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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

## Veterinary Certificate

**SUBJECT: Statement regarding GMO of Atlantic salmon reared by Benchmark Genetics Iceland hf.**

I the undersigned Gísli Jónsson, Veterinary Officer for Fish Diseases, and a Certifying Official for Iceland, do hereby certify following:

↪ **BENCHMARK GENETICS ICELAND hf.**, the only broodfish farm of origin which distributes live Atlantic salmon eggs domestically and abroad, is exclusively working with pure strain of Atlantic salmon (*Salmo salar*). This means that the genetic material of the broodfish, or any other stage of development, has not been genetically modified (GMO) in any way. All aquaculture products coming from Benchmark Genetics Iceland hf. meet in all respects the criteria of "No genetic engineering involved" under the terms of EU Regulations No. 1829/2003 and 1830/2003. It can also be confirmed that GMO is totally forbidden in aqua- and agriculture due to Icelandic law.

Respectfully yours;



Gísli Jónsson

*Senior Veterinary Officer for Aquatic Animals*

