

Total imports 3 015 tonnes
Imported from Canada 173 tonnes

Competing product: fresh **saumonette**.

Competing suppliers: United States, Turkey, the UK, Japan.

These products are subject to a customs duty of 8%, except that in the case of **Squalus acanthias** a reduced rate of 6% will be applied to an EEC quota of 5 000 tonnes in 1990, with other tariff positions.

Market for frozen fillets of spiny dogfish, 1988:

Total imports 267 tonnes
Imported from Canada 0 tonne

Competing product: fresh **saumonette**.

Competing suppliers: Japan, Turkey.

These products are subject to a customs duty of 15%.

Buyers look for the whole fish (back), cleaned, skinned, with the head and tail removed, the blood line removed, individually packaged, IQF or in 10-kg blocks. The individual weight categories that are most in demand are 800-1200 grams, 500-1000 grams, and 1000-1500 grams, or weights may be expressed in pounds. Smaller sizes, such as 300-500 grams or 500-800 grams, find fewer takers. Packed in 28-lb or (preferably) 10-kg cartons.

Some importers look for individual-sized pieces weighing approximately 200 grams. When presented in that format, the product is assigned to the "fillets" category.

The product is purchased in 20- or 40-foot containerload lots, i.e. in 9-tonne or 18-tonne lots.

Buyers are wholesalers or processors (prepared dishes) or firms that supply corporations and institutions.

8.13 Skate

The French market cannot be estimated for this fish, as it is not assigned to a category of its own for statistical purposes in France.

Whole frozen skate and skate fillets are subject to a customs duty of 15%.