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**Overview of the query**

This predefined query allows to extract weekly data (volumes, values and prices) of main products imported by the EU Member States<sup>1</sup> from extra-EU countries<sup>2</sup>, by making use of five pre-selected fields to be filtered:

1. Commodity groups: see the list available [here](#)
2. Main commercial species: see the list available [here](#)
3. Year
4. Week: specific week of the year object of the analysis
5. Measure: Price, Volume, Value

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

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

<sup>1</sup> The United Kingdom is considered part of the EU till week 5 of 2020 and related data till this week are included in EU aggregations. Starting from week 6 of 2020, the United Kingdom's weekly data are no longer included in aggregations at EU level.

<sup>2</sup> It worth to be noted that, in some cases, the EU Member States should not to be considered as actual importers, but rather as "points of entry" of products destined to other countries in the EU.



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#### Type of data and sources

Weekly data available in this query concern a selection of relevant products imported in the EU Member States from non-EU countries. The source from which the EUMOFA collects these data is the European Commission.

Every week, data for the weeks of previous two years are uploaded, considering that possible revisions could have occurred for the periods uploaded.

#### Products specifications

Weekly import prices are collected for selected species and selected countries of origin, as reported at this [link](#)<sup>3</sup>. Selected species cover 80% of total value of imports in the EU from extra-EU countries.

#### Reference period

Data in the resulting table are displayed for the selected week, the previous one, and the same week of previous three years. For details on the frequency and the time lag of data submissions from DG TAXUD Surveillance System (TSS), consult the metadata dedicated to “Data collection” available [here](#)<sup>4</sup>.

For checking the state of update of data included in the query, consult the [Data supply monitoring](#)<sup>5</sup>.

#### Unit of measure

Volumes are expressed in Kilograms. Values are expressed in Euro. Prices are expressed in Euro / Kilogram (without VAT).

Volumes are in net weight.

#### 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>6</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

<sup>3</sup> [http://www.eumofa.eu/documents/20178/24415/Metadata+1+-+DC+-+Annex+1\\_selected+products.pdf](http://www.eumofa.eu/documents/20178/24415/Metadata+1+-+DC+-+Annex+1_selected+products.pdf)

<sup>4</sup> <http://www.eumofa.eu/documents/20178/24415/Metadata+1+-+DATA+COLLECTION.pdf>

<sup>5</sup> <http://www.eumofa.eu/data-supply-monitoring>

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.eumofa.eu/harmonisation>



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- 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>7</sup> are subject to ad-hoc checks. These aim to detect abnormal volumes and values/prices’ trends for each main commercial species / country of origin. 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 / country of origin. 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.

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<sup>7</sup> “High risk” is defined based on the outcome of previous quality checks.