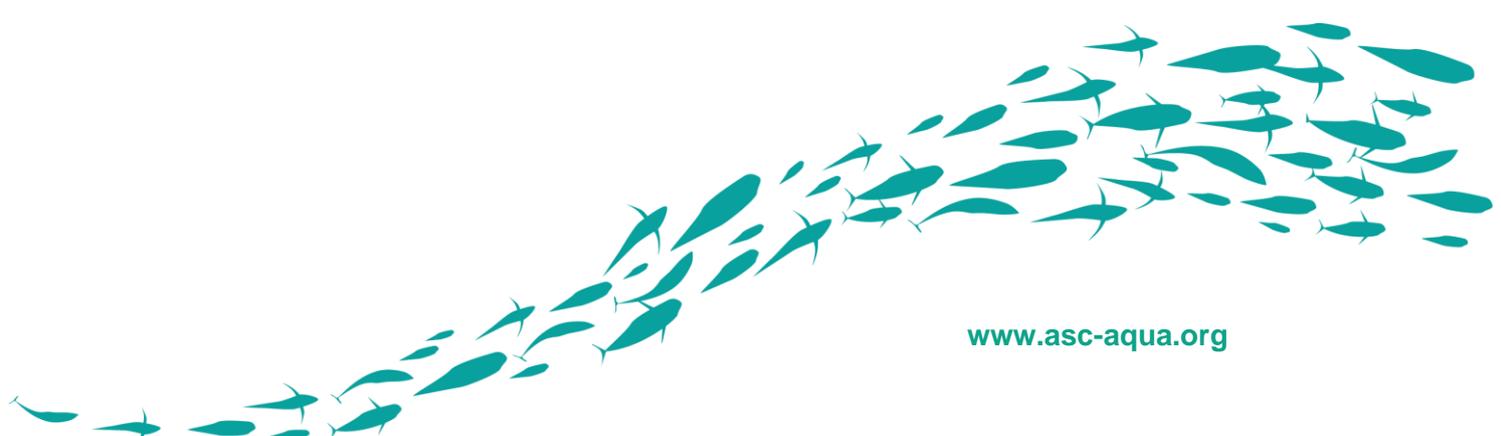
Buying a consumer ready, tamper-proof packaged product:

Consumer ready, tamper proof products with the ASC logo are registered with ASC and their certification status can be confirmed on our website.

Step 1: Search product through ASC website.
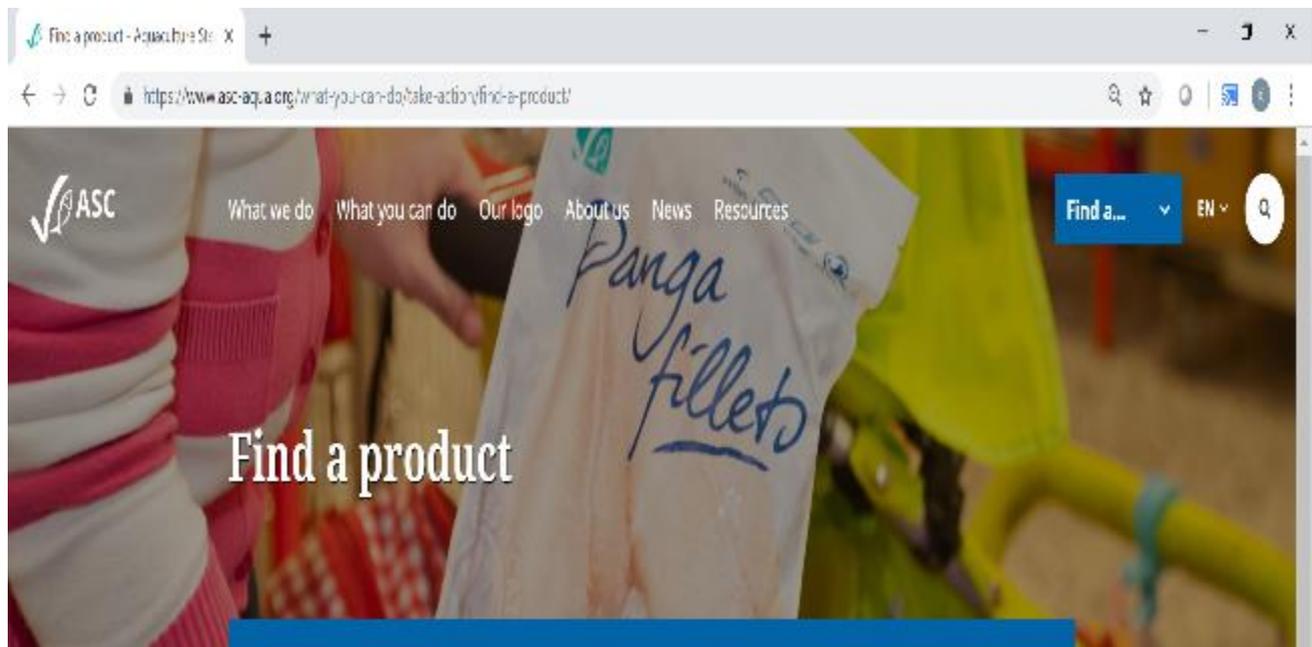
Step 2: Confirm product information.

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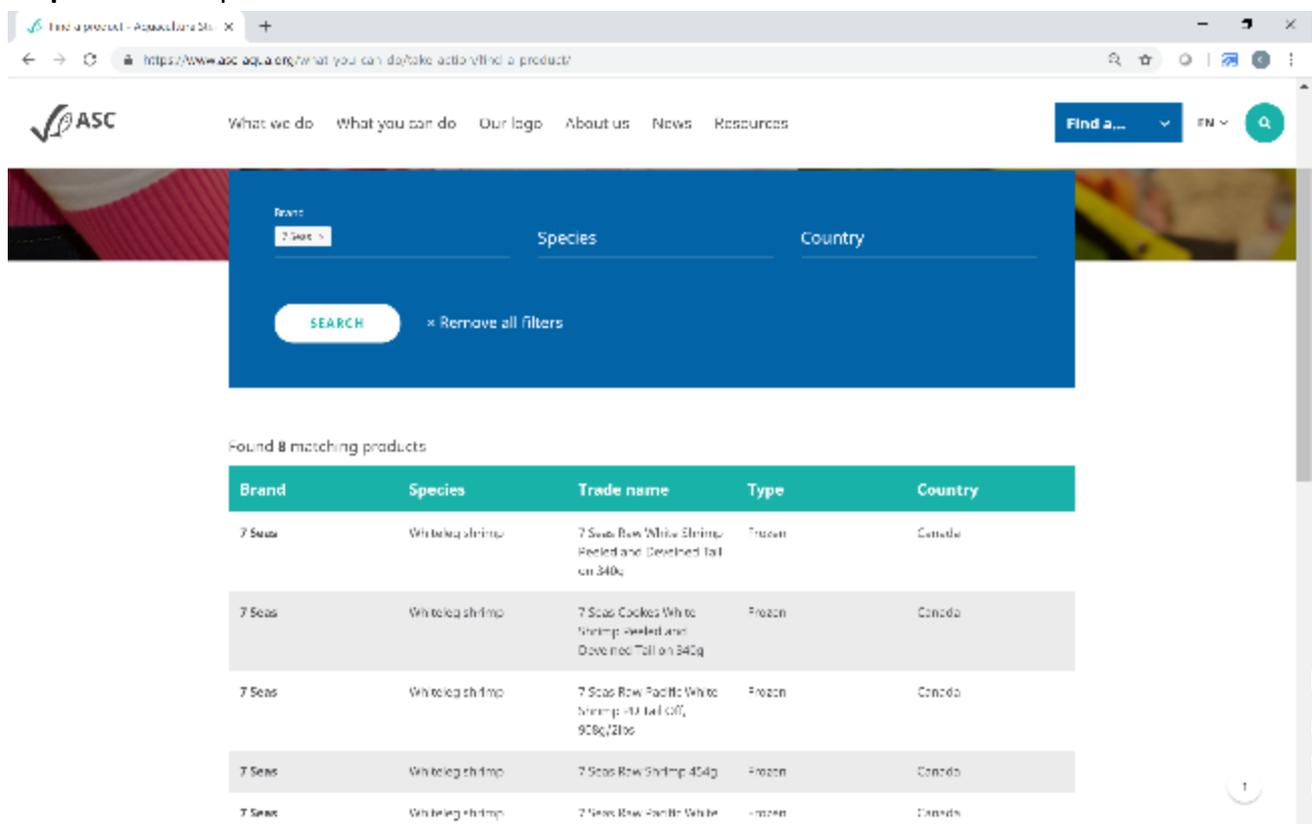
Step 3: If package is available, confirm that the CoC number is available on package below ASC logo.

Step 4: Check the CoC number available on package against [ASC website](#). The CoC information on the package will be from the packer, who may not necessarily be your supplier. Confirm that the CoC number is valid and from the appropriate packer. If it does not match, request clarity from your supplier or contact ASC.