

KUSH SHELLEISH

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## **Organic Policy Statement**

This policy has been developed by Kush Seafarms Ltd. The company was established in 1987 and we produce approximately 500 tonnes of Mytilus Edulis annually from Ardgroom Harbour.

Rope mussel production using natural collection methods has been prevalent since 1980. The natural hatchery and oceanographic conditions have led the industry in this direction. A very suitable mussel for fresh market in France is produced annually and resembles the Bouchot in France. The mussels are grown on reusable materials.

The collection materials are hung vertically from longlines of 30 barrels attached to a double headrope of 100meters.. The density of collectors can be much higher at settlement stage and reduced as the mussels mature.

Kush Seafarms Ltd. employs 6 staff members (part time and full time)

All our company's operations depend on a clean environment. Thus we respect the environment we work in, support sustainable development and are committed to environmentally sound business practices.

We are committed to:

- Work in compatibility with natural cycles and living systems
- · Responsible use and conservation of water resources and all life therein
- The promotion of renewable resources in production and processing systems and avoiding pollution and waste.
- The use of natural processes, natural substances and mechanical methods in preference to chemically synthetic substances
- Promote the production of high quality organic products rather than maximising production.
- Minimal use of chemically synthesised substances and synthetic processes and only
   where natural substances and processes are not available.
- Exclusion of the use of Genetically Modified Organisms (GMO's) in the product and processing aids either directly or in the processes used in their manufacture.
- Minimisation of the use of non-renewable resources and wherever possible, the recycling
  of farm wastes and by-products
- Conversion of entire sites in accordance to organic or organic in conversion as described in this Standard.

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• The prevention of pollution

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