

8.2.2.2 Individually quick-frozen (IQF) lobsters

Competing products: frozen rock lobster, frozen rock lobster tails.

Competing suppliers: none (Canada is the only source).

This product is not readily available in France. An attractive market seems to be opening up in the restaurant sector. IQF lobsters are imported by firms that specialize in supplying that sector or by wholesalers.

8.2.3 Other lobster products

These products comprise frozen lobster meat, frozen lobster tails, frozen or canned tomalley, and "top shell" carcasses. There is a market for each of these products in France. Tomalley and top shells are used to make fish soups and the celebrated lobster bisque. Most importing is done through wholesalers.

8.3 Frozen pike

Whole frozen pike market, 1988:

Total imports	822 tonnes
Imported from Canada	804 tonnes

Whole frozen pike is subject to a customs duty of 8%.

Frozen pike fillet market, 1988: no specific statistics for this product are available. Frozen pike fillets are subject to a customs duty of 9%.

Frozen pike meat market, 1988: no specific statistics for this product are available. Frozen pike meat is subject to a customs duty of 8%.

Competing products: other freshwater fish.

Competing suppliers: Canada is virtually the only source.

Most whole pike are sold to supermarkets, either direct or through importers. Most pike meat is sold to processors, either direct or through wholesalers, to be used in making various prepared dishes, including the traditional quenelles.

8.4 Other frozen freshwater fish

These may be marketed whole, as fillets, or in the form of frozen meat. The same customs duties are applied as in the case of pike.