

Tuna:

Egypt currently imports approximately 200,000 cartons (48 tins x 6.5 oz) of canned tuna (chunks in oil) from Far East countries, mainly from Japan, Thailand and Malaysia. Foreign supplies are of the skipjack and yellowfish varieties.

Redfish (Red Snapper):

Egypt imports approximately 6000 mt of redfish per year, with the major suppliers being Spain, Morocco and Mauritania. Local specifications require that the product be at least either 16 cm or 18 cm in size. Imported supplies of redfish are fried or grilled before distribution to the consumer. Canadian redfish, head-off and gutted, may be an acceptable substitution for the red snapper.

Hake:

The annual imports of hake are estimated to be 4000 mt per year. The Egyptian Fish Marketing Co.(EFMC), a public sector company, acts as the sole importer for this species. Foreign supplies are of Argentine origin. Size should be at least 23 cm, and the supplies are fried or grilled prior to distribution to the consumer. As an alternative to hake, the EFMC could consider the purchase of Canadian whiting (except blue) and also pollack (except white).

Salmon:

The Egyptian market for salmon is dominated by the hotel and restaurant sector as well as airline catering. Annual demand is approximately 100 mt. Although the market is currently limited, it should be noted that the major company which smokes salmon (smoked fish is banned from import), Bentleys Egypt, has expressed a strong interest in Canadian supplies of Atlantic salmon.

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