# FORCED LABOUR IN CANADIAN SUPPLY CHAINS

#### PUBLIC SAFETY CANADA

Niqitaq Fisheries Ltd. Report Submission April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024

#### Approval and attestation

In accordance with the requirements of the Act, and in particular section 11 thereof, I attest that I have reviewed the information contained in the report for the entity or entities listed above. Based on my knowledge, and having exercised reasonable diligence, I attest that the information in the report is true, accurate and complete in all material respects for the purposes of the Act, for the reporting year listed above.

Chris Flanagan

CEO

Niqitaq Fisheries Ltd.

Sianed:

May 28, 2024

I have the authority to bind Niqitaq Fisheries Ltd

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# **Reporting Entity Information**

Legal name:

Nigitaq Fisheries Ltd..

• Financial reporting year:

April 1, 2023 - March 31, 2024

Business number:

88457 8600

• Entity categorization:

Corporation

Sector/industry:

Seafood Harvester and Distributer

Location:

Head Office - Iqaluit, NU Canada

## **Section 11 (1):**

Steps taken (during the previous financial year) to prevent and reduce risks of forced labour and child labour:

- Broadly or specific? (parts of the entity's activities and supply chains)
- What did they address? (forced labour or child labour)
- Who did they address? (which partners or stakeholders)
- Details of actions taken (policies/processes implemented)

A Supply Chain Questionnaire was sent to our top 10 suppliers which represents the vast majority of our supplier volume. This questionnaire was to determine if our suppliers have policies in place that address forced labour, human rights, and discrimination. The responses that we received confirmed that our suppliers have policies in place to address these issues, especially forced labour.

Niqitaq is a harvester and seller of seafood from northern Canadian waters. Most of our suppliers are service providers for our vessels and are in Canada. We source some of our materials from Western European countries that have stringent policies regarding forced labour.

It should be noted that most of Niqitaq's supply is sourced within Canada or Western Europe. As such, Niqitaq is deemed to be at low risk for any forced/child labour.

## **Section 11 (3):**

- a. Niqitaq structure, activities, and supply chains
- b. Policies and due diligence processes in relation to forced labour and child labour
- c. Parts of operations and supply chains that may carry a risk of forced/child labour being used and steps taken to assess and manage that risk
- d. Measures taken to remediate any forced labour or child labour
- e. Measures taken to remediate the loss of income to the most vulnerable families that results from any measure taken to eliminate the use of forced labour or child labour in activities and supply chains
- f. Training provided to employees on forced labour and child labour
- g. Assessing effectiveness in ensuring that forced labour and child labour are not being used in operations and supply chains

### Requirement (a) - structure, activities, and supply chains

Niqitaq Fisheries Ltd. is a corporation, registered in Canada, and headquartered in Iqaluit NU and an operations office in Paradise NL, Canada.

Niqitaq's mandate is to harvest seafood from northern Canadian waters and sell to customers around the world.

Core functions of the business (fleet operations, sales, finance/accounting, logistics, quality control) are based in the Paradise office.

Niqitaq employs approximately 150 people in Canada.

Niqitaq is a member of the FCC (Fisheries Council of Canada) and NFA (Nunavut Fisheries Association).

Other affiliations & certifications held by Nigitag:

- Export Certification Control Program required by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency.
- Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) certification for commitment to maintaining a sustainable seafood resource for future generations.

#### **Product sources:**

Niqitaq harvests and produces 95% of its own finished products for global sales with the remaining 5% sourced from Danish/Greenlandic companies.

### Requirement (b) - Policies and due diligence processes

Niqitaq is committed to only sourcing materials and services from reputable suppliers that have responsible ethical practices implemented. In many cases, Niqitaq employees have visited the suppliers' operations. During these visits to the supplier sites, our employees observe for unsafe working conditions, signs of employee abuse, and child/forced labour. In the case of service providers, the work is completed on our vessels alongside our vessel crew.

## Requirement (c) – Forced labour and child labour risks

#### Nigitag's own activities/operations:

No risk identified in Niqitaq's direct activities and operations.

#### Nigitaq supply chains:

Niqitaq's supply chain outside of Canada is mainly in Western Europe. These countries have legislation and policies to address forced labour/child labour. Niqitaq's supply chain outside of Canada is deemed low risk for forced labour/child labour.

Through Niqitaq's membership in FCC, it is regularly kept informed of issues that impact the seafood industry – including those that may concern child/forced labour.

# Requirement (d) - Remediation measures

Not applicable.

# Requirement (e) - Remediation of loss of income

Not applicable.

## Requirement (f) - Training

No internal formal training programs on child/forced labour occurred in 2023. This will be implemented during the current fiscal year.

# Requirement (g) – Assessing effectiveness

Not applicable.