

FOREIGN TRADE

IMPORTS

REGULAR AND MINCED FISH BLOCKS AND SLABS IMPORTS, BY SPECIES AND TYPE, 1996 AND 1997

Species and type	1996			1997		
	<u>Thousand pounds</u>	<u>Metric tons</u>	<u>Thousand dollars</u>	<u>Thousand pounds</u>	<u>Metric tons</u>	<u>Thousand dollars</u>
Regular blocks and slabs:						
Cod.....	23,439	10,632	33,755	32,723	14,843	49,872
Flatfish.....	3,433	1,557	6,461	6,951	3,153	11,050
Haddock.....	12,740	5,779	18,122	14,650	6,645	21,378
Ocean perch.....	1,111	504	1,872	578	262	863
Pollock.....	144,234	65,424	109,985	133,528	60,568	101,772
Whiting.....	16,830	7,634	14,310	17,368	7,878	16,339
Other.....	6,903	3,131	6,450	9,630	4,368	12,069
Total.....	208,690	94,661	190,955	215,427	97,717	213,343
Minced blocks and slabs.....	25,520	11,576	22,368	18,545	8,412	17,665
Grand total.....	234,210	106,237	213,323	233,972	106,129	231,008

Source:--U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census.

REGULAR AND MINCED FISH BLOCKS AND SLABS IMPORTS, BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN, 1996 AND 1997

Country	1996			1997		
	<u>Thousand pounds</u>	<u>Metric tons</u>	<u>Thousand dollars</u>	<u>Thousand pounds</u>	<u>Metric tons</u>	<u>Thousand dollars</u>
China.....	81,120	36,796	59,366	81,052	36,765	61,042
Russian Federation.....	74,848	33,951	61,670	67,833	30,769	58,146
Norway.....	12,335	5,595	17,485	18,219	8,264	26,415
Canada.....	15,227	6,907	15,454	13,774	6,248	16,587
Iceland.....	16,380	7,430	22,859	9,806	4,448	14,917
Denmark.....	5,333	2,419	8,296	6,252	2,836	10,404
Argentina.....	9,257	4,199	6,890	10,487	4,757	8,827
South Africa.....	3,084	1,399	4,274	3,602	1,634	5,248
New Zealand.....	642	291	757	3,444	1,562	4,535
Other.....	15,983	7,250	16,272	19,502	8,846	24,887
Total.....	234,210	106,237	213,323	233,972	106,129	231,008

Source:--U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census.

GROUND FISH FILLET AND STEAK IMPORTS, BY SPECIES, 1996 AND 1997 (1)

Species	1996			1997		
	<u>Thousand pounds</u>	<u>Metric tons</u>	<u>Thousand dollars</u>	<u>Thousand pounds</u>	<u>Metric tons</u>	<u>Thousand dollars</u>
Cod.....	74,191	33,653	163,986	95,051	43,115	210,068
Haddock (2).....	79,031	35,848	102,752	59,848	27,147	84,788
Ocean perch.....	24,987	11,334	43,679	21,226	9,628	39,350
Total.....	178,209	80,835	310,417	176,125	79,890	334,206

(1) Does not include data on fish blocks and slabs.

(2) Includes some quantities of cusk, hake, and pollock fillets.

Source:--U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census.