

Joshua Farinella has intentionally never mentioned Choice's long-established OSCAR policy to you because he knows that if he did, it would undermine everything he has told you. Yet, you seemingly continue to rely on him despite his demonstrable lies. We ask that you put all publishing agendas aside and recognize that there is ***no antibiotic-tainted shrimp*** being sent by Choice to the United States, and any conclusion to the contrary by you and Outlaw is ***knowingly false***. If you have any other doubts, send us the data and we will conclusively reject and disprove the allegation.

BAP Certification

Your serious claim that Choice "merely assert[s] on paperwork that the farms they were using are BAP-certified, but virtually none of them actually were" ***is outrageous and knowingly false***. Your further claim that Choice's quality assurance team somehow concocts "documentation skills to bring them [its farms] to BAP compliance" is ***false and printed with reckless disregard for the truth***. **In fact, Choice purchases product from 20 BAP-certified farms which collectively source from 780 ponds.**

Again, as noted above, Choice invites your publication and Outlaw to accept its invitation and tour its facilities and as part of your stay, Choice will send you to its BAP-certified supply farms. It should already, but will be made even more abundantly clear to you that Joshua Farinella has lied to you and presented manipulated, falsified and twisted information and "evidence", and that Choice's many BAP-certified farms are indeed BAP-certified, and this is not the creation of concocted documents as you previously recklessly and now knowingly falsely assert. If you actually want to print the truth, you and Outlaw will accept Choice's invitation to see the complete picture for yourself and provide the data you are relying on for a full reply. Choice deems any refusal to accept the foregoing as an admission which further demonstrates that your already printed and planned story is knowingly false, and done to satisfy you and Outlaw's publication agenda.

BAP/SGS and Audits

Your letter misstates the circumstances behind Choice's various audits. It is the BAP audits that are unannounced; a customer audit such as Aldi is typically announced. In fact, your letter's entire section on audits betrays your reliance on the information fed to you by Joshua Farinella, as well as your failure to accept the most basic and truthful facts around these audits. BAP audits are unannounced and Choice learns when an audit will start once the auditor arrives at its facility.

The only other individuals you name in your audit/falsification of paperwork section are Sre[REDACTED] (Choice Quality Assurance Manager) and Ki [REDACTED] (Choice Human Resources Manager). For your information, I extensively spoke with both of these individuals on Saturday. Not only do both deny the substance and context of statements you have attributed to them, both explained that Joshua Farinella is grossly distorting the context of the referenced conversations, and making a false interpretation of events.