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Report Highlights:

The UK has strong historic and cultural ties to the US, which are obvious in consumer trends in retail and foodservice markets. The UK presents market opportunities for many US consumer-orientated products, including specialty food products, “healthy” food items, wine, sauces, fruit, nuts and juices. “Health” and convenience foods are main driving forces in the UK value-added food and beverage market. Consumers in this relatively wealthy country are looking for variety in high quality food products especially those perceived to have health benefits and a strong provenance.

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Executive Summary:
SECTION I. MARKET OVERVIEW

Economic Situation

The UK, a leading trading power and financial center, is the seventh largest economy in the world and the third largest economy in Europe, after Germany and France. Services, particularly banking, insurance, and business services, account for the largest proportion of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) while industry continues to decline in importance. Agriculture is intensive, highly mechanized, and efficient by European standards but, in terms of gross added value, represents less than 1 percent of GDP. While UK agriculture produces about 60 percent of the country's food needs with less than 2 percent of the labor force, the UK is heavily reliant on imports to meet the varied demands of the UK consumer who also expect year round availability of all food products.

After emerging from recession in 1992, the UK's economy enjoyed the longest period of expansion on record during which time growth outpaced most of Western Europe. In 2008, however, the global financial crisis hit the economy particularly hard, due to the importance of its financial sector. Sharply declining home prices, high consumer debt, and the global economic slowdown compounded the UK's economic problems, pushing the economy into recession in the latter half of 2008 and prompting the Government to implement a number of measures to stimulate the economy and stabilize the financial markets. However, in 2010, facing burgeoning public deficits and debt levels, the Government initiated a five-year austerity program to reduce the budget deficit.

The government raised value added tax (VAT) in 2011 from 17.5 percent to 20 percent hoping to improve the financial situation.

The UK is very receptive to U.S. goods and services. With its \$2.4 trillion GDP, the UK remains one of the United States' top European markets and the fifth largest market worldwide for all goods, after Canada, Mexico, China and Japan. In 2011, the U.S. exported \$55.8 billion of industrial and agricultural goods to the UK.

U.S. agricultural, fish, and forestry exports to the UK reached nearly \$1.8 billion in 2011, a record. Consumer oriented food and beverage products remain the most important sector, amounting to 50 percent (\$908 million) of total U.S. exports of agricultural, fish and forestry products to the UK. Demand for U.S. consumer oriented food products continues to differentiate the UK from its European neighbors due to increased exports. This record figure secures the UK as the top EU destination and eighth largest global destination for U.S. consumer-orientated goods.

UK Demographics

According to the UK Office for National Statistics (ONS), in July 2012, the population of the United Kingdom was estimated at 63.0 million, up by 700,000 since June 2010.

According to the latest data available, the South East of England is home to some 8.6 million residents (13.7 percent of the population) in 2011, followed by London, which has 8.2 million people (13 percent of the population). Over a quarter of the UK population lives in London and in the South East of the country. These two regions together cover less than a tenth of the UK's land area. The North West had the third largest population with 7.0 million residents (11.2 percent of the population).

The UK population continues to age gradually. The number of people aged 85 and over was more than 1.4 million in 2010 accounting for 2.3% of the total population. In 1981, this was only 1.1%.

In 2010 just over ninety percent of the UK population is listed as white with 9.1 percent belonging to mixed or non-white ethnic groups. South Asians were the largest of these groups, followed by people of mixed ethnic backgrounds, including Afro-Caribbean and Africans. Consequently, the UK has a wide variety of ethnic restaurants particularly in London and other major cities in the country.

Almost two thirds of households in the UK are one or two person households.

Key Influences on UK Consumer Demands

- Slow population growth
- Ageing population
- Number of household units growing
- Smaller households (notably one-person households)

Growing personal disposable income (boosting premium/convenience/eating out)

- Rise in number of working women (46% of total workforce)
- International consumer tastes e.g., Chinese, Indian, Italian, Thai, Mexican

Reduction in formal meal occasions, leading to an increase in snacking and "grazing"

Increasing public debate centered on food, incorporating safety, environmental, ethical, social and economic issues

Improvements in efficiency across the supply chain, reducing the real cost of food

- Increased retail concentration (supermarkets growth vs. independent retailers)

Trends in Imports from the United States of Consumer-Orientated Foods

Product Category	Growth 2007 –2011 (%)	U.S. Exports to UK 2011 (\$m)
Wine & Beer	-12	238
Other Consumer-Oriented Products	+129	203
Tree Nuts	+40	109
Processed Fruit & Vegetables	+0.11	102
Salmon, Canned	+9.3	81
Fresh Fruit	-55	46
Snack Foods (excl nuts)	+4	45
Rice	+43	31
Fresh Vegetables	+21	29
Fruit & Vegetable Juices	+103	28
Eggs and Products	-30	19
Breakfast Cereals & Pancake Mix	+92	11
Dairy Products	-69	9
Red Meats, Fresh/Chilled/Frozen	-32	7
Pet Foods (Dog & Cat Food)	-72	3
Nursery Products & Cut Flowers	-71	1
Red Meats, Prepared/Preserved	-30	1
Poultry Meat	-86	<1

Source: BICO Report/U.S. Bureau of the Census Trade Data

Relative strengths/weaknesses of U.S. Supplier to UK market

Opportunities	Constraints
The scale of the U.S. food industry may offer price competitiveness on large volume orders.	Competition from EU member states (import duty payable on U.S. products).
The UK climate limits growing seasons and types of products grown.	Poultry and red meat are highly regulated from the EU, as are dairy product imports from the U.S.
The diversity of the U.S. population creates innovative food products and concepts which are often mirrored in the UK.	Must meet strict UK/EU/retailer rules on food safety, traceability, environmental issues and plant inspection.
U.S. has good brand image in UK. The U.S. is a popular destination for the UK tourist and familiarity with U.S. products is widespread.	Labels, including nutritional panels need to be changed. Pack sizes and palletization may also need changing.
A common language means that the UK is a natural gateway into Europe.	Need to develop relationship with UK trade contacts and invest in marketing product.
The UK has a core group of experienced importers with a history of sourcing from the U.S.	Biotech (GMO) ingredients are not widely accepted by the UK consumer, perhaps due to aggressive negative press.

Strong interest in innovative products. Currently there is high interest in natural, “wholesome” and “health” food categories.	Taste buds differ in the UK, eg. here popcorn is sweet, relishes are like jam, and spicy doesn’t mean high chili content.
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The UK can be a successful market for those companies willing to invest the time and resources to cement contacts. It is a good place to “test the waters” of the broader EU market. It normally takes on average 18 months from initial market survey to the time product appears on shelves. Exhibiting at UK food trade shows is a good way to put new product in front of a wider audience.

SECTION II. EXPORTER BUSINESS TIPS

Essential UK Market Considerations

When looking at the UK market the following considerations should be thought about.

- Basic market research
- Retail, Foodservice or Processing
- UK business partner and terms
- Import duty and excise tax
- UK Value Added Tax
- Price points and competitors
- Labeling
- EU Food Standards Restrictions
- Promotion budget and resources

General Consumer Tastes and Preferences

Food Safety	As a result of food scares over the past two decades, the UK food supply chain is now heavily scrutinized, meaning that UK retailers, foodservice operators and manufacturers are uncompromising on traceability and quality assurance. UK buyers often require technical specifications above the level mandated by government legislation.
Biotech (GMO)	Biotech products or products that contain biotech ingredients can only be sold in the EU if the biotech (GM) trait has been given approval. If approved, it may be sold with the appropriate labeling and that involves a positive statement of its presence in the food product, please see: http://ec.europa.eu/food/food/biotechnology/gmfood/labelling_en.htm .

	Food products containing biotech-derived ingredients in the UK are minimal. Large supermarket chains have determined that they will not stock products with biotech ingredients in their private label products (these, typically, account for 45-50% of supermarket lines). Many large companies have also taken a non-GMO approach, as well as many restaurants and cafes.
Organic	The United Kingdom, unlike most European nations, has suffered from declining organic sales in recent years. However, some organic products have had increased success; including, baby food, vegetable and seed oils and non-food organic products such as textiles and health and beauty products. United Kingdom has lacked sufficient marketing for organics, and mainstream British consumers remain unconvinced, or uneducated, about the benefits of organic products. Organic products have become increasingly popular throughout Europe, except for in the United Kingdom where organic farmland decreased by 2.8 percent in 2011 and the market experienced a 4 percent loss in organic producers. UK sales of organic products in 2011 were £1.67 billion (\$2.6 billion); 3.7 percent down on the previous year.
Health	Like the U.S., the UK has a high incidence of heart disease and cancer. Consumers are looking for foods to improve their health which is driving sales of premium, less processed food, functional food, fresh fruit, fruit juices and low-fat or low-sugar processed food.
Package Sizes	UK households are mainly comprised of 2 people. In addition, kitchens and refrigerators are small. Shopping is undertaken every couple of days, with perhaps a “large shop” every 2-3 weeks. U.S. suppliers should consider this in determining export package size.

Food Standards and Regulations

The UK follows EU policies regarding labeling and ingredient requirements. A detailed report that specifically addresses labeling and ingredient requirements is available, entitled: EU Food and Agricultural Import Regulations & Standards Country Report ([FAIRS](#)) can be obtained from the FAS homepage: <http://gain.fas.usda.gov/Pages/Default.aspx> or alternatively email aglondon@fas.usda.gov

General Import and Inspection Procedures

Her Majesty’s Revenue & Customs (HMRC) are responsible for the clearance of all goods entering the UK, for further information and customs forms please go to www.hmrc.gov.uk .

If you would like a copy of the UK FAIRS Country report please email aglondon@fas.usda.gov requesting the report.

SECTION III. MARKET SECTOR STRUCTURE & TRENDS

The UK retail grocery market was valued at £156.8 billion (\$250.8 billion) in 2011, an increase of 3.8

percent on 2010.

Groceries account for 12.8 percent of total household spending in the UK, making it the third largest area of expenditure (the largest is housing, and the second largest is transport).

Food and grocery expenditure accounts for 53p in every £1.00 of retail spending.

Convenience store shopping now accounts for 20.5 percent of the total UK food & grocery market. 21p in every £1.00 in food and grocery is spent in convenience stores.

Retail Sector

Supermarket Chains

Five supermarket chains dominate UK food retailing, accounting for 83 percent of the market. Tesco is the market leader, with 30.7 percent market share, followed by Asda/Wal-Mart with 17.3 percent, Sainsbury's has 16.5 percent, Morrison's has 11.9 and the Cooperative rounds out the quintet with 6.6 percent. Other UK supermarket chains include Waitrose, Iceland, Aldi, and Lidl.

Market Shares of the UK's Supermarket Chains

Retailer	Market Share %
Tesco	30.7
Asda/Wal-Mart	17.3
Sainsbury's	16.5
Morrison's	11.9
Cooperative	6.6
Waitrose	4.5
Aldi	2.9
Lidl	2.9
Iceland	2.0

Source: Kantar Worldpanel, market share summary, 12 weeks to July 8, 2012.

In a similar pattern to that of three years ago, the discounters (Aldi & Lidl) are seeing strong growth in sales. The strength of the discounters in the current economic climate is highlighted by 24.4% rise in sales at Aldi and 13.8% rise in sales at Lidl.

In general, each chain focuses on specific market segments. For example, Tesco targets the middle

market, providing both economy and up-scale products. Sainsbury's is pitched slightly up-market of Tesco, with Asda/Wal-Mart slightly down-market of Tesco. Morrison's, The Cooperative competes at much the same level as Asda/Wal-Mart, while Waitrose, part of the John Lewis Partnership, is the most up-market of the leading chains. Iceland, Aldi, and Lidl are all price-focused outlets.

The UK has one of the most advanced private label markets in the world and is seen as a flagship market for private label development. The UK's major supermarket chains dominate the private label market and on average 40-50 percent of products in their stores are private label. Originally, private label goods were a copy of a branded product, but today they are often innovative and marketed as a premium or high quality brand. They give UK retailers the opportunity to diversify their product ranges and develop new revenue streams.

The Institute of Grocery Distribution (IGD) estimates that UK internet grocery sales amounted to £4.8 billion (\$7.7 billion) in 2010 up 21.4% on the previous year. This is 3.2 percent of the total grocery market. Although this growth is rapid, online sales still remain a small part of the market. Just 6% of shoppers use the internet for their food grocery shopping and those who do buy online mostly do so just once a month.

Department Stores

Marks and Spencer (M&S) food halls continue to maintain successful business growth. Most M&S customers tend to buy the bulk of their groceries from less high-end grocery retailers. A typical shopper uses M&S for special occasions, for convenience food such as ready-meals and as a top-up to their regular shop with a few luxury items. M&S consistently offer innovative, high quality and rigorously checked food.

The London-based Department Stores: Harvey Nichols and Selfridges have expanded to other major UK cities such as Birmingham, Manchester and Leeds. This has increased sales of U.S. products sold in their food halls. Other notable department stores stocking U.S. products are Fortnum & Mason and Harrods. Department Store food halls provide a unique opportunity for U.S. specialty foods.

Convenience Chains

The focus of these stores is mainly brands well known to British consumers. They are located in town centers, train and metro stations as a convenient stop for commuters and families making small purchases on evenings or weekends. Also major supermarket chains have begun to open small format convenience type stores.

Other Retailers

The UK has other outlets for U.S. products such as health food stores, mail/internet order companies and delicatessens. An importer is vital to reach these smaller customers.

For further information on the UK retail sector, please see UK Retail Market Briefs which can be found by clicking on the following hyper links: [Retail](#), [Outlets](#), [Supermarket Chains](#).

Hotel, Restaurant & Institutional (HRI) Sector

In the UK, the HRI Sector is known as the Catering or Foodservice Industry and is generally considered to have two sectors:

Cost Sector: Caterers within the cost sector traditionally do not derive substantial margins. Meal provision tends to be out of necessity, rather than as a result of a business opportunity being identified. Provision is governed by contract where pricing is controlled, if not fixed. Examples are: schools, hospitals, prisons and specialist care homes.

Profit Sector: This is the area of the foodservice market in which the potential business gains are the main motivator. It is also usually allied to hospitality and leisure. Pricing is flexible and examples are: restaurants, fast food chains, pubs, hotels and leisure venues.

The UK foodservice market was estimated to be valued at \$67.2 billion (£42 billion) in March 2012. The consumer spend on out of home catering is approximately £75 billion this includes spending on hotel services like accommodation. This compares to £95 billion spent in retail.

Breakdown of Food Market Value by Operator Type in 2011

	Food Sales (£ Millions)	Share (%)
Restaurants	9,515	22.3
Fast Food	10,806	25.2
Pubs	5,477	12.8
Hotels	8,274	19.3
Leisure	3,589	8.4
Staff Catering	2,647	6.2
Health Care	934	2.2
Education	1,278	3.0
Services/Welfare	264	0.6
Total	42,785	100.0

	Number of Outlets	Share (%)
Restaurants	28,074	10.8
Fast Food	31,450	12.2
Pubs	45,087	17.4
Hotels	45,763	17.7
Leisure	19,638	7.6
Staff Catering	19,044	7.4

Health Care	32,047	12.4
Education	34,398	13.3
Services/Welfare	3,077	1.2
Total	258,579	100.0

Source: Horizons FS Limited 2011

The food service sector is the UK's fourth largest consumer market following retail, motoring, clothing and footwear.

Shoppers are currently eating out more frequently than they were 5 years ago. IGD estimates that 30% of shoppers eat out once a week or more, compared to only 13% 5 years ago.

About 3 million meals are eaten at work every day of which two million are prepared by contract caterers. British consumers are exposed to many different cuisines from around the world, with non-European foods being popular. As many as 7 out of 10 of Britons state that they like and eat non-European styles of food. The food service sector serves 8.6 billion meals a year, equivalent to 39,000 a minute.

Supply Chain

There are two main ways to enter the UK catering market. Some companies go direct to suppliers, domestic or foreign. However, by far the most popular way is through an intermediary such as a UK-based importer. Because there are a large number of small companies operating in the catering market, intermediaries skilled at filling small orders play a crucial role in the distribution of products. The importer normally takes title of the goods (i.e. ownership) following the purchase from a supplier to resell to trade customers.

The UK's food service industry holds many avenues of opportunity for U.S. food and beverage products. Networking within the industry is vital to ascertain the best market entry strategy.

For further information on the HRI sector please see by clicking on hyperlink: UK [HRI](#) report.

Food Processing

The food and drink manufacturing industry is the country's largest single employer. Food and drink is also the largest manufacturing industry in the UK, with an annual turnover in 2011 of \$121.9 billion (£76.2 bn). Around 400,000 people across Britain are employed in jobs associated with food and drink manufacture and sales, accounting for 16% of total employment in the country.

In 2011 there were more than 6,000 food-manufacturing enterprises in the UK. UK multinationals such as Unilever and Diageo are among the largest in Europe. Many U.S. companies, such as Kraft, Nestle, Pepsico, Kellogg's, ADM, ConAgra and Cargill, also have substantial interests in the UK.

The major unprocessed commodities that are not commercially produced by the UK are rice, citrus fruit, bananas, corn, coffee, cocoa, stone fruit, tea and some oilseeds. Although the UK produces beet sugar, cane sugar is imported. Processed products that the UK has to import include wine and

preserved/frozen fruit and fruit juices.

SECTION IV. BEST HIGH-VALUE PRODUCT PROSPECTS

Product Category	Total UK Imports 2011 (\$ million)	UK Imports From U.S. 2011 (\$ million)	Average Annual U.S. Import Growth (last 5 yrs)	U.S. Import Tariff Rate	Key Constraints to Market Development	Market Attractiveness for USA
Fish and Seafood HS: 03	2,605	63.7	-28%	0-22%	Highly fragmented market, domestic shortfall.	U.S. #1 canned salmon supplier, developing interest in other products and species
Chocolate confectionery HS: 1806	1,672.1	21.2	+27%	8-27%	Domestic & EU competition, low acceptance of American chocolate taste	British eat more chocolate than any other nationality.
Vegetables & Fruit prepared in Vinegar HS:2001	137.4	0.3	-55%	0-16%	Competition from Turkey, Netherlands and India	Food has long shelf life
Preserved fruit & nuts HS: 2008	554.8	21.8	+13%	7-27%	Competition from EU, Thailand & South Africa	U.S. nut butters perceived as high quality, exotic preserved fruits of interest for gift/specialty trade
Fruit & Vegetable Juice HS: 2009	1,092	20.7	+139%	16-23%	Competition from EU and Brazil	High focus on healthy living in UK. Juices now more popular than carbonated drinks
Sauces, Condiments, Seasonings HS: 2103	861.6	21.6	+10.5%	0-10%	Australia starting to enter the market	U.S. #4 supplier, UK wants authentic tex-mex, BBQ sauces, marinades & salad dressings
Soft drinks HS: 2202	1,015.0	+6.6%	-18.5%	0-10%	Domestic & EU competition, strong brands, market reaching	New U.S. concepts in beverages always attractive, e.g. functional

					saturation	drinks
Beer HS: 2203	752.0	4.5	+107%	0%	Domestic & EU competition, major brewers located in EU	U.S. micro-brew beers, generally unique beers with a story. They are attractive to a niche audience
Wine HS: 2204	4,781.8	223.6	+3%	18-25%	Competition from EU, Australia, Latin America & S. Africa. Figure shows a minus due to wine being shipped to Italy and then the UK.	UK #1 export market for U.S. wine, California wine has 16% market share, other parts of U.S. should benefit in future

Source: World Trade Atlas

SECTION V. KEY CONTACTS AND FURTHER INFORMATION

Foreign Agricultural Service

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Web: www.usembassy.org.uk/fas/index.html

Contact For: U.S. Government Agency for information on UK market, exporting from the U.S. to the UK. Policy information etc.

Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs

Nobel House, 17 Smith Square, London, SW1P 3JR
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Contact For: UK Government Agency for any information on the UK Agricultural sector.

Food Standards Agency

Aviation House, 125 Kingsway, London WC2B 6NH

Tel: +44 20 7276 8829

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Email: helpline@foodstandards.gsi.gov.uk

Website: www.food.gov.uk

Contact For: UK Government Association for information on UK food safety standards and policies.

United States Mission to the European Union

Office of Agricultural Affairs

Organization chart: www.fas.usda.gov/posthome/useu/staff.html

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Contact For: U.S. Government Office dealing with EU agricultural policy information.

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Web: www.igd.com

Contact For: UK trade association for information about the food and grocery chain.

Food and Drink Federation

6 Catherine Street, London, WC2B 5JJ

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Website: www.fdf.org.uk

Contact For: UK trade association which is the voice of the UK food and drink manufacturing industry.

Fresh Produce Consortium

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Contact For: UK trade association for the fresh produce industry.

British Health Food Manufacturer's Association

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Contact For: UK trade association which works effectively to represent the interests of the UK natural health products industry at all levels of the legislative, regulatory and Parliamentary process.

British Frozen Food Federation

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Website: www.bfff.co.uk

Contact For: UK trade association for all aspects of the frozen food industry.

APPENDIX - STATISTICS**TABLE A. KEY TRADE & DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION FOR 2011**

UK Agricultural Imports From All Countries (\$Mil)	68.5
U.S. Market Share (%) ^{1/}	3.1%
UK Consumer Food Imports From All Countries (\$Mil)	45.3
U.S. Market Share (%) ^{1/}	0.8%
UK Edible Fishery Imports From All Countries (\$Mil)	4.1
U.S. Market Share (%) ^{1/}	2.4%
UK Total Population (Millions) / Annual Growth Rate (%)	63.0 Million 0.5% Growth
UK Urban Population (Millions)	55 Million
Number of Major Metropolitan Areas ^{2/}	36
Size of the Middle Class (%) ^{3/}	30-43%
Per Capita Gross Domestic Product (U.S. Dollars)	\$36,600
UK Unemployment Rate (%)	8.1%
UK Per Capita Food Expenditures (U.S. Dollars) per person per week	\$29.54
UK Percent of Female Population Employed ^{4/}	65.4 %
Exchange Rate (U.S.\$1 = £)	1.6

Footnotes

1/ From Bico Statistics (Export/Import Statistics for Bulk, Intermediate, and Consumer Oriented Foods and Beverages - BICO)

2/ Population in excess of 1,000,000

3/ Middle class is “defined as individuals who have average incomes of more than £25,500”

4/ Percent of number of women (16- 64 year olds).

TABLE B. CONSUMER FOOD & EDIBLE FISHERY PRODUCT IMPORTS

(In billions of United States Dollars, rounded to the nearest million)

Commodity	UK Imports from the World			UK Imports from the U.S.			U.S. Market Share %		
	2009	2010	2011	2009	2010	2011	2009	2010	2011
Consumer Oriented Agric. Total	39.3	40.6	45.3	0.7	0.8	0.8	1.8	1.9	1.7
Fish & Seafood Products	3.4	3.4	4.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	2.9	2.9	2.4
Agricultural Total	50.8	52.7	59.1	1.2	1.5	1.6	2.4	2.8	2.7
Agricultural, Fish & Forestry	58.7	61.3	68.5	1.6	1.9	2.1	2.7	3.1	3.1

Source: Global Trade Information Services.

TABLE C – TOP 15 SUPPLIERS OF CONSUMER FOODS & EDIBLE FISHERY PRODUCTS

UK - Top 15 Suppliers of Consumer Food Imports

	2009 (\$ millions)	2010 (\$ millions)	2011 (\$ millions)
Netherlands	6,290.6	6,434.7	7,010.1
Ireland	4,186.6	4,472.3	5,081.9
France	4,552.3	4,641.4	5,064.6
Germany	3,499.4	3,575.0	4,054.7
Spain	2,813.3	2,877.6	3,313.6
Italy	2,794.8	2,788.6	2,992.3
Belgium	2,405.1	2,352.8	2,735.5
Denmark	1,692.4	1,685.6	1,922.1
Poland	762.1	926.6	1,205.8
New Zealand	856.7	853.9	938.4
United States 1/	777.6	815.9	870.3
Thailand	677.7	741.1	837.8
Australia	764.4	739.8	721.7
Chile	611.7	649.6	725.8
South Africa	751.1	767.3	707.8

World	39,321.8	40,610.7	45,277.7
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1/ note that this data under-represents actual U.S. sales to the UK as an undetermined amount of products is transshipped via other EU member states.

Source: Global Trade Atlas

UK – Top 15 Suppliers of Fish & Seafood Products Imports

	2009 (\$ millions)	2010 (\$ millions)	2011 (\$ millions)
Iceland	496.8	444.6	445.4
Thailand	196.7	230.6	321.8
China	206.3	217.9	293.3
Germany	194.5	228.8	274.2
Denmark	218.3	248.8	268.0
Faroe Islands	156.6	183.4	249.2
Norway	164.9	168.5	158.7
United States 1/	111.4	117.9	145.1
Netherlands	122.6	123.6	144.6
Canada	112.6	123.7	136.4
Sweden	100.0	116.4	113.9
India	80.1	81.1	99.4
Mauritius	86.6	106.5	94.5
Poland	87.6	87.4	93.7
France	97.0	72.8	91.1
World	3,361.7	3,421.1	4,057.8

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Source: Global Trade Atlas