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Stofnfiskur, thanks to its animal health status, is the only foreign provider allowed to export Atlantic salmon eggs to Chile.

The company's land-based farms are supplied with unpolluted seawater and freshwater from boreholes. This water, naturally filtered through porous lava, provides the best disease-free habitat for fish. Together with the Icelandic Food and Veterinary Authority ([MAST](#)), the company has developed and implemented effective biosecurity management measures focused on preventing and protecting our fish from infectious disease agents. As a result, the company is now a biosecure compartment.

The Icelandic Food and Veterinary Authority formally established a strategy to conduct and support the compartmentalisation process

The provisions for the implementation of compartmentalisation established in the OIE *Aquatic Animal Health Code* [1] and *Terrestrial Animal Health Code* [2] are merely recommendations and they do not provide specific guidance on how to implement, evaluate or officially approve a compartment. Consequently, MAST formally established a strategy to conduct and support the compartmentalisation process and drafted legislation. MAST published the Official Standard on the requirements for compartmentalisation for disease management in March 2015 [3].

Once all the legal instruments were set up, Stofnfiskur applied for official approval of the first biosecure compartment. MAST performed site visits to all sub-units of the compartment and verified their documentation, and official certification was granted on 2 October 2015. Subsequently, Stofnfiskur submitted the relevant documentation to the Chilean National Fisheries and Aquaculture Service ([SERNAPESCA](#)), with the aim of obtaining official recognition for the compartment in Chile. SERNAPESCA began collecting the necessary documentation in 2014 and recognised the first international compartment in Iceland on 1 March 2016.

The process described above clearly demonstrates the importance of collaboration between the private and public sectors. The alliance between Stofnfiskur and MAST is another example of a successful public-private partnership in aquaculture. In addition, this alliance has contributed to economic growth in Iceland.

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Successful implementation of compartmentalisation in aquaculture: the production of Atlantic salmon in Iceland

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