POST COMMENTS

It is not necessary to retain a South Korean agent in the lobster trade. Canadian suppliers should deal directly with importers and distributors, as each importer will be concerned with the need to develop the Korean lobster market. Canadian exporters should approach several Korean firms initially, with a view to making some trial shipments before considering entering into an exclusive distribution arrangement.

The growth of an affluent middle class in South Korea has recently led to a burgeoning market for some seafood products, including lobsters. The Korean market can support high prices for products that are perceived as being of premium quality. This market would be worth exploring for Canadian lobster exporters that are willing to commit at least modest resources to market development in cooperation with South Korean importers and distributors.

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