



**Metadata - Yearly simple table**

**Import**  
**Extra-EU imports by main country of origin**

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Ref. link: <http://www.eumofa.eu/extra-eu-imports>.

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**Overview of the query**

This predefined query allows to extract yearly data on imports in the EU or one Member State<sup>1</sup> from main non-EU partner countries. Main partner countries are identified on the basis of top imports (in terms of volume or value) for that Commodity Group or Main Commercial species, in the latest period available.

Four pre-selected filters are available:

1. Member State: specific country or the item “EU” can be chosen
2. Year from: beginning year for which data will be displayed
3. Year to: last year for which data will be displayed
4. Sort on: if “volume” is chosen, top partner countries will be displayed starting from the country from which the highest volumes of products are imported. If “value” is chosen, top partner countries will be displayed starting from the country from which the highest amount of products in terms of value are imported

The resulting table show the amounts of products imported (“volume” and “value” at Commodity Group level and “volume”, “value” and “price” at Main commercial species level) in the years selected.

<sup>1</sup> The United Kingdom is considered as part of the EU till 2019 and related yearly data on imports from main non-EU partner countries till this year are available in all tables at EU level. Starting from 2020, the United Kingdom’s data on imports are available together with other non-EU countries (Iceland and Norway).



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The table can be drilled in to a more disaggregated level by clicking on the underlined elements (i.e. Commodity groups). As a result, the table will display those Main commercial species pertaining to the Commodity group selected.

Data can be downloaded in different formats (xlsx, csv, ods).

Click [here](#) to consult the User guide for using predefined queries.

### Type of data and sources

Yearly data on extra-EU import refer to **fisheries and aquaculture products imported** in each EU Member State, **originating from non-EU countries**, as recorded at the EU Customs offices. The source from which the EUMOFA collects these data is EUROSTAT – COMEXT (monthly data aggregated on a yearly basis).

Each month, latest 24 months are downloaded by the EUMOFA Team from EUROSTAT-COMEXT and uploaded into EUMOFA. This is due to the fact that import-export data of the latest 24 months could be submitted to updates.

### Products specifications

Data on the **fisheries and aquaculture products imported** in each EU Member State are disseminated in this query aggregated into the related Main commercial species and Commodity groups. Main commercial species and Commodity groups are **aggregates of different fish species and products**. Details on Presentations and Preservation states are also available.

For details on the correlation carried out for aggregating raw trade data at CN-8 code level to the EUMOFA Main commercial species and Commodity groups, please consult the “Data management” Metadata and its Annexes available [here](#)<sup>2</sup>.

### Reference period

Data in the resulting table are displayed for the years selected. For details on the frequency and the time lag of data collection from EUROSTAT-COMEXT, consult the metadata dedicated to “Data collection” available [here](#)<sup>3</sup>.

For checking the state of update of data included in the query, consult the [Data supply monitoring](#)<sup>4</sup>.

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.eumofa.eu/supply-balance-and-other-methodologies>

<sup>3</sup> <http://www.eumofa.eu/documents/20178/24415/Metadata+1+-+DATA+COLLECTION.pdf>

<sup>4</sup> <http://www.eumofa.eu/data-supply-monitoring>.



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#### Unit of measure

Volumes are expressed in tonnes net weight. Values are expressed in 1.000 Euro. Prices are expressed in Euro/ Kilogram (without VAT).

#### Quality assurance

All data published on EUMOFA are subject to regular and in-depth quality checks, performed both at the entry stage and after the harmonisation of raw figures to EUMOFA's aggregation rationale<sup>5</sup>.

At the entry stage, checks are performed i) on the IT side, while uploading data in the EUMOFA database and ii) by EUMOFA analysts, before the release of data on the EUMOFA website for ensuring their accuracy.

- *Quality checks performed while uploading data on the IT system:* incomplete and incorrect files/records are automatically discarded. They regard:
  - file format
  - missing information
  - inclusion of codes not available in EUMOFA codes registers
  - codes format
  - duplicated records
- *Preliminary checks performed on data accuracy before their dissemination on EUMOFA:* datasets from "high risk" providers<sup>6</sup> are subject to ad-hoc checks. These aim to detect abnormal volumes and values/prices' trends for each main commercial species / trade flow / country of origin or destination. Trends are analysed three-year backwards.

After data are made available on EUMOFA, our analysts continue to perform checks to ensure the highest quality of data. These checks are done regularly, the exact frequency depending on the type of data, or at the request of users, providers, etc.

- *Quality checks regularly performed:* in-dept checks on correctness and accuracy of data are regularly performed on volume and value/price trends for each main commercial species / trade flow / country of origin or destination. Trends are analysed three-year backwards. Weekly data are checked every four months; monthly data are checked at least once a year; yearly data are checked once a year.
- *Quality checks performed on request:* ad-hoc checks on correctness and accuracy of data are performed each time suspicious figures are detected.

All instances with abnormal data are cross-checked with the provider in order to clarify if they actually reflect market phenomena. In case these turn out to be wrong, they are replaced with correct data. To be noted that EUMOFA only provides with data quality assurance. Once data are confirmed with the provider, they are published on EUMOFA, as any provider is the final responsible of correctness and accuracy of data transmitted.

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.eumofa.eu/harmonisation>

<sup>6</sup> "High risk" is defined based on the outcome of previous quality checks.



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In addition, the timeliness of all data submissions is checked at least once a month and reminders are sent to providers with an overdue delivery.