

the veneridae species, similar to the Italian "vongola verace". Italian health authorities only permit imports from authorized production zones which satisfy Italian standards for water purity. The only Canadian zone approved thus far is the coast of British Columbia, whose local species, Venerupis japonica and Rotothaca staminca, closely resemble the "Vongola verace". Shipments must originate from plants authorized by the Italian authorities, be accompanied by a certificate declaring the product is derived from approved waters of origin, and can only be imported by authorized firms equipped with suitable depuration facilities. The customs duty rate for clams is 8 percent.

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