



International Buyers' Open Letter on Preserving Thailand's Fishery Reforms

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RE: International buyers' support for Thailand's fishery reforms

Dear Minister,

We, the undersigned businesses, congratulate the Royal Thai government on its significant efforts to reform and rectify key pieces of legislation which have resulted in positive developments in Thailand's fishing practices. The Royal Thai government has invested significant resources and efforts to implement important regulations that protect the marine environment and workers from exploitation. These efforts have improved Thailand's international status, especially with the European Union and the United States governments.

As current or potential international buyers of seafood products from Thailand, we continue to monitor and support collaboration between the government, seafood suppliers and civil society organizations to ensure that these crucial reforms continue, progress and be implemented effectively. This collaboration will ensure that Thailand continues to demonstrate global leadership as a responsible and sustainable fishing nation; setting an example for the international community.

We urge the Royal Thai government to continue the path of reform and work constructively with national actors to achieve a transition towards a legal, ethical and sustainable fishing sector. We understand that new reforms are challenging but nevertheless we stand with the Thai government in supporting the details of this transition and stand ready to assist in achieving successful outcomes for key stakeholders in the fishing sector.

Yours truly,

Albertsons Companies

Aldi Nord

Aldi South

Cargill

EDEKA

Ethical Trading Initiative

Kroger

Lidl International

Morrisons

REWE Group

Sainsbury's

Seafood Ethics Action Alliance (SEA Alliance)

Tesco

Waitrose

Whole Foods