FOREIGN TRADE IN FISHERY PRODUCTS

IMPORTS. U.S. imports of edible fishery products in 1995 were valued at $6.8 billion, $146.6 million more than in 1994. The quantity of edible imports was 3.1 billion pounds, 31.6 million pounds more than the quantity imported in 1994.

Edible imports consisted of 2.6 billion pounds of fresh and frozen products valued at $6.1 billion, 378.4 million pounds of canned products valued at $503.4 million, 70.9 million pounds of cured products valued at $135.8 million, 4.7 million pounds of caviar and roe products valued at $33.7 million, and 14.9 million pounds of other products valued at $46.4 million.

The quantity of shrimp imported in 1995 was 597.2 million pounds, 30.7 million pounds less than the quantity imported in 1994. Valued at $2.6 billion, shrimp imports accounted for 38 percent of the value of total edible imports. Imports of fresh and frozen tuna were 495.9 million pounds, 37.5 million pounds more than the 458.4 million pounds imported in 1994. Imports of canned tuna were 215.4 million pounds, 33.7 million pounds less than in 1994. Imports of fresh and frozen fillets and steaks amounted to 477.5 million pounds, an increase of 38.4 million pounds from 1994. Regular and minced block imports were 210.3 million pounds, an increase of 10.7 million pounds from 1994.

Imports of nonedible fishery products were valued at $5.7 billion—an increase of $318.2 million compared with 1994. The total value of edible and nonedible products was $12.5 billion in 1995, $464.8 million more than in 1994 when $12.0 billion of fishery products were imported.