



SuperSmolt technology accepted by UK, Irish organic associations

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The Portland, Maine-based company said that the acceptance means that organic salmon and trout producers can use the product during production while maintaining the right to use the organic and quality marks of the respective organizations.

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“We are pleased to learn that the Soil Association, SQS and IFQS have accepted SuperSmolt, as this validates our technology as a natural process that supports the highest standards of quality, sustainability, and safety in the farming of salmon,” stated David Hughes, MariCal’s president.

Launched in 2002, SuperSmolt is a compound added to fish feed that expedites the transition of farmed salmon from fresh water to salt water. The company claims that smolt as small as 15 grams can be transferred to salt water with no osmotic shock or mortality. Normally, producers wait until smolt are at least 50-60 grams.

The company has conducted trials with SuperSmolt in a number of countries including Norway, Canada, Chile, the United States and Iceland. The privately-held aquatic life sciences firm, which was founded in 1996, is backed by Norwegian investment firms Technoinvest Management AS and Ferd Venture.

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