

BACKGROUND ...

CURRENT SITUATION ...

Demand for Dairy Products

Items under this category include dairy products and eggs. The major imports listed below account for 77% of total dairy imports. In 1987, dairy product imports were B\$19.4 million. Major suppliers are Singapore, Malaysia and Australia.

<i>Dairy Products</i>	<i>% Total '86 Imports</i>	<i>Major Country Supplier</i>
Milk/ creams in powder, granules more than 1.5% fat	31	Malaysia - 55%
Milk other than powder skimmed milk less than 5% fat	10	Denmark - 38%
Condensed milk, sweetened	16	Singapore - 86%
Condensed milk, unsweetened	6	Malaysia - 79%
Butter	6	New Zealand - 59%
Duck Eggs not for hatching	8	China - 100%

There has been an increasing demand for all dairy products, particularly milk and cream products. Because local production meets 90% of total egg demand, there is a limited market for egg imports.

Demand for Marine Products

Of approximately 47 types of marine products imported into Brunei, the 6 listed below constitute 51% of total imports. Total marine product imports in 1987 was B\$16 million. Singapore supplies the majority of marine product imports of all categories.

<i>Marine Products</i>	<i>% Total '86 Imports</i>	<i>Major Country Supplier</i>
Marine fish frozen	10	Singapore - 71%
Cuttlefish/squid chilled, frozen, salted, dried, boiled	11	Singapore - 67%
Prawns/shrimp chilled, salted, dried, boiled	10	Singapore - 57%
Marine fish fresh, chilled	10	Singapore - 81%
Other crustaceans and molluscs preps, canned	7	Singapore - 50%
Ikan Bilis dried, salted, in brine	6	Singapore - 57%

In addition to items listed above, other marine products growing in popularity include fish meal (for human consumption), dried and salted fish, and canned sardines. Fish is an important staple in the Brunei diet; the annual rate of fresh fish consumed, 40 kilograms per person, is expected to rise.