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Danish Groundfish Quota Reductions

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Report Highlights:

Danish groundfish quota reductions will increase imports, mainly from the Barents Sea. Imports of Alaska pollack might substitute for cod in salted fish products.

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Includes Trade Matrix: No
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The EU has during the past two years drastically reduced fishing quotas, including those for groundfish. In mid-December 2000, EU quotas were determined for 2001. Some Danish fishing areas were left unchanged, but the cod quota for the North Sea was almost halved from 15,000 MT in 2000 to 8,000 MT in 2001.

Table 1 demonstrates the TAC (Total Allowable Catches) reductions for Denmark. Total 2001 groundfish TAC was reduced 57 percent compared to the 1999 TAC. The table also shows that actual Danish catches were considerably below the TAC. Although some cod TAC reductions may be counter weighted by increased catches of other groundfish, the 2001 total groundfish TAC is still below historical catches.

Table 1	Danish Quotas (TAC), MT			Danish catches, MT	
	1999	2000	2001	1999	2000
Cod	81,929	57,780	47,129	69,833	56,833
Haddock	7,203	4,505	3,340	3,129	2,701
Coalfish	4,510	3,520	3,610	4,499	3,560
Whiting	6,295	2,965	3,630	95	329
Hake	2,610	2,020	1,140	619	648
Total Groundfish	102,547	75,790	58,844	78,175	64,071

Since trade figures at present only are published for January to September, 2000, landings for this period are shown for comparison reasons. Table 3 demonstrates how increased imports compensated for decreased landings and resulted in stable exports (table 4). The industry expects 2000 and 2001 production (and exports) to remain at pre-2000 levels. However, prices are forecast to increase because demand (especially from France) for Danish fresh cod is increasing. Increased imports are expected from the Barents Sea, where supplies should be sufficient to meet the Danish demand. To some extent the fish industry might be interested in importing Alaska Pollack to substitute for cod in its salted fish production, thus make more cod available for other products.

Table 2. Danish Landings of groundfish, January to September

	1999	2000
Cod	50,033	40,438
Other Groundfish	7,422	6,307
Total Groundfish	57,455	46,745

Table 3. Danish imports of groundfish, MT, January to September

	1999	2000
Groundfish		
- whole	60,084	66,571
- fillets	13,669	17,064

Table 4. Danish exports of groundfish, MT, January to September

	1999	2000
Groundfish		
- whole	41,059	42,249
- fillets	42,454	41,025

Imports of groundfish fillet from the U.S. decreased to 12 MT in 1999 and 0 MT in 2000, from 5,527 MT in 1998. The 1998 imports were probably done by traders for immediate re-export and not by the fish industry for further processing. It has not been possible to locate the importers for obtaining reasons for the change.