431 Helsinki Mission:

Market: 504 Finland

Key Subsector: 021 Fish & Shellfish and Other Products

Finland's total imports of fresh and frozen fish in 1987 were 13,239 tonnes, valued at about C\$40 million. The main sources were Norway (4.134 tonnes, C\$16 million), Sweden (2.779 tonnes, C\$3.5 million), West Germany (1,700 tonnes, C\$5.5 million) and Canada (1,443 tonnes, C\$3.6 million). Finland's total imports of crustaceans in 1987 were 434 tonnes valued at C\$3.5 million. The main items are shrimps, mussels, crayfish and lobsters. The main sources were Denmark, Greenland, USA, Norway and Canada (C\$439,000).

Finland also imports dried or salted fish, mostly salt-sugar cured herring in barrels. Main suppliers in 1987 were Iceland, Norway and Sweden.

During the first ten months of 1988, seafood imports from Canada were 23 percent ahead of imports in 1987, (shrimp - 45 tonnes, Pacific Salmon fillets - 29 tonnes, lobsters - 7 tonnes down from 22 tonnes in 1987). Continuing demand also exists for Greenland halibut frozen fillets.

Specific Product Opportunities:

Current Imports (\$CDN)

Frozen fish \$35.00 M

Lobster \$.20 M