

takes great pride in providing a work environment that is best in the industry, and can demonstrate this too.

We do not know which purported or the number of alleged current or former Choice employees you have interviewed, but we cannot reply further unless you give us more information. Also, if you have specific evidence to rebut the attached social audit, please provide it, we are confident the audit will stand as it is a true reflection of how Choice treats its workers.

6. Workers being prevented from leaving the site of their own volition;

RESPONSE: It should not be a surprise to hear that once again this “finding” is false, baseless, and defamatory. Choice is aware of a single incident in which a contract worker wanted to leave the premises, at 2:30 a.m. For safety reasons, she was told not to leave at that time, and that Choice would assist her and cover all her travel costs to leave in the morning. The local area is simply not safe for an unaccompanied worker to leave in the middle of the night.

The next morning, Choice arranged and paid for the worker’s travel expenses. The worker thereafter traveled safely and soundly back to her village. Accordingly, there are not “workers” that are being prevented from leaving the site, such a conclusion is recklessly false. As explained, there was a single incident with a single worker that was quickly resolved, and for the workers own safety and well-being because Choice cares about its workers. If you have any evidence to the contrary, please provide it, and Choice will respond further.

7. Choice Canning’s ongoing use of unsanitary off-site peeling sheds which it concealed from auditors;

RESPONSE: This “finding” is also false, baseless, and defamatory. Choice utilized an off-site facility for a brief period of time, to address a labor shortage. Choice utilized a contractor’s facility and contract labor to provide the work. This occurred from approximately January 2024 – February 2024.

Critically, your email fails to appreciate that Choice has customers who purchase non-BAP shrimp in addition to its customers who purchase BAP shrimp. It is entirely appropriate for Choice to source and process non-BAP shrimp so long as this product is not labeled as BAP to its customers. Choice appropriately follows all applicable guidelines and does not label its shrimp as BAP for its customers that order non-BAP shrimp; to the contrary, shrimp sent to customers who order non-BAP shrimp are sent in bags that clearly do not contain the BAP stamp anywhere on the packaging.

The single off-site peeling shed (not sheds) you mention was solely used, for a brief period of time, to process non-BAP shrimp. Thus, it naturally was not included as part of Choice’s BAP audits.

Moreover, Choice is not aware of any unsanitary conditions, and the shed has not been used since March 1, 2024. This is because Choice is winding down operations in the area and