

2019 UK Seafood Import and Export Summary Factsheet Finalised Data

Source: HMRC data via BTS

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Summary


- **The UK's total seafood imports and exports increased in 2019 in terms of value and volume, whilst the average £/kg has continued to rise.**
- **Both seafood imports and exports increased in value and volume, whilst experiencing inflation**
- **Imports' share of value trade maintained its level and increased share of volume trade**

Summary dashboard 2019




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(+12.3%)


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↑ 1,178k t
(+7.0%)

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(+10.8%)

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(+1.4%)



↑ £4.64/kg
(+5.0%)

↑ £4.77/kg
(+1.4%)

↑ £4.42/kg
(+10.7%)

Imports

- Seafood imports increased in value and volume, whilst experiencing inflation
- The countries that import the largest value of seafood into the UK are Iceland, China, and Germany
- The import value and volume of all species groups increased, whilst the average £/kg fell for shellfish and pelagic fish
- The species with the greatest import value are salmon, cod, and tuna

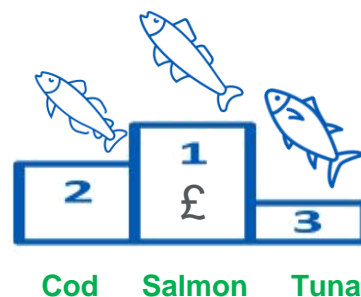
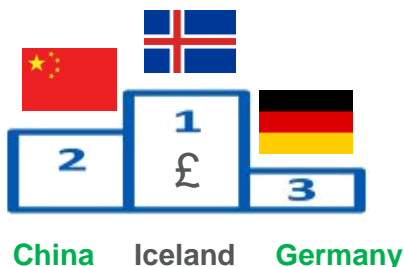
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- China
Germany
Faroe Islands
Vietnam
Sweden
Norway
India
Spain
Russia
France
Thailand

- Denmark
Canada
Poland
Ecuador
Seychelles



- Salmon
Cod
Tuna
WW Shrimps &
Prawns
Haddock
Pollack
Mackerel
Catfish
Seabass
Sardine
Lobster
Surimi
Nephrops
Seabream
Squid
Anchovy



- Scallops
CW Shrimps &
Prawns

Key: top 20 countries & species value & volume increase, value & volume decline

Exports

- **Seafood imports increased in value and volume, whilst experiencing inflation**
- **The countries that import the largest value of seafood into the UK are France, U.S.A., and Spain**
- **The export value of shellfish decreased, whilst volume increased**
- **The species with the greatest import value are salmon, nephrops, and crabs**

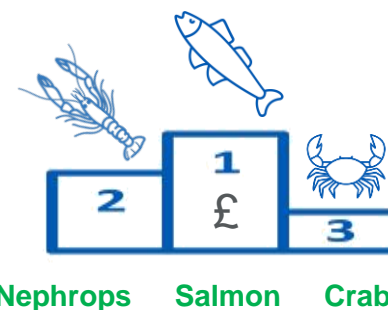
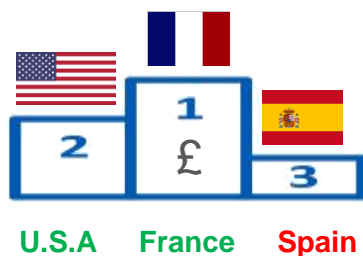
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France
U.S.A.
Belgium
South Korea
Taiwan
Canada
Hong Kong
United Arab Emirates



Spain
Irish Republic
Italy
Netherlands
Denmark
Vietnam



Salmon
Nephrops
Crabs
Trout
Lobster
Clam
Squid
Coley



Scallops
Cod
P&P Shrimps & Prawns
Monkfish
Herring
Tuna
Hake
Rock Lobster And Sea Crawfish

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No traceability is implied to the country of origin or geographic catch area of the seafood i.e. the named country may be part of a complex distribution chain.

The values quoted are based on Cost, Insurance and Freight (CIF) delivery terms value for imports to the UK and the Free on Board (FOB) delivery terms value for exports from the UK.

The volumes quoted are based on the actual product weight of the "goods" themselves without any packaging.

% figures represent the change against previous year unless stated otherwise.

Data excludes "non-food use" commodity codes.

All calculations in this report were performed on the source data which may include many decimal places. For presentation purposes, the data in this report has been rounded at the end to reduce decimal places as far as possible. Therefore, manual calculations may provide slightly different results to those shown; please contact Seafish for the source data if you require further information.

Key:

k t = thousand tonnes

YA = Year Ago

Unless stated otherwise: green text = positive change v YA, red text = negative change v YA



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