

LING

Spanish: rosada (maruca)

French: lingue

Large quantities of this species have entered Spain lately from fishing grounds off southern Chile and Argentina.

In Chile this fish is called congrío dorado (Genypterus blacodes; G. chilensis), while Argentinians refer to it as abadejo [Translator: pollack]

It is also found off South Africa and in the Senegal zone (Genypterus capensis). In English it is called kingklip.

However, the true ling (Molva molva) from the fishing banks off southern Ireland do not fetch the prices paid for that from Chile and Argentina. Ling from these two countries is imported frozen - either at land-based plants or aboard factory ships - and is sold in three sizes:

Small: 800-1500g per piece
Medium: 1800-2000g per piece
Large: 2500-3000g (or more) per piece

The fish have been headed and gutted and the tail cut into sizeable pieces as it is a very flat fish.

Prices are somewhat depressed at the moment and fluctuate around the following levels:

Small: Pts 180/kg landed*
Medium: Pts 250/kg landed
Large: Pts 280/kg landed
* (Somewhat higher ex ship)

Skinned fillets fetch Pts 350-360/kg, while those with skins on go for approximately Pts 280/kg.

The true ling (Molva spp.) comes under Tariff Code 03.03.79.51.0.00 H and is therefore subject to 15% duty.

The rosada from Chile and Argentina (Genypterus spp.) is classified under Tariff Codes 03.03.79.99.9.20 A and 03.03.79.99.9.30 J which are subject to suspension of quotas. Tariff Code 03.03.79.99.9.90 D does not come under the suspension regime.

Ling (Molva spp.) fillets are also subject to 15% duty under Tariff Code 03.04.20.43.0.00 H.

Fillets of rosada (Genypterus spp.) also come under either Tariff Code 03.04.20.99.0.10 J (15% duty), which is subject to annual quota (regime K), or Tariff Code 03.04.20.99.0.20 I (not subject to any regime).