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As you know, in the 67 years that Choice has shipped shrimp to the United States, Choice has *never once* received a citation or had a shrimp shipment rejected based on an FDA inspection or otherwise showing that Choice had shipped antibiotic positive shrimp to the United States.

Choice's has unparalleled six-level set of quality and food safety standards. This six-level process in unmatched by any other Indian shrimping company. First, as mentioned, Choice utilizes a mobile lab to engage in pre-harvesting testing of shrimp at the farm level prior to purchasing BAP-certified shrimp. Second, Choice's Quality Assurance ("QA") team conducts its own internal audits of its various BAP-certified farms, to ensure these farms reach Choice's demanding quality and safety standards. Attached as **Exhibit G** please find Choice's internal audit forms completed by its QA team for the audits it conducts on its BAP-supplier farms. Third, Choice conducts internal ELISA screening for antibiotics on the raw material (shrimp) that arrives at its facility. Fourth, Choice conducts internal ELISA screening for antibiotics on the raw or processed level, Choice sends the material to a third-party NABL accredited lab which runs the more exacting confirmatory LCMSMS test. Finally, Choice employs SGS to conduct extensive internal daily inspections and daily reports to hold Choice to the highest of quality and safety standards. These six levels of safety and quality standards alone demonstrate that the false allegations and manipulated data fed to you by Joshua Farinella are entirely false and baseless.

Your claim that "at least 730 tons of antibiotic-positive shrimp passed through Choice Canning's Amalapuram facility in 2023" is false. You appear to be relying on spreadsheets that Joshua Farinella has manipulated, or provided you with false information as to their meaning. Anyone can write anything in an Excel spreadsheet. You and Outlaw do not understand the documents you claim to be reviewing. From your first false claim, you allege that "at least 22 batches of shrimp tested positive on both ELISA and LCMSMS b) on at least two records, shrimp that had tested positive on both tests were described as "loaded as Oscar." While you have not provided any supporting documents, the only specific lot number you discuss is 1643, in November 2023, so this is the only lot number Choice can address at length. You have painted a false picture that Choice allegedly knew lot number 1643 tested positive for antibiotics yet sent this shipment to the United States anyway. Your portrait is patently false.

Attached as **Exhibit B** please find the testing data and other information which tells the complete story for lot number 1643.¹ This is an instance where Choice could not utilize its mobile

¹ For ease of reference, we have compiled these various documents together into a single PDF, as opposed to sending many separate PDF documents. As such, the metadata will reflect that the combined PDF was recently created.

Rest assured that we have the scanned individual copies of each original document, with metadata that will reflect the documents were created in November and December 2023 (when they were first scanned into Choice's computer system), the dates indicated on each respective document. We can make these documents available upon request.