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# US Foods Named First Nationwide Foodservice Distributor to Achieve Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) Certification

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US Foods, one of the country's most innovative food companies and leading distributors today announced certification to the Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) Chain of Custody Standard. The MSC is recognized as the world's leading certification program for sustainable, wild-caught seafood.

MSC Chain of Custody certification assures that in every step of the chain – from the fisherman, to the processor, to the distributor and the end user – MSC certified seafood is not mixed with or substituted for non-certified seafood. MSC Chain of Custody certification ensures that seafood products that carry the blue MSC ecolabel can be traced back to a fishery that has been certified as sustainable and well-managed against the global, science-based MSC Standard.

"Ensuring the integrity of the seafood we deliver is important to US Foods and to our customers," said Steve Guberman, chief merchandising officer, US Foods. "We are pleased to be the first nationwide foodservice distributor to certify all our locations to the MSC Chain of Custody Standard. This certification is just another way to show our commitment to becoming a leader of sustainable foods in the industry."

The MSC Chain of Custody certification underscores the company's commitment to customers, to strengthening communities and helping to safeguard the environment. By offering certified sustainable foods and supplies with integrity, US Foods is helping customers to make easier and more sustainable menu choices. This certification along with additional internal programs is part of the company's ongoing commitment to sustainability.

"The MSC congratulates US Foods, one of the leading foodservice distributors in North America, on the

achievement of attaining MSC certification and offering sustainable, wild-caught seafood to consumers nationwide," said Geoff Bolan, MSC's U.S. Program Director. "Their commitment to sustainable seafood demonstrates US Foods' leadership in the food service industry."

## ABOUT US FOODS

US Foods, Inc. is a large foodservice distributor serving chefs and foodservice operators across the country. Its customers include independent and multi-unit restaurants, healthcare and hospitality entities, government and educational institutions. The company employs approximately 25,000 people in 61 locations nationwide. US Foods is headquartered in Rosemont, Ill.

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