


RE: Questions regarding TÜV Rheinland's certification of companies in occupied Western Sahara



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Hello Mr. Hagen,

thank you for your email.

We can confirm that we issued ISO 9001, ISO 14001, ISO 45001 certificates to K.B. FISH s.a as can be seen in our publicly accessible certificate database [Certipedia](#).

In compiling certificates, we are not free in the utilization of company data but rather must use company data as provided in the respective local commercial register in which our client is listed. Achieving ISO 9001, ISO 14001, and ISO 45001 certifications underscores the commitment to quality management, environmental sustainability, and occupational health and safety, ensuring the well-being of both people and the planet.

We would like to point out that TÜV Rheinland refrains, as a matter of policy, from taking positions or making judgements on questions of international law as well as political matters. Furthermore, for reasons of confidentiality, we cannot share details of any customer relationships.

Best regards
Raphaela Fremuth on behalf of TÜV Rheinland Corporate Communications Department



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-----Original Message-----
From: Erik Hagen <erik@wsrw.org>
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To: Michael Fuebi <Michael.Fuebi@de.tuv.com>
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Subject: Questions regarding TÜV Rheinland's certification of companies in occupied Western Sahara

Dear Dr. Fübi

Western Sahara Resource Watch (WSRW) is privileged to present you with our compliments. We are writing to inquire about TÜV Rheinland's certification of companies in occupied Western Sahara, and possibly a grave error in a certificate.

The background for our request is that we are publishing a report on the certification schemes involved in the problematic trade of fisheries products from Western Sahara on our websites <https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.vest-sahara.no%2F&data=05%7C02%7Ccontact%40press.tuv.com%7C87a7aa042e4c413e086208dd1054d810%7C255bd3b384124e31a3ec56916c7ae8c0%7C0%7C0%7C638684678817612238%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMtIsIkFOljoiTWFpbCIsIldUljoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=Ox0DmzW%2FIOxCWIM%2F%2Bdt2JVb1hQD%2F5Ck2%2Fi8gS9tbX28%3D&reserved=0> and <https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.wsrw.org%2F&data=05%7C02%7Ccontact%40press.tuv.com%7C87a7aa042e4c413e086208dd1054d810%7C255bd3b384124e31a3ec56916c7ae8c0%7C0%7C0%7C638684678817612238%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMtIsIkFOljoiTWFpbCIsIldUljoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=Cx7hJxOwqeP2guBsmv3EBqvVjnBQ63AGuJx9kiXdBRQ%3D&reserved=0> in approximately a month from now, and we will include references to your company in the report.

We have a couple of questions in relation to this, outlined in the attached file, that we hope you will have a chance to respond to prior to 15 December.

Looking forward to hearing from you,

Sincerely,

Erik Hagen

Western Sahara Resource Watch

<https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.wsrw.org%2F&data=05%7C02%7Ccontact%40press.tuv.com%7C87a7aa042e4c413e086208dd1054d810%7C255bd3b384124e31a3ec56916c7ae8c0%7C0%7C0%7C638684678817612238%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMilslkFOljoITWVpbClslldU!jofyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=Cx7hjqOwqeP2guBsmv3EBqvVjnBQ63AGuJx9kiXdBRQ%3D&reserved=0>