

Kverva, 27.11.2020

To whom it might concern,

**Statement regarding postponing re-certification of IFS standard for SalMar AS – ST423**

We are sorry to have to inform you that due to challenges caused by the Covid-19 pandemic we will not be able to conduct our re-certification of the IFS certificate in time.

The decision to postpone the audit is based on a risk assessment and national travel restrictions, in addition to the fact that the IFS standard does not offer any alternatives to a full onsite audit like the BRC standard does.

SalMar have from a very early stage of the pandemic implemented very strict measures to avoid the Covid-19 virus to get access to our production sites on land and sea. So far we have succeeded, and no employees have caught the virus, and we have been able to supply our customers as before.

The current IFS certificate is valid until 12.March 2021 and we hope to be able to do the re-certification audit in April. We are working with our certification bureau to find a suitable date to make sure that the time without a valid certificate as short as possible.

We will continue to be BRC certified since this certification can be extended up to 6 months, and if needed the audit can be done remotely through livestreaming.

We are sorry about the challenges this might cause and hope that our customers needing an IFS certification will understand the necessity of this decision.

For SalMar AS



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