



March 14, 2014

Susan Millward  
Executive Director  
Animal Welfare Institute

Dear Ms. Millward,

I am acknowledging receipt of your letter to Mr. Keith Decker re: Icelandic Whaling dated March 9, 2014. On his behalf, I offer the following response to your request for information:

High Liner Foods is not supportive of any commercial whaling or trade in whale products. High Liner Foods believes in the power of our supply chain and rewards suppliers who share the same beliefs and high standards that we embrace ourselves. We require that our suppliers not engage in commercial whaling and trade in whale products.

High Liner Foods has no further purchase orders outstanding with HB Grandi. We have advised senior company officials that we will not enter into any new contracts with HB Grandi until they have fully divested their involvement and interest in whaling.

Sincerely,

High Liner Foods

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Corporate Director of Sustainability

March 25, 2014

Susan Millward  
Executive Director  
Animal Welfare Institute  
900 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20003

Re: *Whales Need US Coalition* inquiry regarding Icelandic whaling

Ms. Millward,

We appreciate the seriousness of the issues presented in email communication from DJ Schubert received on March 13<sup>th</sup>—in terms of both the general problem of whaling and Iceland's continued commercial whaling in the face of upbraiding from the US Departments of Commerce and Interior.

To be clear, we do not support commercial whaling.

While we are not aware of any direct links between Trader Joe's current suppliers and whaling operations (in Iceland or elsewhere), your letter provides us with good information to conduct our investigation of our supply chain.

Sincerely,



Matt Sloan



August 25, 2014

DJ Schubert  
Susan Millward  
Animal Welfare Institute  
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Washington, DC 20003

Dear Mr. Schubert and Ms. Millward:

Thank you for taking a moment to write Mr. Edwards with your comments about endangered whales in Iceland. As the Director of Sustainability for Safeway, your letter was forwarded to me.

Preserving the health of our ocean's ecosystems is important to all of us. We are concerned about unsustainable fishing practices and are focused on efforts that will lead us to achieving our sustainable sourcing seafood goal by the end of 2015.

In today's business environment, supply chains are extremely complex and extensive. Your request to conduct an audit of our entire seafood supply chain to ensure that we are not purchasing fish from companies that are directly or indirectly involved in whaling is something that we will be discussing with our NGO seafood partner FishWise. They have been working with us since 2009 and are familiar with the complexity of our supply chain.

Our thanks again for your letter, Mr. Schubert and Ms. Milward.

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**From:** Import-Export OceanFish <[import-export@oceanfish.ro](mailto:import-export@oceanfish.ro)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 13, 2014 3:05 PM  
**To:** DJ Schubert  
**Subject:** Reply.

Good afternoon,

Sorry for my late reply, i just saw your email.

Yes, indeed i'm importing fish as from **HB Grandi**, as from FRIOSUR... but i'm importing only pelagic fish (mackerel/ hering) and salmon.

I'm sorry to hear such things...

How can i help?

Waiting your reply.

Best regards,

**Olesea (Alesea)**  
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**From:** Walmart Executive Communications <[executive.communications@walmart.com](mailto:executive.communications@walmart.com)>

**Sent:** Thursday, August 21, 2014 3:18 PM

**To:** DJ Schubert

**Subject:** Animal Welfare Institute

DJ Schubert

Wildlife Biologist

Animal Welfare Institute

Dear DJ,

Thank you for writing to Walmart regarding sustainable fishing practices. We appreciate you reaching out to us for more information.

We take sustainable fisheries and the laws surrounding its practice very seriously. Additionally, we have traceability and sustainability programs in place to ensure that we are sourcing seafood responsibly.

In fact, more than 90 percent of Walmart U.S., Sam's Club and Asda's fresh and frozen, farmed and wild seafood is certified by Marine Stewardship Certification (MSC) or Best Aquaculture Practices (BAP), or engaged in a Fishery Improvement Project (FIP). This year and beyond, we will continue to take positive steps toward bringing Walmart's sustainable seafood efforts to the global fishery landscape.

Thank you again for your you letters.

Sincerely,

Spencer Shackelford

Walmart Executive Communications

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November 6, 2014

Susan Millward  
Executive Director

Animal Welfare Institute  
900 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20003

Dear Mr. Millward

This letter is in response to your inquiry earlier this year to Ahold USA on behalf of the Whales Need US Coalition regarding the export of seafood to the United States by the Icelandic whaling-linked company H.B. Grandi and its subsidiaries. Ahold USA does not support commercial whaling or trade in whale products. Pursuant to your request, Ahold USA has reviewed its seafood sourcing practices and has contacted all of our seafood suppliers in order to confirm that Ahold USA does not source from H.B. Grandi or Hvalur hf. All of our suppliers have confirmed that no seafood is being supplied by them to Ahold USA from H.B. Grandi or Hvalur or any other companies that have been identified as being involved in the capture, sale or processing of whale meat or other aspects of the whaling industry.

Responsible sourcing of products is a fundamental part of Ahold USA's responsible retailing strategy and we have a goal to source all of our seafood sustainably. For your information, since 1999 we have worked in partnership with the New England Aquarium in Boston to promote sustainable sourcing of the seafood offered for sale at stores of the Ahold USA owned supermarket companies. In the future we will continue our work with reputable suppliers to source safe and sustainable seafood. Thank you for your inquiry on this matter.

Sincerely,

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Jihad Rizkallah  
Vice President, Responsible Retailing