



ANIMAL WELFARE POLICY

Seafresh Group (SFG) produces, manufactures, and distributes wild-caught and farmed seafood internationally, primarily shellfish (decapod crustaceans). A core objective of our business is to produce and supply the most responsibly produced seafood. For all seafood production, SFG understands and promotes the principle that best practice (for both fishing and aquaculture operations) is underpinned by good animal welfare.

COMMITMENTS

SFG commits to comply with the legislation on animal welfare applying to the species we source, in both production and market countries. SFG commits to promoting best practice and improving knowledge and awareness of animal welfare in our supply chain, through research, certifications, supplier training and improvement projects. Our supplier approval process includes welfare considerations and criteria. SFG commits to working with suppliers and other stakeholders to eliminate any form of mutilation within our supply chains. SFG work with suppliers to implement humane slaughter methods for decapod species, including farmed warm water prawns, crab, lobster, and crayfish. All our warmwater prawns are stunned by thermal shock or electrically prior to slaughter. All our crabs are electrically stunned prior to slaughter. By the end of 2024, all our lobsters will be electrically stunned, and we will aim to trial electric stunning on crayfish.

APPROACH

SFG advocates for a species-specific approach to animal welfare, whereby production methods meet the specific environmental, nutritional, health and behavioural requirements of the species involved, aligning with the 5 freedoms. This also means that production systems should be managed, monitored, and improved using science-based welfare indicators. We work with our suppliers to apply this approach to all activities which involve live animals, such as during stocking, culture, handling, storage, transport, capture or harvesting, and slaughter, and make effective improvements across the supply chain.

SFG collaborates with academia, suppliers, customers, non-profit organisations, industry-peers, and technology specialists to contribute to research on decapod welfare. We are members of The Shellfish Association of Great Britain (SAGB), and we actively contribute to the development of industry codes of practice and certification standards on welfare criteria.

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Lasse B. Hansen, CEO
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