

III. OILSEEDS

1. Trade Policy

Import tariffs: Oilseeds: Exempt from tariffs, but subject to the levy of a compensation

Crude oil: 10%

Oilseed meal: Exempt

Refined oil: 15% plus a compensation

EC tariffs are always applied.

Non-tariff import barriers/export assistance measures: The EC grants subsidies to EC crushers in order to promote the use of EC seeds. Oilseeds and their products are also entitled to an export subsidy from the EC.

Import/export structure: The oilseeds market is managed completely by the private sector.

2. Additional Factors

Subsidies for crushers promote the processing of EC seeds. For the moment, vegetable seed producers do not receive these subsidies, but they are demanding them. The reconversion to the '00' variety of rapeseed jumped from 20% in 1988 to 75% for the 1989 crop.