

ASC label comparison with European and Belgian legislation

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Quality









Origin







Sustainability













































Respect for dolphins











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The most comprehensive (12 different species)



Sustainability





















Multi-species standards



Stricter for marine aquaculture (antifouling, ...)





The ASC label

- The most present in Belgian supermarkets
- For trout, based on **5 pillars**:
 - Biodiversity
 - Feed
 - Pollution
 - Fish health
 - Social issues





ASC Trout, dased on 5 pillars (1): Biodiversity

- Farms not located in Natura 2000 areas
 In Wallonia they were removed from the Natura 2000 zones.
- Minimize fish escapes

AGW 03/10/2005: Art. 8. The operator ensures that a screening system is placed upstream and downstream of the establishment in order to avoid the escapement of farmed fish into the natural environment and the passage of wild fish into the breeding tanks.

- **Do not introduce alien trout where this has not yet been done**Rainbow trout has been farmed over 70 years in Wallonia.
- Maximum 50% water intake

AGW 03/10/2005: Art. 6. A minimum flow corresponding to 2/3 of the low flow is reserved for the watercourse.





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ASC Trout, dased on 5 pillars (2):

Feed

- Minimize the use of fishmeal
- Traceability on the origin of fishmeal and soybean meal
 Feed manufacturers exporting to Wallonia (Le Guessant, Skretting, BioMar) are ASC approved.

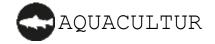
Pollution

• Measurement of parameters at regular intervals (but no defined limits, at discretion of ASC ... Strict limits defined in the AGW of 03/10/2005.

Fish health

- Risk management plan developed with a veterinarian

 Health status checked by the AFSCA 2x per year, passage from an operating veterinarian (only 1 in Wallonia) 2 to 3x per year compulsory depending on the risk.
- Preventive (prophylactic) antibiotic treatment prohibited
 Antibiotic treatment prohibited without veterinary prescription, no products approved in Belgium → responsibility of the veterinarian.





ASC Trout, dased on 5 pillars (3): Social issues

- Prohibition of child labor
- Prohibition of forced labor
- Safe working environment
- Decent salary
- Regulated working schedules
 Belgian and European legislative framework much stricter than ASC!

 But the ASC label = payments (fixed annual amount + volume with logo)
- All the value chain must be ASC → trout suppliers too (for processors)
- In Wallonia, no added value, additional costs without economic fallout!
- In Europe, for freshwater aquaculture, sustainability labels only serve to upgrade non-European productions!







Thanks for your attention!

More info:

https://www.celagri.be/les-poissons-sans-label-ne-sont-ils-vraiment-pas-durables/

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