



Metadata - Monthly simple table

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Extra-EU import (quarterly) by main country of origin

Import/Export
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Ref. link: <http://www.eumofa.eu/qa-extra-eu-import>.

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Overview of the query

This predefined query allows to extract monthly data aggregated into quarters on imports in the EU (or in one Member State¹) from main non-EU partner countries. Main partner countries are identified on the basis of top imports (in terms of volume) for that Commodity Group or Main Commercial species, in the latest period available.

Two filters are available:

1. Member State: specific country or the item “EU” can be chosen
2. Time range backwards (quarter): number of backwards quarters to display

The resulting table shows volumes and values of products imported in the period starting from the 1st quarter and up to the most recent quarter available of the current year (i.e. “Year to date”, or “cumulative period”). The cumulative period of the current year is therefore compared to:

- The same cumulative period of the previous year;
- The same cumulative period of two years before.
- Each cumulative period will always compare the same number of quarters.

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



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The table can be drilled into a more disaggregated level by clicking on the underlined elements (i.e. Commodity groups). As a result, the table will be shown broken down by 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

Monthly (and therefore quarterly) 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 monthly data is EUROSTAT - COMEXT.

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 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](#)².

Reference period

For details on the frequency and the time lag of data collection from EUROSTAT-COMEXT, consult the metadata dedicated to “Data collection” available [here](#)³.

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

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

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

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



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Unit of measure

Volumes are expressed in Tonnes. Values are expressed in 1.000 Euro. Prices are expressed in Euro / Kilogram (without VAT).

Volumes are in net weight.

Quality assurance

At EUMOFA level, regular checks are performed at two stages:

- Data entry: data not in compliance with completeness, consistency and correctness rules are automatically discarded and stored in a specific table within the Database. Checks performed consist in:
 - o File format check
 - o Existence of codes (against codes registers)
 - o Duplicate records
- Data dissemination: the instances of abnormal data are cross-checked with the contact persons of EUROSTAT-COMEXT in order to i) confirm the data surveyed and, if need be, ii) collect revised data and substituting incorrect figures with the new ones.