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Like all farmers, fish health and welfare is central to our operations and our animal health team is led by globally recognised veterinary experts. For our farming operations, antibiotics are only used as a last resort to protect the health of our fish, we follow strict fish health and welfare policies and administer antibiotics under vet supervision.

Our antibiotic use has been made publicly available within our Sustainability report since 2010, and is also available on our GSI profile, the Tasmanian Government Salmon Portal, EPA reporting page and within our Tassal owned platforms.

The administration of antibiotics are subject to strict and detailed protocols which are always adhered to by Tassal, these protocols are in place to ensure there is negligible risk of environmental harm. Environmental monitoring is conducted, the EPA developed the program which is conducted by a third-party specialist and reported back to the EPA.

Any treated pens are subject to extensive holding periods before being harvested and we can confirm there is no risk to food safety.

We continue to invest in vaccine development and working towards 100% vaccination of our stock. As a responsible farmer antibiotic treatments may be required, as to date it has not been achievable to produce one vaccine that covers every potential infectious challenge, as work continues, we expect to see treatment frequency decline.

The report referred to in media and by the EPA is publicly available at https://epa.tas.gov.au/business-industry/regulation/salmon-aquaculture/marine-based-finfish-farms/okehampton-bay. Previous reports of this kind were not publicly shared and Tassal was conscious of competitive information becoming available to competitors, as well as personal information about Tassal employees being released which caused privacy concerns, and sought to resolve this procedural difference with the EPA. As this is now a process for the full industry, with employee privacy controls in place, Tassal supports this additional disclosure.