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**Overview of the query**

This predefined query allows to extract yearly data on imports in the EU from non-EU countries, by making use of two pre-selected filters:

1. Countries, which includes all EU Member States and the EU aggregate<sup>1</sup>
2. Year, for an historical series back to 2002.

Through this query, it is possible to compare imports of different EU Member States or the EU as a whole from non-EU countries at the same time for a given period.

The table can be drilled in to a more disaggregated level by the user 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.

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<sup>1</sup> The United Kingdom is considered as part of the EU till 2019 and related yearly data on imports from non-EU 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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#### Type of data and sources

Yearly data on extra-EU imports refer to **fisheries and aquaculture products imported** in each EU Member State, **originating from non-EU countries**, as recorded at the relevant 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 from non-EU countries 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 Presentation 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 year selected. For details on the frequency and the time lag of data submissions 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>.

#### Unit of measure

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

<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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#### 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.

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.

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

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