

## BRAZIL

Despite a huge coastline of approximately 7,000 kilometres including 200 miles of sea boundry, Brazil has a low fish catch. Brazil is the 20th largest fishing nation with landings of the order of 850,000 tonnes per year. Brazil is not a traditional fish and/or shellfish importer, except for some non-existent species in its waters which are considered luxuries, and its consumption is oriented to the higher social and economic levels of consumers who can afford paying more for top quality products.

Salted and dried cod is a favourite seafood of Brazilians. Imports are duty free. Fish is consumed all year round; although consumption tends to peak in the holy seasons of Christmas, Easter and Holy week. Other products such as squid, hake, herring, salmon, bonito, sardines and anchovies; are consumed in smaller quantities and considered luxuries. Such imports are subjected to an average of 35-55 percent in import duties. On the other hand, Brazil is an important exporter of lobster, shrimp, sardines, tuna, red pargy, white catfish and white croaker. In 1987, fish and shellfish exports of these kinds reached approximately \$175,420 and 41,154 tons. The following is a breakdown of total US \$48,578,319 imported in 1988, by species with duties and the supplying countries, according to the heading numbers of the harmonized system.

Heading: 03.02.01.04

Description: Dried, salted codfish (*Gadus murray*)

US FOB: 17,008,841

Duty: Free

Supplying countries: Norway 79%, Portugal 14%, Denmark 2%, Iceland 3%

Heading: 03.02.01.05

Description: Dried, salted codfish (*Gadus gadidae*)

US FOB: 27,641,926

Duty: Free

Supplying countries: Norway 97%, Iceland 3%

Heading: 03.03.01.99

Description: Other dried, salted codfish

US FOB: 13,000

Duty: 35%

Supplying country: Argentina 100%

Heading: 03.03.01.04

Description: Fresh, chilled, frozen squids, calamares and cuttlefish

US FOB: 20,693

Duty: 35%

Supplying countries: Norway 43%, Chile 38%, Portugal 11%, Argentina 8%

Heading: 03.03.02.04

Description: Dried, salted or in brine squids, calamares and cuttlefish

US FOB: 720,139

Duty: 35%

Supplying countries: Chile 56%, Uruguay 20%, Argentina 15%, Portugal 7%