

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

Czechoslovakia imports approximately 40,000 tons of fish, of which 5,000-7,000 tons are imported from the USSR and East Germany, and the rest from various western countries. Present per capita consumption is approximately 5 kilos/head (including river fish and canned), and this total should be increased to 8 kilos/head in the future to improve diet patterns. The fish processing industry concentrates on mackerel and herring. There is no interest in starting to purchase or process new fish species. The following list is of fish imported by Czechoslovakia in 1989 with the information in brackets regarding pieces/kilo, competitive price in German marks per ton FCO Hamburg, and total imported quantity.

Mackerel	(2-4 pcs, 1,000DM, 6,000 tons)
Mackerel fillets	(4-10 pcs, 1,200-1,500DM, 3,000 tons)
Herring (Round)	(2-5 pcs, less than 900DM, 1,500 tons)
Herring fillets	Big (6-10 pcs, 1,600DM) Small (10-16 pcs, 1,400DM)
Herring (Gutted)	(5 pcs, 1,400DM, 1,500 tons)
Blue Withling	(2,000DM, 2,500 tons)
Halibut	(500 tons)
Tuna	(300 tons)

Hard currency funds to purchase the usual quantities of mackerel and herring are limited. The general experience has been that Canadian prices of any fish are higher than European competition mainly due to transportation costs. It has not yet been decided who will fund the fish purchases under the new economic conditions. However, the Canadian Embassy in Prague suggests interested exporters mail their price offers to the following organization which is the decision maker in the area of fisheries imports.

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