

4. INFRASTRUCTURE FACILITIES AVAILABLE IN FRANCE

France has a very strong and balanced transport system comprising a far-reaching network of modern roads, a national rail system, highly developed storage and distribution systems, international and domestic air carriers, airports, a merchant shipping fleet, and seaports.

With respect to trade in fish products, most frozen items are landed at Le Havre, although in some instances cargoes are landed at Marseille or at Rotterdam in the Netherlands. Frozen goods can be held, for as long as a full year if desired, in the large-capacity cold-storage facilities available at these ports.

There is regular, frequent shipping service between these ports and Canada's main east-coast ports.

The largest of the airports that serve Paris is Charles de Gaulle Airport in Roissy, approximately 30 km north of the capital. Live lobsters and other fresh fish products from Canada enter in through this airport.

The main Paris market for fresh fish and crustaceans is located at Rungis, some 20 km south of the city. This is a wholesale market that is not open to individual consumers.