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**Exporter Guide** 

## 2015 Exporter Guide Report

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#### **Report Highlights:**

The exporter guide provides an overview of the political and economic situation in Morocco, as well as the general business and agricultural trade environment. Morocco's economic and political situation continues to be stable. U.S. agricultural best prospects include diary (milk powder, whey, cheese, butter), soybean complex (whole, oil, meal), distillers grains (DDGS), dried fruits and nuts (pistachios, walnuts, non-pitted prunes, raisins, and almonds), confectionary items and frozen seafood.

#### **Executive Summary:**

# SECTION I: MARKET OVERVIEW Current Political and Economic Situation

Morocco's general economic and political environment is stable as confirmed by international rating agencies. In July 2011, Morocco continued its democratization and political reform process mandated by its new constitution. In November 2011, the country had the first parliamentary elections that gave the elected government some of the authorities that were previously reserved for the ruling monarch King Mohamed VI. As a result of the elections, the moderate Islamist-referenced Justice and Development Party (PJD) won the lion's share of seats allowing it to form the new government. Abdelilah Benkirane was appointed Head of Government from the leading party PJD. Since 2011, the path towards reform has been piecemeal with slow and winding ratification of organic laws mandated by the constitution. The long-overdue local and regional elections were held as recently as September 2015, followed immediately by House of Councilor elections in October. These have resulted in the opposition maintaining its grip on the upper house, ahead of legislative elections which are expected in 2016. The economy has strong prospects for economic growth and the government endeavors to develop the business climate and encourage private investment despite the fact that various aspects, like intellectual property and lengthy bureaucratic practices, still require improvement.

On December 5, 2012, Morocco and the United States signed an agreement to facilitate and enhance trade exchanges. The agreement calls for new transparency standards within the two countries to facilitate export procedures for both small and big enterprises. This agreement enforces Morocco-US FTA's implemented since January 1, 2006. The FTA allowed the United States to recapture a significant market share in many traditionally traded commodities and for the first time to export many other commodities that were limited by high import duties. According to Moroccan import data, U.S. exports to Morocco soared to \$906 million in 2007 sustained by a weak dollar and adequate supply from the United States. According to U.S. trade data, agricultural and food exports from the U.S. to Morocco reached \$412 million in 2014, which represented about 5.9 percent decline compared to 2013, while the U.S. agricultural and food product imports from Morocco for that year were estimated at \$177 million.

Table 1: United States Exports to Morocco (value \$1000)

Product	2012	2013	2014	Jan - Aug 2014	Jan – Aug 2015	P/P % Change
Intermediate Total	465.9	211.2	183.6	145.3	126.2	-13.2
Bulk Total	110.4	97.1	117.1	79.2	108.8	37.5
Consumer Oriented Total	84.6	130.6	111.5	105.6	16.6	-84
Forest Products	2.7	2.4	3.8	2.2	2.8	28.9
Agricultural Products	660.8	438.9	412.1	330	251.6	-23.8
Ag, Fish & Related Products	932,305	668,786	441,807	321,496	332,730	-23.3

SOURCE: USDA/GATS

During the period of January-August 2015, U.S. exports totaled \$251 million, which is 24 percent lower compared to exports during the same period in 2014.

Import duties imposed by Morocco are generally high. However, the U.S. Morococo Free Trade Agreement (FTA) entered its ninth year of implementation on January 1, 2016, with further duty reductions for most U.S. agricultural products. These staged reductions will provide U.S. exporters with greater opportunities to export their products to this market.

The agricultural sector represents a significant share of Morocco's GDP, at between 13 and 21 percent annually. At the same time, agricultural output fluctuates heavily from year to year as it depends a great deal on rainfall and climate conditions as only 16 percent of total arable land is irrigated. In the past, growth has varied from 11 percent to minus 1 percent largely because of the lack of rainfall. Morocco's rainfall during the 2014/2015 season was 12 percent higher compared to a normal season and up by 50 percent compared to 2012/2013 season. Morocco's cereal production for 2014/2015 totaled 11.5 million MT, which was 69 percent higher compared to production in the previous season. Specifically, Morocco's soft wheat production for 2014/2015 season totaled 5.6 million MT, 51 percent higher than the previous season, while durum wheat production totaled 2.4 million MT, 71 percent upper than the previous crop.

In April 2008, the Ministry of Agriculture announced its new strategy for agricultural development in Morocco. In its sixth year of implementation, the strategy has been successful in increasing the overall agriculture production level by 38 percent. The "Green Morocco Plan" strategy calls for reform of water policy, food standards, marketing, and other areas and has two main components:

#### Pillar I

• Accelerate the development of agriculture value added by fostering investment, by providing preferential access to land and finance and facilitating logistics, branding, quality management and research and development.

#### Pillar II

• Based on solidarity, Pillar II encourage aggregation of small farmers into integrated, viable entities

Morocco has been liberalizing its economy and trade. Prices of virtually all consumer-oriented products are market determined. There is little government involvement in imports and processing of food products, especially consumer-oriented products. The sugar processing industry is where the GOM is involved the most, although all sugar beet and cane mills are scheduled to be privatized. The GOM completely phased out the subsidy for vegetable oil but it is still heavily subsidizing sugar and some wheat flour at the retail level to make them accessible to the low-income population.

#### **Banking System**

The banking system is well developed and most banks are private and have correspondent banks in Europe and in the United States. Foreign currencies are readily available to importers upon presentation of appropriate import documents. Although the use of Letters of Credit is common, many importers prefer to shift to use of payments against documents after the first few operations. The current regulation authorizes up to 40 percent of the FOB value as advance payments for import operations, but most regular importers do not want to take this risk.

Morocco has a strong financial sector and it is working on strategic economic plan. In 2013, two Moroccan banks, Attijariwafa Bank and Groupe BCP, ranked among the continent's top 10 biggest financial institutions, and their influence looks set to spread. Another Moroccan bank, Banque Populaire, recently opened a branch in Mali, and United State of America (Washington DC) and some Moroccan banks are now investing in mining projects as distant as the Congo, competing with the five big South African banks that dominate the continent.

In its strategy to overcome liquidity shortage and boost economic growth, Morocco intends to introduce Islamic banking starting 2013. The government has already detailed how it intends to develop Islamic finance and the Moroccan bank AttijariWafa is most likely to take the lead. Foreign Islamic banks will be allowed 49 percent of Morocco's first fully-fledged Islamic bank, compared to 51 percent for local bank.

## **Key Demographic Development**

Morocco's population is estimated at about 35 million, of which about half live in the rural areas. The population grows at about 1.5 percent and an estimated 55 percent of the population is less than 25 years old. The middle class is steadily increasing and the family size is becoming smaller (average of 3-4 children). The illiteracy rate is about 41.7 percent and is much higher in the rural areas. Islam is the prevailing religion (over 97 percent). Arabic is the prevailing language and while Moroccans understand classical Arabic, they use mostly the local dialect that classical Arabic speakers may find hard to understand. French is the most widely used business language.

For the most part, Moroccan home cooking remains traditional, but change is coming, especially in large cities where there is a tendency for young families to adopt a western lifestyle. The number of women working outside the home is steadily increasing, which results in higher income for the family, but also forces its members, when they can afford it, to turn to ready-for-use or semi-processed products instead of traditional, time-consuming, homemade products. This is particularly true in large cities such as Casablanca, Rabat, Marrakech, Fes, Agadir, and Tangier where distribution channels have significantly developed in recent years. Today, local producers and importers of consumer oriented food products are able to deliver many new quality products to consumers in modern supermarkets.

#### **Consumer Spending**

The bulk of the demand for consumer oriented food products comes from large cities where the population with higher income and more modern lifestyle lives. It has been estimated that about 10 percent of the population (3 million) can afford to buy imported products and spend nearly 11 times more than the 10 percent of the population with the lowest income.

Eating habits for working Moroccans have changed since the establishment of a labor law in 2005 to change working hours (no mid-day break) for public and private sector institutions. Many of the working Moroccans who are not able return home for the mid-day meals now takes their lunch at restaurants and fast food places. This has led to a significant increase in the number of restaurants and fast food outlets in Morocco in the past few years.

**Table 2: Advantages and Challenges** 

Advantages	Challenges
Morocco has a FTA with US. Some products have	Morocco has free trade agreement with an increasing
immediate preferential access. On the long term,	number of countries including EU, Dubai, Turkey, and
duties for most products will be phased out.	Arab countries.
Local production fluctuates widely with the weather,	Geographical disadvantage (Europe is a few miles
which makes Morocco dependent on imports.	from Morocco) resulting in high U.S. shipping cost.
Many high value food products are not known to the	French continues to be the predominant business
Moroccan consumer, which means there is room for	language. Moroccan importers traditionally do
many new products.	business through European brokers and traders.
The local food industry is upgrading and becoming	Many products that are common in the United States
more demanding on quality and regularity of supply.	are not known in Morocco.
Increasing middle class. Increasing number of	Limited purchasing power of the Moroccan population.
women working outside the home. Modernizing	An estimated 10 % of the population (3 million) is able
lifestyle.	to buy imported products regularly.
Fast developing modern distribution channels	Traditional distribution networks are still predominant
offering room to develop new branded products.	for many food products, especially in rural areas.
Western culture attracts youth.	Because of the relatively high customs duties for
FAS/USDA offers free trade servicing to exporters	many products, some of the benefit of the FTA will be
visiting Morocco.	tangible only in the medium and long terms.
American products are synonymous with quality in	Lack of knowledge about U.S. supplies, industry,
many cases.	standards, and grades.

#### SECTION II: EXPORTER BUSINESS TIPS

• Most importers are located in Casablanca and imports by container are mostly done through the port of Casablanca.

For food standards and regulations, including food labeling see the Attaché report: Food and
Agricultural Imports Regulation and Standards Report (FAIRS) at MO1410
 <a href="http://www.fas.usda.gov/data/search?f[0]=field\_report\_type%3AAttach%C3%A9%20Reports%20%28GAIN%29">http://www.fas.usda.gov/data/search?f[0]=field\_report\_type%3AAttach%C3%A9%20Reports%20%28GAIN%29</a>

For export certificates required by Morocco please refer to at MO1505 <a href="http://www.fas.usda.gov/data/search?f[0]=field\_report\_type%3AAttach%C3%A9%20Reports%20%28">http://www.fas.usda.gov/data/search?f[0]=field\_report\_type%3AAttach%C3%A9%20Reports%20%28</a> GAIN%29

- In all major ports and airports, the Ministry of Agriculture has one-stop shops for importers to clear all kinds of imported agricultural products. The entity in charge is the DCQ (Direction du Contrôle de la Qualité) which is a regional representative of the National Office for Food Safety (ONSSA). To clear Customs, importers are required to present a sanitary certificate for all animal food and fresh fruit and vegetable products they import. A local laboratory analysis done by official laboratories may also be required to clear customs, especially for new and unfamiliar imported products.
- Often Moroccan importers are not familiar with products that are common in the United States. Also, many importers are not used to U.S. grades, standards, and U.S. appellations. Exporters are advised to provide pictures, brochures, or even samples to Moroccan importers. Many local importers require samples before making purchase commitments.
- Moroccans use only the metric system for measurement.
- Although an increasing number of Moroccan importers can communicate in English, French is still the predominant business language. Exporters with French capabilities or French written promotional materials will definitely have an advantage in communicating with importers.
- Imports and distribution of food and beverage products in Morocco are handled both by regular importers as well as importers who operate on an opportunity basis. Regular importers market their products through their own sales force (typically to hotels, supermarkets, wholesalers) and through independent well-established wholesalers (in case of small shops, restaurants). U.S. exporters interested in selling consumer-ready food or beverage products should find a local importer to access the retail market. Importers normally have in-depth knowledge of specific importing procedures.
- Telecommunications are generally adequate. Internet and email are available in most hotels and "Cyber Café" shops throughout Morocco. Phone calls from hotels can be excessively expensive but cell phone and reusable phone cards can be purchased locally at a very reasonable price.
- The holy month of Ramadan is not a holiday but business slows down significantly because Muslims fast during the day. Most restaurants close during this month, alcohol is not served

and people are not allowed to smoke during the day. Exporters should avoid visits during Ramadan but if travel during this period is unavoidable exporters should concentrate their meetings in the morning. Surprisingly, consumption of some products (such as honey, sugar, butter, vegetable oil, dairy products, etc.) increases during Ramadan. In 2016, Ramadan will start on June 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup>.

#### SECTION III: MARKET SECTOR STRUCTURE AND TRENDS

The limiting factor to the increase in demand for consumer oriented products is the low income. U.S. exports of consumer products to Morocco in 2014 were \$2.1 billion, down 16.7 percent from the previous year. Morocco is currently the 63rd largest export market for U.S. goods. Corresponding U.S. imports from Morocco were \$991 million, up 1.4 percent. The U.S. goods trade surplus with Morocco was \$1.1 billion in 2014, a decrease of \$427 million from 2013.

Although the retail food outlets in Morocco continue to be dominated by a large number of small grocery stores (an estimated over 90 percent of stores are less than 225 square feet large), the number of supermarkets has been increasing considerably in recent years and more are under construction, especially in large cities. Today, in addition to the estimated 200 small self-service shops (2 registers, 1000 ft2 - 3500 ft2) there are above 50 large supermarkets, of which 29 are large and comparable to large supermarkets in the United States. All supermarkets are privately owned and some have been opened by multinational chains or as a joint venture with Moroccan investors. Also, over the last few years a number of modern self-service retail outlets, including convenience stores, opened in major cities and this trend is likely to continue in the future.

Importers still play a major role in the introduction, marketing, and distribution of imported foods throughout the country. Except for the two largest supermarket chains that, in addition to buying from importers, have also been importing directly through their buying platforms in Europe, all supermarkets get their products either directly from importers or from wholesalers. It is not uncommon that importers are also wholesalers. Many importers prefer direct contact with suppliers as they feel that middlemen complicate transactions, lower profits, and could work with competitors. Most Moroccan importers like to buy on samples. Internet sales are virtually non-existent for food products.

Moroccans are regularly exposed to Western culture in their daily life, especially through television (an estimated 1 million TV satellite dishes). Thus, the steady Western influence on Moroccan lifestyles is expected to result in even higher demand for consumer-oriented products in the future.

U.S. exports of consumer-oriented products will continue to be dampened by the high freight costs and length of shipping time. The small size of the Moroccan market can be partly serviced through consolidated shipments from the United States, but it will continue to favor small shipments from neighboring countries (Europe). However, this situation may improve in the coming years with the

opening in 2009 of a direct shipping line between the Moroccan port of Tanger-Med and the port of Norfolk, VA in the U.S. East Coast.

The Moroccan food industry is dominated by a large number of small family enterprises that average less than 50 employees. The government still owns some food processing units such as sugar processing mills, and alcoholic beverage manufacturers. Moroccan processed food exports are mostly processed and canned fruits and vegetables, and processed fish, including canned fish.

#### **High Value Products for Food Processing Sector:**

The United States has a greater potential to export semi-finished products and products for industrial uses such as milk powder, cheese, processed nuts, and other ingredients. The FTA offers great opportunities to sell U.S. ingredients in Morocco. Although local processors have improved and diversified significantly their production over the past few years, the range of products they are putting on the market is still very small and is unlikely to fulfill all the demand. The local producers are becoming more quality-conscious; U.S. suppliers can play a major role in fulfilling the demand for regular quality products. Most food processors purchase their ingredients from well-established importers or from local agents of multinationals. Very few large processors purchase their ingredients directly from exporters abroad. Thus, U.S. exporters are advised to go through local suppliers of ingredients to be able to use their distribution network. The local industry is committed to develop further in the future to withstand stiffer competition. Many local producers (biscuit plants, confectioneries, canneries, etc.) have started offering a new range of products to maintain their market share and compete with imported products.

#### High Value Products for Hotels, Restaurants, and Institutional (HRI):

In 2013, Morocco received over 10 million visitors, mostly tourists from Europe but also from the United States, and about 4.4 million Moroccans living overseas. Recently, the GOM launched a revision of this plan aiming to reach 20 million tourists by 2020. However, large modern hotels are still popping up throughout the country, which is expected to boost the demand for food packaged for services. In addition, the annual (July-August) visit of about 4 million expatriate based in Europe boosts consumption significantly, especially in the tourism sector.

Although there are over 839 graded hotels in Morocco, the potential market for U.S. consumer-oriented products consists essentially of more than 60 upscale hotels (5 stars) concentrated mostly in Agadir, Marrakech, Casablanca, Rabat, and Fes, about 38 tourist villages and clubs, and over 149 hotels graded as 4 stars. Other hotels target lower income customers and don't offer regularly imported food and beverages to their clients. Most hotels purchase their food products from local distributors that are also in some cases importers. U.S. suppliers should try to work with these distributors to enter this market, as hotels and hotel chains managements are rarely willing to get involved in import operations because of the small volume involved.

Categorized Moroccan, Asian, Western-style and other specialty restaurants, in Morocco are estimated to about 409 units. Restaurants categorization is mandatory as stipulated by the law 61-00 that regulates touristic establishment status. These restaurants do or may potentially use imported products on a regular basis. Most of these restaurants buy directly from local distributors/importers because of the low volume involved. U.S. exporters are strongly encouraged to go through the established importers that have their own sales forces.

#### **Export of Seafood Products to Morocco:**

Although Morocco is a net exporter of fish products over \$453 million in 2013, there is a window for some U.S. seafood products especially since under FTA most fish products will be exonerated from customs duties. The demand should come mostly from the upper class hotels and restaurants located in major cities. The per capita consumption of fish is low in Morocco and consists mostly of fresh low-priced pelagic species such as sardines. Inadequate distribution channels have been a major limiting factor to increased fish consumption. Thus, few importers have appropriate facilities and refrigerated trucks to supply frozen food to supermarkets. Also, few supermarkets have equipment to handle and exhibit frozen or refrigerated fish. It is estimated that less than 40 percent of Moroccan families have refrigerators at home.

New exporters are advised to work closely with already established frozen food importers that are also distributors in order to use their distribution network and experience. The volume of seafood used by hotels and restaurants remains relatively small and thus it is still more beneficial for them to purchase from local distributors. U.S. suppliers can work closely with the local distributor to carry on promotional activities in selected hotels, restaurants, and supermarkets.

#### **Fast Food - Franchising:**

American fast food outlets have been some of the most successful businesses in Morocco in recent years. For example, McDonald's, Pizza Hut, Domino's Pizza, Kentucky Fried Chicken, TGI Friday's, Burger King, have all opened during the past 10 years. More outlets are scheduled to open in the near future in response to the higher demand for quality, "Western type" food. The rapid growth in the sector stems from major economic changes in Morocco, including economic growth, higher disposable income, and the increased number of women working outside homes. The development of U.S. fast food outlets in Morocco has resulted in an increase of imports of food ingredients, including from the United States, which the local industry is unable to provide on a regular basis. The US-FTA will increase this opportunity since many food ingredients (cheese, chicken nuggets,) have significant preferential access to the Moroccan market.

#### SECTION IV: BEST HIGH VALUE PRODUCT PROSPECTS

The following agricultural products are the Foreign Agriculture Service's best prospects:

- Feed: Corn Gluten
- Feed: Distillers Grains (DDGS)
- Crude vegetable oil (Soybean oil)
- Oilseeds and products (soybean grains and meal)
- Milk powder, unsalted butter, whey, cheese for pizza
- Dried fruits and nuts (pistachios, walnuts, non-pitted prunes, raisins, and almonds)
- Confectionary items
- Rice
- Seafood/frozen
- Canned products

#### SECTION V: KEY CONTACTS AND FURTHER INFORMATION

The Foreign Agriculture Service Website (FAS/USDA): www.fas.usda.gov

The Office of Agricultural Affairs at the American Embassy in Rabat provides trade servicing and information about the Moroccan market. The free service provided by this office includes providing market briefings, market tours, lists of importers, setting up agendas and meetings, hotel reservations, and in some cases providing translations and transportation.

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#### **Local Contacts:**

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#### Workdays / Hours:

- Working days in Morocco are Monday through Friday.
- Morocco is on Greenwich Mean Time.
- Typically, working hours are 8:30 am -16 pm.

On Fridays (the prayer day), administration and some private companies' working hours are: 8:30-11:30 and 3:00 pm - 6:30 pm.

• Visits during August should be avoided because many businesses close for vacation.

**Holidays**: Religious holidays follow the lunar calendar and thus move back 11 days every calendar year. Below are Moroccan holidays for the coming year:

**Table 3: 2016 Holidays Schedules** 

DATE	DAY(S)	HOLIDAY		
January 1	Friday	New Year		
January 11	Monday	PRESENTATION OF MOROCCAN INDEPENDENCE PROCLAMATION		
July 7/8	Thursday/Friday	AID AL FITR		
July 7/8	Thursday/Friday	(Celebration of end of Ramadan)		
September 11	Sunday/Monday	AID AL ADHA		
September 11		(Feast of Abraham's Sacrifice)		
October 1 Saturday		FIRST MOHARRAM		
October 1	Saturday	(Muslims' New Year)		
November 18	Eridov	FEAST OF INDEPENDENCE		
November 18	Friday	(to celebrate Morocco's independence in 1956)		
December 12	Monday/Tuasday	AID MAWLID AN NABBAOUI		
December 12	Monday/Tuesday	(to celebrate the birthday of prophet Mohammed)		

**Table A: Key Trade & Demographic Information** 

Agricultural Imports From All Countries (\$Mil.) / U.S. Market Share (%)	4609	9	
Consumer Food Imports From All Countries (\$Mil.)/US Market Share(%)	838	14	
Edible Fishery Imports From All Countries (\$Mil.)/US Market Share (%)	136	<1	
Total Population (Millions) / Annual Growth Rate (%)	33	1%	
Urban Population (Millions) / Annual Growth Rate (%)	20	2.26%	
Number of Major Metropolitan Areas (a)	12		
Size of the Middle Class (b) (Millions) / Growth Rate (%) (b)	10	2.0	
Per Capita Gross Domestic Products (\$U.S.)	\$2,	\$2,557	
Unemployment Rate (%)		10.1%	
Per Capita Food Expenditures (\$U.S.) (C)		77	
Percent of Female Population Employed		25.5	
Indicative Exchange Rate (US \$1 is :)	9.80 dirham's		

<sup>(</sup>a) Population in Excess of 500,000 / (b) Estimated Population than can regularly purchase imported food products.

Table B: Consumer Food & Edible Fishery Products Imports-2013-2014 in (US\$ Millions)

Commodity	<b>Total Morocco Imports</b>		Imports from USA	
Commodity	2013	2014	2013	2014
CONSUMER ORIENTED	661	838	80	120
Snack Foods (Excluding Nuts)	32.5	46.7	0.08	0.1
Breakfast Cereals and Pancake Mix	6.3	7.5	0	0.01
Red Meats Fresh/Chilled/Frozen	39.7	31.2	0	0.03
Red Meats Prepared/Preserved	4.6	6.8	0	0.2
Dairy Products (Excluding Cheese)	153	266	50	87
Tea	114	147	0	0
Cheese	50.5	56.9	11	9.7
Eggs & Products	0.3	0.2	0	0
Fresh Fruit	89	115	0	0
Fresh Vegetables	30.8	29.9	0	0.05
Processed Fruit and Vegetables	44.5	44.4	2	1.8
Tree Nuts	8.6	11.5	6.1	9.7
Wine and Beer	14.4	13.1	0.3	0.5

<sup>(</sup>c) Estimates based on average population food share of 0.478; this ratio is different for the moderate poor (0.578) and the extreme poor (0.645) There is a large variation in revenue especially between urban and rural areas and a large part of the economy unaccounted for.

Nursery Products & Cut Flowers	15.6	19.7	1.1	0.4
Pet Foods (Dog and Cat Food)	2.8	3.9	0.2	0.2
Other ConsumerOriented Products	151	171	6.4	6.4
Coffee	2.5	2.1	0	0.02
FISH & SEAFOOD PRODUCTS	101	136	0.4	0.3
Salmon	4.9	6	0	0
Crustaceans	61	66	0	0
Molluscs	7.7	10	0.2	0.1
Other Fishery Products	14	37	0	0.1
AGRICULTURA L PRODUCTS TOTAL	3,467	4,105	350	371
AGRICULTURA L FISH & FORESTRY TOTAL	3,901	4,609	353	374

Source: GTA/ Morocco office de change

**Table C: Top 15 Suppliers of Consumer Food & Edible Fishery Products Morocco Imports (Millions of Dollars)** 

Consumer Oriented Product Import by Country of Origin			Fish & Seafood Products Imports by Country of Origin		
Donto on Constant	2013	2014	Partner Country	2013	2014
Partner Country	USD	USD		USD	USD
<b>Total Imports</b>	661	838	<b>Total Imports</b>	101	136
France	97	124	Netherlands	33	34
Spain	54	62	Spain	6	11
Tunisia	58	52	China	7	17
Netherlands	56	78	Greenland	10	10
New Zealand	39	43	Canada	7	9
United Arab Emirates	12	26	Argentina	3	4
Egypt	32	38	Norway	4	6
Italy	23	24	Senegal	0.43	2
United States	80	120	Vietnam	3	4
Germany	20	26	Peru	0.19	1
Belgium	9	30	Ecuador	1	2
Portugal	4	15	Belgium	4	3

Australia	16	26	France	0.80	1
Ireland	6	12	United Arab Emirates	1	1
India	12	14	Germany	1	1
China	12	12	Cape Verde	0	1
United Kingdom	11	10	Croatia	0.31	0.507
Turkey	7	15	Portugal	0.59	1
Switzerland	7	13	Cote d Ivoire	2	1
Poland	3	14	Iceland	0.12	0.79
Austria	3	3	Denmark	0.78	0.60
Syria	3	1	Bangladesh	0.10	0.51
Uruguay	7	2	United States	0.45	0.35
Denmark	4	5	Belize	0	4
Peru	3	3	Indonesia	0.36	0.42
Ecuador	3	2	Chile	0.33	0.20
Cote d Ivoire	1	1	Uruguay	0.34	0.15
Brazil	4	4	Brazil	0	0
Nigeria	1	3	Italy	0.62	0.40
Algeria	1	3	United Kingdom	0.23	0.68
Indonesia	1	1	Estonia	0.13	0.25
Costa Rica	1	1	Greece	0.23	0.28

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