

There continues to be a requirement for a bond equivalent to 5% of the total value of imports, which will be forfeited if the respective importation is not carried out during the period authorized by the Ministry of Economic Affairs. The quantity of fish imported on a given date under a single import permit continues to be limited to 5% of the quota authorized for each quarter. That is, permits continue to be granted until the imports authorized have reached the total quota for that quarter.

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FRESH COD FILLETS:

The Spanish market for this product is supplied primarily from Norway and Denmark. Product is packed in 5kg plastic boxes with approximately three fillets per kilo (net) - i.e. around 300g each.

Price varies with supply but retail price is Pts 650-700/kg (occasionally dropping to Pts 600/kg). Fillets are skinless and boneless.

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WET SALTED (BONELESS AND SKINLESS) COD FILLETS:

This product has become quite popular in Spain, particularly in the Barcelona market, and has recorded good sales.

It comes packed in 25kg crates in the following sizes:

100-200g

200-400g (retail price: Pts 890)

400-700g (retail price: Pts 945)

700 and above (retail price: Pts 1 090)

This type of fillet is covered by Tariff Code 03.05.69.90.9 and is subject to 6% duty.

Consumption of wet salted cod is gradually displacing that of the traditional dry salted cod, particularly in Catalonia and northern Spain.

There are still areas such as Andalusia, Extremadura and Castille which consume 3/4-cure dry salted cod (the traditional "dehydrated" or very heavy-salted cod). This process turns the fish a dark brown colour.