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French Exports of Foie Gras to the United States

Decline Since Sanctions

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Report Highlights:

French exports of foie gras (canned duck and goose liver) to the United States have fallen, but overall exports have risen, since the July 1999 imposition of U.S. 100% countervailing duties as part of the beef hormone dispute. French exports of foie gras to the United States fell sharply to \$1.22 million in the July 99-June 2000 period from \$3.4 million in the July 98-June 99 period. At the same time, total French exports increased in French francs but slightly declined in dollar value from \$32 million to 31 million. Foie gras, Roquefort cheese, truffles and mustards are among the French gourmet food products hit by the sanctions.

Includes PSD changes: No

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French exports of foie gras to the United States have fallen significantly while overall exports have risen, since the July 1999 imposition of the U.S. 100% countervailing duties as part of the beef hormone dispute.

French exports of foie gras to the United States fell sharply from \$3.4 million in the July 1998 - June 1999 period to U.S. \$1.22 million during July 1999 - June 2000. Although exports rose significantly in June 2000, this peak was much lower than that recorded from March to June 1999.

Despite this decline in shipments to the United States, total French exports of foie gras to all destinations increased in terms of French francs, although in dollar value they fell slightly: \$32 million in June 1998 - July 1999, \$31 million in July 99 - June 2000. Increased shipments to other destinations thus more than offset reduced exports to the United States.

Note:

Canned foie gras exported by France to the United States includes two French Customs codes:

- 16022011: preparations including 75 percent minimum of duck or goose foie gras
- 16022019: preparations including less than 75 percent of duck or goose foie gras

