

12. NORTHERN SHRIMP

Imports (MT) (almost 100% frozen raw)

Country	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990
Canada	683	1,323	1,603	2,031	2,016
Iceland	2,660	2,280	2,281	2,989	2,824
Norway	2,024	2,470	2,776	2,277	2,808
Denmark	1,659	1,974	2,739	2,883	1,443
France	743	775	541	210	41
Greenland	2,477	12,939	13,874	16,212	13,307
<b>Total</b>	<b>17,656</b>	<b>23,660</b>	<b>26,114</b>	<b>27,408</b>	<b>22,249</b>
USSR *	382	573	504	910	1,373
Argentina	1,200	124	2,282	229	134

\* equivalent species

Prices - Tokyo wholesale (yen/kg)

Year	Year size	2 mo. ago	1 yr. ago
1989	2500-2600	2200-2400	2000-2200
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Market Situation and Outlook

- The total import of northern shrimp decreased by 12% from 1989.
- Strong demand for the largest size (L), or 50-70 pieces with head on per kg) during the first quarter of 1990 resulted in the import of this size in large quantities, which led to a softening of the price.
- The demand was strong for the L- (70-90 pieces per kg) and M- sizes (90-120 pieces per kg) and the quantity imported of these sizes was somewhat smaller than the actual demand.
- The catches of this species were lower in 1990 than in 1989 and there was strong demand in North America and Europe. This is reported to be another reason for the reduction of exports to Japan.