

12. NORTHERN SHRIMP

Imports (MT) (almost 100% frozen raw)

	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990
Canada	683	1,323	1,603	2,031	2,016
Iceland	2,660	2,380	2,281	2,282	2,624
Norway	2,024	2,470	2,776	2,277	2,808
Denmark	1,559	1,974	2,739	2,683	1,443
France	743	775	241	210	41
Greenland	2,477	12,939	13,874	16,212	13,317
Total	17,656	23,860	26,114	27,405	22,249
USSR *	382	573	804	910	1,373
Argentina	1,200	124	2,282	229	134

* equivalent species

Prices - Tokyo wholesale (yen/kg)

Year	200	200-240	240-280	280-320	320-360
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Market Situation and Outlook

- The total import of northern shrimp decreased by 12% from 1989.
- Strong demand for the largest size (L), of 50-70 pieces with head on per kg) during the first quarter of 1990 resulted in the import of this size in large quantities, which led to a softening of the price.
- The demand was strong for the L- (70-90 pieces per kg) and M- sizes (90-120 pieces per kg) and the quantity imported of these sizes was somewhat smaller than the actual demand.
- The catches of this species were lower in 1990 than in 1989 and there was strong demand in North America and Europe. This is reported to be another reason for the reduction of exports to Japan.