

## Getting Started with the GSA Seafood Processing Standard (SPS) Audit



### QUICK FACTS

- Applicable to aquaculture & wild seafood supply chains
- Audits conducted globally
- Certification scheme
- Membership available, not required

The Global Seafood Alliance (GSA) is an international nongovernmental organization dedicated to advancing responsible seafood practices through education, advocacy and third-party assurances. Through the development of its certification standards, GSA has become a leading provider of assurances for seafood globally. GSA is the only global seafood organization with standards that cover both wild-capture fisheries and aquaculture. GSA corporate membership is available and contributes to GSA's efforts in uplifting and supporting the seafood industry.

The Seafood Processing Standard (SPS) is applicable to farmed and wild seafood and covers the four pillars of responsible seafood – environmental responsibility, social accountability, food safety and animal welfare.

## SUPPORT

### INFORMATION

[Visit the GSA Website](#)

Learn about GSA membership and contact the membership team

[Visit the BAP Website](#)

Aquaculture assurances

[Visit the BSP Website](#)

Wild seafood assurances

[Contact Market Development](#)

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answers to common questions.



# SHARE FACILITY REPORTS WITH WALMART

## Step 1: Apply for Certification or Recertification

To submit an application, visit the BAP (<https://www.bapcertification.org>) or BSP (<https://bspcertification.org>) website and enter the “Certification Portal”. Current GSA plants may access an existing account and complete an application. New plants can create a profile, add a facility, and start a new application.

To comply with Walmart requirements, you must be audited to GSA’s Seafood Processing Standard with **Enhanced Social Accountability (ESA)**. An ESA audit includes an additional auditor that is certified by the Association of Professional Social Compliance Auditors (APSCA). You must select this option in the application (*image below*). Note: When you opt into an ESA, you are required to undergo an unannounced audit, which meets Walmart’s requirement that audits be conducted as semi- or unannounced by August 1, 2024.

Are you applying for an enhanced social accountability audit?

*Opting "Yes" will require an unannounced audit. (Note that there is an additional fee for this service. If you need more information or have selected "Yes" in error, then please contact [certification@globalseafood.org](mailto:certification@globalseafood.org) for assistance.)*




If you have any questions or difficulties with the certification process, you may contact GSA at [certification@globalseafood.org](mailto:certification@globalseafood.org) and the team can assist.

**Already certified to GSA’s Seafood Processing Standard with ESA?** See Step 2 for how to share the audit report with Walmart.

## Step 2: Share Audit Report with Walmart

The GSA team will make and confirm links to Walmart. Once links have been made, Walmart will have access to the audit report. Send the certified processing plant name , ID number (P##### or RP#####) to: [molly.jacques@globalseafood.org](mailto:molly.jacques@globalseafood.org).

## Additional Requirements

To be accepted by Walmart:

1. The audit must be conducted by an APSCA-certified auditor on behalf of an APSCA member firm. Confirm with APSCA and your selected program that the approved firm and auditor(s) are in good standing.
2. Audits must be conducted as semi-announced (within a window of time) or fully unannounced by August 1, 2024.



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