Section 2.9 Outsourcing & Specifications – Processes and Services

2.9.2 The applicant shall not outsource to, use, or buy shrimp from entities known as “peeling or deheading sheds”. These are defined as independent, third party “satellite” operations. To be eligible for BAP certification, the peeling and heading of shrimp shall occur only in the facilities owned by and completely controlled by a BAP-certified processing plant. The facilities must be located onsite or in close proximity to the BAP-certified processing plant in order to ensure that they are included as part of the scope of the annual BAP audit.

Interpretation 2.9.2

This clause is intended to prevent outsourcing of peeling, deheading, and other “pre-processing” activities that might occur in connection with the sourcing of fresh shrimp by primary processors, and BAP-certified facilities are expected to manage such processing steps within facilities entirely under their management control and ownership. Reference has been made to the proximity of such pre-processing facilities to the related BAP-certified processing plant, to ensure that such facilities (if any) will be visited and included in the scope of the main plant’s annual BAP audit.

The clause is not intended to extend to value-added processing activities that might be carried out by BAP-certified facilities using frozen pre-processed material.