

REVIEW

FOREIGN TRADE IN FISHERY PRODUCTS

IMPORTS

U.S. imports of edible fishery products in 1997 were valued at \$7.8 billion, \$1.0 billion more than in 1996. The quantity of edible imports was 3.3 billion pounds, 169.1 million pounds more than the quantity imported in 1996.

Edible imports consisted of 2.9 billion pounds of fresh and frozen products valued at \$7.0 billion, 387.1 million pounds of canned products valued at \$525.3 million, 69.0 million pounds of cured products valued at \$131.6 million, 4.3 million pounds of caviar and roe products valued at \$31.2 million, and 16.9 million pounds of other products valued at \$44.2 million.

The quantity of shrimp imported in 1997 was 648.3 million pounds, 65.9 million pounds more than the quantity imported in 1996. Valued at \$2.9 billion, shrimp imports accounted for 37 percent of the value of total edible imports. Imports of fresh and frozen tuna were 438.5 million pounds, 90.2 million pounds less than the 528.7 million pounds imported in 1996. Imports of canned tuna were 212.2 million pounds, 19.1 million pounds more than in 1996. Imports of fresh and frozen fillets and steaks amounted to 514.8 million pounds, an increase of 38.3 million pounds from 1996. Regular and minced block imports were 234.0 million pounds, a decrease of 238,000 pounds from 1996.

Imports of nonedible fishery products were valued at \$6.8 billion--an increase of \$443.3 million compared with 1996. The total value of edible and nonedible products was \$14.5 billion in 1997, \$1.4 billion more than in 1996 when \$13.1 billion of fishery products were imported.

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