Case Study: Farmed Chinook Salmon

Enabling the conveyance of traceability data on Chinook salmon using Global Standards 1 (GS1)'s Electronic Product Code Information Services (EPCIS) XML schema.

Use Case Tested
This pilot tested information capture in a farmed Scottish salmon supply chain featuring hatchery, feeding, harvest, and processing in Scotland, and shipping to retailer distribution centers (DCs) across the UK. Supply chain includes a Dutch feed supplier; MOWI, a vertically-integrated hatch, farm, and processing company; and a retailer, Sainsbury’s.

Challenges
MOWI, as a vertically integrated, digitized producer, is well positioned to start implementing GDST standards. This pilot had few challenges, but serves as the basis for beta testing (see next steps).

Next Steps
MOWI is participating in beta testing interoperable traceability of another of their supply chains in partnership with SeaBOS (Seafood Business for Ocean Stewardship) and IFT/GDST (Institute of Food Technologists/ Global Dialogue on Seafood Traceability).

Methodology
This pilot tested interoperability in a vertically-integrated farmed salmon supply chain. Traceability data was collected by Global Dialogue on Seafood Traceability (GDST) co-conveners Institute of Food Technologists’ Global Food Traceability Center and the World Wildlife Fund for Nature. The data was then translated into GS1’s EPCIS XML schema to test interoperability between the traceability systems of a seafood product company in the GDST.

The advantages of EPCIS are that it is designed to be used to represent visibility data within the supply chain and is well-suited for housing traceability data through its Critical Tracking Events (CTEs). Many supply chain partners, especially processors, distributors, and retailers, used GS1 standards of identification and data sharing, including EPCIS. The file was developed through the collection of historical traceability data, translation to EPCIS, and testing with retail partners and their respective solution providers.

GDST

Data Collection of Supply Chain KDEs/CTEs (Simplified Example Shown)

Data Conversion

Interoperability Testing Downstream from Processing
Critical Tracking Events

Supply Chain

Catch Method
NA-farmed

Commodity
Farmed chinook salmon

Geographic region
Hatch, Feed, Harvest, and Process in Scotland. Distribute to retail across the UK.

Participants

Mowi

Sainsbury's

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The Dialogue is catalyzing the development of interoperable practices that will:
• Improve the reliability of seafood information
• Reduce the cost of seafood traceability
• Contribute to supply chain risk reduction
• Contribute to securing the long-term social and environmental sustainability of the sector.

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