

Importations of other products such as various forms of cod fillets and bits, or mixed species, must meet the specifications detailed in their import permits. All products must meet the minimum quality standards set forth for their class in the commercial regulations.

In discussing the market for cod products, it is necessary to distinguish between "fresh salt cod" (i.e. with enough salt to preserve product during shipment only) and true salted cod (either dry or in brine), in which the salt has penetrated the flesh so that the product requires soaking prior to consumption. The most important commercial products are salted-only cod (headed, gutted, boned - called in Spanish bacalao verde); salted cod which has been sun-dried for an entire summer following capture (this product goes by various names in other languages but is called simply bacalao in Spanish); klipfish which have been split lengthwise and salted before being spread on rocks or hung from platforms for drying; and stockfish which receive much less salt than the other types listed here (no more than 12% salt content) and are dried hard in the open air (referred to in Spanish as pez-palo).

There are various drying methods in use, but all generally start by cleaning, gutting and trimming fish, then hanging them in pairs (tied together at the tail and with backbone removed) such that they remain open allowing air to freely circulate.

Gadus morhua - True cod, the most important commercial species

Gadus ogac - Greenland cod (has very little fat and therefore cannot be processed into an acceptable product.

Gadus macrocephalus - Pacific cod

Boreogadus saida - Polar cod (French: morue polaire)

Gadus callarias - Baltic cod

Melanogrammus aeglefinus - Haddock

Pollachius pollachius - Pollack (French: lieu)

Pollachius virens; Gadus virens - American pollack (saithe)

Tariff Codes:

FRESH COD:

03.02.50.10.0 Gadus morhua: subject to duty of 4.5% plus a fee of Pts 2.60/kg (net) from March 1 to August 31.

03.02.50.90.0 Other species (Gadus ogac; G. macrocephalus): subject to duty of 5.7% plus fee of Pts 2.60/kg.

03.02.62.00.0 Haddock (Melanogrammus aeglefinus): subject to duty of 5.7%, plus fee of Pts 2.60/kg.