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**Report Highlights:**

The UK has strong social and cultural ties to the United States, demonstrated by the similarities in consumer trends in the retail and foodservice markets. The UK presents strong 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 wealthy country are looking for variety in high quality food products, especially those perceived to have health benefits.

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## **SECTION I. MARKET OVERVIEW**

### **Economic Situation**

The UK, a leading trading power and financial center, is 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 manufacturing 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.

The UK is very receptive to U.S. goods and services. With its \$2.95 trillion GDP, the UK is the United States' top European market and the fifth largest market worldwide for all goods, after Canada, Mexico, China and Japan. In 2014, the U.S. exported \$53.8 billion of industrial and agricultural goods to the UK.

U.S. agricultural, fish, and forestry exports to the UK reached \$2.7 billion in 2014, a record for the second consecutive year. Consumer oriented food and beverage products remain the most important sector, amounting to \$983 million (37 per cent of the total) and also a record in 2014. In the UK another growth sector is wood pellets for the renewable fuel sector. This raised total forest product exports to the UK by over \$200 million to a record \$640 million in 2014, or 24 per cent of the total. While a singular success story, like Germany and the Netherlands, it is the demand for U.S. consumer oriented food products versus bulk commodities that continues to differentiate the UK from many of its European neighbors. Within this category it is worth noting that processed fruit, tree nuts, chocolate and cocoa products, condiments and sauces, and prepared food exports all set records to the UK in 2014.

### **UK Demographics**

According to the UK Office for National Statistics (ONS), in July 2015, the population of the United Kingdom was estimated at 64.6 million, up by 491,000 from the previous year.

According to the latest data available (2013), the South East of England is home to some 9.1 million residents (13.7 percent of the population, followed by London, which has 9.0 million people (13 percent of the population). Thus, over a quarter of the UK population lives in London and in the South East of the country. The two regions together cover less than one tenth of the UK's land area.

The North West (Manchester, Liverpool etc.) had the third largest population with 7.0 million residents (11.2 percent of the population).

The population of the UK aged 65 and over was 11.1 million (17.4 percent of the population). The number of people aged 85 and over was more than 1.5 million in 2014 accounting for 2.4 percent of the total population.

In 2013, 87.2 percent of the UK population was listed as white with 12.8 percent belonging to mixed, non-white or other ethnic groups. There are many ethnic groups in the UK including large populations from Asia, the Caribbean and Africa. 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 percent 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)
- Higher number of population urban based rather than rural.

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

Product Category	Growth 2010 – 2014 (%)	U.S. Exports to UK 2014 (\$m)
Wine & Beer	+8.7	237
Tree Nuts	+79.8	171
Prepared Food	+66	170
Processed Fruit & Vegetables	+24.6	112
Snack Foods (excl nuts)	+127	58
Fresh Vegetables	+73	49
Fresh Fruit	-25	48
Chocolate & Cocoa Products	+172	27
Condiments	+52	26
Non Alcoholic Beverages Exc. Juices	+54	23
Dairy Products	+150	15
Eggs and Products	+2.8	11
Fruit & Vegetable Juices	-31	10
Breakfast Cereals & Pancake Mix	+322	8
Pork & Pork Products	-51	5
Pet Foods (Dog & Cat Food)	+275	5
Other Consumer-Oriented Products	-59	4
Beef & Beef Products	+233	2
Poultry Meat	-50	0.2

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	Labels, including nutritional panels need to be changed. Pack sizes and palletization may also need

is widespread.	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 does not mean high chili content.

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 an effective 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 consider the following factors:

- 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 (GE)	<p>Biotech products or products that contain biotech ingredients can only be sold in the EU if the genetically engineered (GE) trait has been given approval. This is generally not an issue as normally the EU has approved all U.S.-grown mainstream ingredients before a product could be imported. The onus is on the UK customer to ask the necessary questions of the U.S. exporter to know whether the product contains biotech ingredients. If the product does contain biotech ingredients that are EU approved, it may be sold with the appropriate labelling - that involves a positive statement of its presence in the food product, please see:</p> <p><a href="http://ec.europa.eu/food/plant/gmo/traceability_labelling/index_en.htm">http://ec.europa.eu/food/plant/gmo/traceability_labelling/index_en.htm</a></p> <p>Food products containing biotech-derived ingredients in the UK are minimal. Large supermarket chains have generally 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 with a presence in the UK/EU have also taken a non-GE approach, as well as many restaurants and cafes.</p>
Organic	The United Kingdom, unlike most European nations, has suffered from declining organic sales in recent years. This year for the first time in many years, sales of organic products in the UK have seen an increase with a 4% rise in the last 12 months. Some organic products have had increased success; including, baby food, milk, vegetable and seed oils and non-food products such as textiles and health and beauty products. UK consumers fueled by young consumers and families choosing to pay more for organic products have pushed sales up. UK sales of organic products in 2014 were £1.86 billion (\$3.0 billion). The organic market is still dwarfed by the overall food and drinks sector which has sales of £92 billion
Health	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.
Fair Trade	The UK is one of the world’s leading Fairtrade markets. Sales of Fairtrade products in the UK were £1.67 billion (\$2.6 billion) in 2014. There are over 41,500 Fairtrade certified products for sale in the UK.

## **Food Standards and Regulations**

The UK follows EU policies regarding labeling and ingredient requirements. The EU Food and Agricultural Import Regulations & Standards Country Report ([FAIRS](#)) specifically addresses labeling and ingredient requirements. It is also available at: <http://gain.fas.usda.gov/Lists/Advanced%20Search/AllItems.aspx> or alternatively email [aglondon@fas.usda.gov](mailto: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](http://www.hmrc.gov.uk) .

## **SECTION III. MARKET SECTOR STRUCTURE & TRENDS**

The UK retail grocery market was valued at £177.5 billion (\$275.1 billion) in March 2015, an increase of 1.7 percent on 2014. The Institute of Grocery Distribution (IGD) estimates that the UK grocery market will be worth £200.6bn in 2020 a 13% increase on 2015.

In 2014 groceries account for 9 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 51.3p 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.

20 percent of UK grocery shopping is now regularly done via the internet.

## **Retail Sector**

### **Supermarket Chains**

Four supermarket chains dominate UK food retailing, accounting for 71.8 percent of the market. Tesco is the market leader, with 28.2 percent market share, followed by Asda/Wal-Mart with 16.7 percent, Sainsbury's has 16.2 percent, Morrison's has 10.7%. Other UK supermarket chains include The Cooperative, Waitrose, Iceland, Aldi, Lidl and Marks and Spencer.

## Market Shares of the UK's Supermarket Chains

Retailer	Market Share %
Tesco	28.2
Asda/Wal-Mart	16.7
Sainsbury's	16.2
Morrison's	10.7
Cooperative	6.4
Aldi	5.6
Waitrose	5.2
Lidl	4.2
Iceland	2.0
Others	2.2
Symbols/Independents	2.1

Source: Kantar Worldpanel, market share summary, 12 weeks to September 13, 2015.

These market shares are updated monthly, so there can be a slight change month to month.

The discounters (Aldi & Lidl) continue to see strong growth in sales. With a 30% annual sales rise in sales and Aldi increasing its market share to 5.6% an all-time high, they are certainly the chains to watch. The discount retailers continue to strengthen their position in the market with some 56% of British households visiting either Aldi or Lidl in the past 12 weeks.

In general, each chain focuses on a specific market segment. 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. Morrison's and the Cooperative both compete 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 47 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. In comparison the Netherlands has 38 percent private label products and the United States has only 19 percent.

The Institute of Grocery Distribution (IGD) estimates that UK internet grocery sales amounted to £8.9 billion (\$13.3 billion) in 2014. Although this growth is rapid, online sales still remain a small part of the market. 26% of shoppers now say they have used the internet for their food grocery shopping at some point in the last 12 months, with 20% now saying they regularly do all their grocery shopping online. Innovations such as grocery click and collect having also helped the popularity of this service. Click and Collect is where customers order all their grocery shopping online and then drive to the supermarket to collect it from a designated point. Click and collect lockers are also available at some underground stations. Although this is still a small part of the industry sales are growing year on year.



## **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 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 that are well known to the 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 all opened 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 \$71.0 billion (£46.6 billion) in 2014; this was a growth of 3.8 percent on 2013.

The market is expected to continue to grow over the next 5 years reaching a value of £56.3bn by 2029.

In the year ending June 2014, the eating out market including quick service restaurants, casual dining, pubs, full service restaurants, travel and leisure and workplace and education catering was worth £50.4bn an increase of 2 percent on the year before.

#### Breakdown of Food Market Value by Operator Type in 2014

	Food Sales (£ Millions)	Share (%)
<b>Restaurants</b>	10,988	23.6
<b>Fast Food</b>	12,189	26.2
<b>Pubs</b>	5,428	11.6
<b>Hotels</b>	9,190	19.7
<b>Leisure</b>	3,912	8.4
<b>Staff Catering</b>	2,434	5.2
<b>Health Care</b>	887	2.0
<b>Education</b>	1,281	2.7
<b>Services/Welfare</b>	272	0.6
<b>Total</b>	46,580	100.0

	Number of Outlets	Share (%)
<b>Restaurants</b>	29,673	11.5
<b>Fast Food</b>	32,956	12.7
<b>Pubs</b>	43,727	17.0
<b>Hotels</b>	45,052	17.4
<b>Leisure</b>	20,078	7.8
<b>Staff Catering</b>	17,656	6.8
<b>Health Care</b>	32,181	12.4
<b>Education</b>	34,263	13.2
<b>Services/Welfare</b>	3,066	1.2
<b>Total</b>	258,653	100.0

Source: Horizons FS Limited 2014

The food service sector is the UK's fourth largest consumer market following retail, cars, 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.

Thirty-one percent of UK consumers currently eat out at least once per week.

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 UK HRI report which can be found using the following link: [Foodservice](#)

## **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 2014 of \$125.0 billion (£81.8 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 2014, there are almost 6,360 food-manufacturing enterprises in the UK. Many of these are small companies employing less than 10 people. UK multinationals such as Unilever and Diageo are among the largest in Europe. Many U.S. companies, such as Kraft, 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 2014 (\$ million)	UK Imports From U.S. 2014 (\$ 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	2,917	87.9	+88%	0-22%	Highly fragmented market, domestic shortfall.	U.S. #1 canned salmon supplier, developing interest in other products and species
Chocolate confectionery HS: 1806	2,224	30.3	+92%	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	174.5	0.9	+133%	0-16%	Competition from Turkey, Netherlands and India	Food has long shelf life
Preserved fruit & nuts HS: 2008	640.9	31.6	+69%	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	1,036	9.5	-9%	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	898.6	28.8	+3%	0-10%	Australia starting to enter the market	UK wants authentic tex-mex, BBQ sauces, marinades & salad dressings
Soft drinks HS: 2202	1,227	7.4	-28%	0-10%	Domestic & EU competition, strong brands, market reaching saturation	New U.S. concepts in beverages always attractive, e.g. functional drinks
Beer HS: 2203	692.5	16.8	+329%	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	5,060.9	237.6	+44%	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: Global Trade Information Services.

## **SECTION V. KEY CONTACTS AND FURTHER INFORMATION**

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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**

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Contact For: UK Government Agency for any information on the UK Agricultural sector.

### **Food Standards Agency**

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Email: [helpline@foodstandards.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:helpline@foodstandards.gsi.gov.uk)

Website: [www.food.gov.uk](http://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**

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

## **UK Trade Associations**

### **Institute of Grocery Distribution**

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Web: [www.igd.com](http://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](http://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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Website: [www.freshproduce.org.uk](http://www.freshproduce.org.uk)

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

### **British Health Food Manufacturer's Association**

1 Wolsey Road, East Molesey, Surrey KT8 9EL

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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](http://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 2014**

UK Agricultural Imports From All Countries (\$Mil)	77.0
U.S. Market Share (%) <sup>1/</sup>	3.7%
UK Consumer Food Imports From All Countries (\$Mil)	50.9
U.S. Market Share (%) <sup>1/</sup>	2.0%
UK Edible Fishery Imports From All Countries (\$Mil)	4.4
U.S. Market Share (%) <sup>1/</sup>	3.9%
UK Total Population (Millions) / Annual Growth Rate (%)	64.6 Million 0.7% Growth
UK Urban Population (Millions)	52 Million
Number of Major Metropolitan Areas <sup>2/</sup>	36
Size of the Middle Class (%) <sup>3/</sup>	30-43%
Per Capita Gross Domestic Product (U.S. Dollars)	\$39,500
UK Unemployment Rate (%)	5.5%
UK Per Capita Food Expenditures (U.S. Dollars) per person per week	\$35.00
UK Percent of Female Population Employed <sup>4/</sup>	67 %
Exchange Rate (U.S.\$1 = £)	1.56

### Footnotes

1/ From Global Trade Atlas

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 %		
	2012	2013	2014	2012	2013	2014	2012	2013	2014
Consumer Oriented Agric. Total	45.8	48.2	50.9	0.8	0.9	1.0	1.9	1.9	2.0
Fish & Seafood Products	4.0	4.2	4.4	0.1	0.1	0.1	3.3	3.5	3.9
Agricultural Total	59.6	63.1	65.2	1.5	1.7	1.8	2.6	2.7	2.7
Agricultural, Fish & Forestry	69.0	73.4	77.0	2.9	2.4	2.9	2.9	3.2	3.7

Source: Global Trade Information Services.

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

**UK - Top 15 Suppliers of Consumer Food Imports**

	2012 (\$ millions)	2013 (\$ millions)	2014 (\$ millions)
Netherlands	7,298.5	7,670.7	8,027.2
Ireland	5,052.9	5,399.6	5,832.4
France	5,445.4	5,417.5	5,475.2
Germany	4,203.2	4,607.4	5,079.3
Spain	3,291.9	3,605.7	3,629.8
Italy	2,990.7	3,214.7	3,578.3
Belgium	2,657.3	2,850.7	3,059.6
Denmark	1,844.9	1,783.1	1,804.2
Poland	1,380.6	1,569.6	1,654.9
<b>United States 1/</b>	<b>877.2</b>	<b>926.1</b>	<b>1,053.9</b>
New Zealand	903.7	894.2	1,042.0
Thailand	799.0	791.2	928.7
South Africa	725.1	855.0	847.0
Brazil	725.1	740.4	732.1
Chile	658.8	654.9	677.1
<b>World</b>	<b>45,877.3</b>	<b>48,213.4</b>	<b>50,977.9</b>

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Source: Global Trade Atlas

### UK – Top 15 Suppliers of Fish & Seafood Products Imports

	2012 (\$ millions)	2013 (\$ millions)	2014 (\$ millions)
Iceland	423.5	412.3	430.3
China	259.4	292.0	324.1
Faroe Islands	232.0	330.2	316.7
Germany	264.4	278.2	285.9
Denmark	272.2	270.2	272.9
Thailand	312.6	295.5	272.9
Canada	140.4	136.4	200.6
Sweden	121.1	165.7	179.5
<b>United States 1/</b>	<b>137.9</b>	<b>151.5</b>	<b>178.4</b>
India	89.7	124.6	173.6
Vietnam	103.8	126.0	167.3
Netherlands	129.7	131.2	151.2
Norway	195.0	110.6	141.1
Bangladesh	85.0	95.8	112.5
Indonesia	70.1	97.3	110.0
<b>World</b>	<b>4,034.4</b>	<b>4,284.6</b>	<b>4,495.7</b>

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