

BHRRC asked Young's Seafood to respond to the following questions in relation to allegations of labour rights abuses on boats out of Kilkeel Harbour, where Young's has processing facilities

We would like to invite your company to:

1. Respond to the report's findings and workers' allegations of abusive working conditions;
2. Disclose the steps it has taken to investigate and remedy workers for the abuse reported; and,
3. Disclose any human rights due diligence it undertakes prior to entering into contracts with suppliers and when monitoring working conditions at suppliers.

Response from Young's Seafood

Young's can confirm that we have a processing facility in Kilkeel. There are no Young's products which contain stock supplied by the fleet operators named in the Financial Times article. Furthermore, we are undertaking our own full investigation, including reviewing any future supply linked to the fleet operators and all vessels associated with them.

We are involved in a range of activities which seek to improve labour standards in the UK fishing sector. These include ensuring traceability and transparency in supply chains and advocating to Government for an improved visa scheme for migrant fishers. It also includes supporting welfare organisations that provide direct outreach to fishers.

In addition, we are also active members of the Seafood Ethics Action Alliance (SEA Alliance), a collaboration of retailers and seafood businesses which aims to strengthen human rights due diligence in the global seafood supply chain and ensure respect for human rights.

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