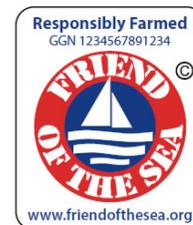


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Quality Certification Services obtains approval to conduct GLOBALG.A.P. Friend of the Sea Add-On Module for Aquaculture

(GAINESVILLE, Fla. – September 9, 2015) – Quality Certification Services (QCS) is proud to announce its approval to conduct GLOBALG.A.P.’s Friend of the Sea (FoS) Add-On Module for Aquaculture. GLOBALG.A.P. certified aquaculture producers can now gain an additional consumer label for their products.

Aquaculture producers who successfully comply with GLOBALG.A.P.’s Integrated Farm Assurance Aquaculture Standard and with the additional criteria defined in the Friend of the Sea Add-On will be allowed to use a special label visible to consumers. The Friend of the Sea logo, consisting of both the Friend of the Sea consumer label and the GLOBALG.A.P. Number (GGN), may be printed on the product packaging at the point of sale.

Friend of the Sea is a non-profit non-governmental organization for the conservation of marine habitats by means of market incentives. Friend of the Sea has created a leading international certification project to certify and promote seafood and products from sustainable fisheries and aquaculture. This consumer label follows the FAO - Guidelines for the Ecolabelling of Fish and Fishery Products from Marine Capture Fisheries.

GLOBALG.A.P. is the world’s leading farm assurance program, translating consumer requirements into Good Agriculture Practice in a rapidly growing list of countries – currently more than 120 worldwide. The GLOBALG.A.P. Aquaculture Standard sets criteria for legal compliance, food safety, animal and workers welfare, and environmental and ecological care. It covers the entire production chain, from broodstock, seedlings and feed suppliers to farming, harvesting and processing. It acts as a practical manual for any aquaculture producer, ensuring food safety, minimal environmental impact and compliance with animal welfare and worker health and safety requirements.

Based in Gainesville, Florida, QCS offers the following certification options: Certified Organic, Certified Transitional, Certified Hormone/Antibiotic Free, Organic Aquaculture, GLOBALG.A.P. (several scopes), specific trade practices, aquaponics and Food Justice Certification, which will allow consumers to choose to support a more just agricultural system.

For more information about QCS, please visit their website at www.qcsinfo.org or call 352.377.0133.

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About QCS

QCS is a USDA, ISO Guide 65 and ANSI accredited certification body that offers a wide array of certification options for farming of crops, livestock, aquaculture, animal feed manufacturing, packing, handling and processing and wild harvest operations. As the largest certifier on the United States eastern seaboard, QCS meets the needs of operations regardless of

type, location or size on the ever-expanding worldwide market. Florida Organic Growers, the parent organization of QCS, has been involved in promoting organic and food safety for more than 25 years. Find out more at www.qcsinfo.org.