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Exporter Guide

Road Map to Austrian Market

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Report Highlights:
Consumer-oriented food and beverage products remain the most important agricultural import category from the United States. In 2014, the consumer-oriented sector accounted for 60 percent of total agricultural, fish and forestry imports from the United States, worth $ 70 million. Austrian consumer trends are creating good market opportunities for organic, health, diet, convenience, and ‘sustainable’ food products. Market opportunities for U.S. products include fish and seafood products, nuts, wine, bourbon, pet foods, dried fruits, fruit juices, snack foods, and high quality beef.

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I. Market Overview

Economic Situation and How It Affects Consumer Spending and Sales of U.S. Products

Austria has a small but highly developed market economy with a high standard of living. It occupies a strategic position in the center of Europe and is closely tied to other EU (European Union) economies, especially Germany's. Austria is a part of the EU single market and customs union and is a Eurozone member. The Austrian economy is characterized by a large service sector, a strong industrial sector, and a small, but highly developed but small scale agricultural sector. Austria is an export-driven economy and EU countries are its most important trading partners.

The Austrian economy tends to perform better than the EU average. Austria has one of the highest GDPs (gross domestic product) per capita in the entire EU. Following a period of sluggish economic activity from 2012 to 2015, the Austrian Institute of Economic Research (WIFO) forecasts a moderate growth of the Austrian economy over the next five years. As a result of higher disposable income due to the income tax reform and a growing population including an increasing number of refugees seeking asylum, private consumption is projected to gain more than one percent per year after a half percent growth in the previous years. However, unemployment will keep rising due to increasing number of domestic and foreign employment seeking people. The Austrian unemployment rate in 2014 was at 5.6 percent which is considerably lower than the EU average. At the same time the Austrian inflation rate was at a low 1.5 percent which exceeded the even lower EU average. (Sources: Statistik Austria and WIFO)

Austrian consumer expenditures have grown steadily in recent years and food and beverage sales have benefited. From 2011 to 2014, consumer expenditures on food and beverages (including alcoholic beverages and tobacco) grew 8.2 percent to Euro 2,818 per capita. In 2014, Austrian consumer expenditures on food and beverages (non-alcoholic and alcoholic including tobacco) accounted for 13.5 percent of total consumer expenditures. The share of food and beverage expenditures is fairly stable over the years. (Source: Euromonitor)

Consumer Expenditures Austria in Euro Per Capita - Value at Current Prices

Consumer Expenditures	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015*	2016*
Consumer expenditures	19,748	20,258	20,635	20,926	*21,188*	*21,899*
Consumer expenditures on food and non-alcoholic beverages	1,939	2,000	2,073	2,088	*2,104*	*2,165*
Consumer expenditures on alcoholic beverages and tobacco	666	687	709	730	*737*	*760*

* Forecast
Source: Euromonitor

Although foods and beverages from Austria, Germany, and other EU countries dominate Austrian retail shelf space, there are good opportunities for U.S. products, particularly at the upper end of the market. Consumer oriented food and beverage products remain the most important agricultural imports from the United States. In 2014, the consumer oriented sector accounted for 60 percent of total agricultural, fish and forestry imports from the United States worth $ 70 million (source: Global Trade Atlas). During the same period fish and seafood imports from the United States were at $ 1.9 million. Official import numbers do not include significant and growing transshipments of U.S. products from other EU countries and actual U.S. trade may be considerably larger.

Austrian Imports from the United States of Consumer-Oriented and Fishery Products

Product Category	Value, Thousands of $ in 2014	Growth 2010 - 2014 in %
OTHER CONSUMER ORIENTED PRODUCTS	23,045	43.0
TREE NUTS	17,845	90.3
RED MEATS,FRESH/CHILLED/FROZEN	7,758	322.3
PROCESSED FRUIT & VEGETABLES	5,722	11.0
WINE & BEER	5,141	68.6
FRUIT & VEGETABLE JUICES	4,914	117.1
PET FOODS (DOG & CAT FOOD)	1,828	-37.1
EGGS & PRODUCTS	1,622	1.1
OTHER FISHERY PRODUCTS	1,094	-19.6
SNACK FOODS (EXCLUD. NUTS)	1,014	-34.7
FRESH FRUIT	753	57.5
MOLLUSCS	555	18.8
DAIRY PRODUCTS (EXCL. CHEESE)	191	3.8
CRUSTACEANS	137	14.2
SALMON	97	-76.0
FRESH VEGETABLES	68	70.0
RED MEATS, PREPARED/PRESERVED	56	21.7
CHEESE	45	309.1
BREAKFAST CEREALS/PANCAKE MIX	29	-32.6
NURSERY PRODUCTS & CUT FLOWERS	16	-61.9
GROUNDFISH & FLATFISH	14	-6.7
POULTRY MEAT	0	0.0
SURIMI	0	0.0

Source: Global Trade Atlas

Key Demographic Developments and Their Impact on Consumer Buying Habits

Austria has a population of 8.5 million (2014). The number of single households and childless double working partnerships is rising. From 2000 to 2014 there was an increase of 42.8 percent in single-person households. The number of single households reached 1.4 million in 2014, which corresponds to 37 percent of all households. In 2014, an average household consisted of 2.23 people. The median age of Austria's population is gradually rising. In 2014, 18.5 percent of the total population was 65 years and older. (Source: Statistik Austria)

Food Market and Trends

When responding to polls, consumers usually express a preference for high quality foods; however, when it comes to actually buying, price appears to be the major purchasing factor for a majority of the population. One result of the global economic recession starting in 2008/09 was that Austrian consumers tended to buy lower-priced alternate products but this is slowly changing again with the recovering economy. For special events most people, even in lower income brackets, are willing to spend more for "exclusive" products. In addition, the higher income and gourmet market segments (which regularly buy high priced foods) are growing.

The traditional Austrian diet is rich and based on meat, flour, and vegetables. Cakes and bakery products are important parts of the diet.

There is an increasing interest in healthy lifestyles, especially among younger consumers concerned about excess calories and healthy diets. The younger generation also appreciates trying new products and is a logical segment to aim for with many new food product introductions. Since the population is steadily becoming older, also the 50+ generation is an important target market for food products considering their specific needs.

Biotech (also called 'GMO') food products have a very negative image among the Austrian public. Food products that have to be labeled as biotech do not sell in Austria and cannot be found in Austrian retail stores.

A counterpoint to the negative view of biotech foods is Austria's strong and still growing market for organic agricultural and food products. The market share of organics in food retail accounts for about 7 percent and Austria has the highest percentage of organic farms within the EU. In 2014, 7 percent of all fresh food purchases in Austria were organic.

Driven by the Austrian government and NGOs Austrian consumers are highly aware of environmental issues. This creates a rapidly growing market for sustainably produced food products. Reacting to this trend retail chains started launching private labels promoting "sustainability". The REWE retail chain, for example introduced the "Pro Planet" brand that claims to offer food products that are produced in an environmentally and social responsible way. The discounter Hofer promotes its improved carbon footprint for organic products sold under the label "Zurueck zum Ursprung". Furthermore some retailers promote fair trade products.

An increasing awareness of allergies is also raising the demand for special allergy-related food products such as gluten-free and lactose free.

Due to the increasing number of single households and the rising number of older people seeking companionship, the number of pets should continue to increase, further stimulating demand for pet food.

The rise in single households also boosts demand for convenience products and for food eaten outside the home. Singles are not only young urban working people but also retired persons. The rising number of elderly people, many of whom have significant disposable income, creates additional demand for health and specialty nutrition products.

Advantages and Challenges for U.S. Suppliers on the Austrian Market

Advantages/Opportunities	Challenges/Constraints
High income level of the Austrian population and stable economy	Foods containing or made from biotech products are not accepted by consumers and retailers
Urban population growing, which boosts demand for international food	Competition from EU member states
U.S. style food is popular, especially among the younger generation	Products must meet strict Austrian/EU/retailer requirements; regional and sustainable products are highly promoted
Good reputation of certain U.S. products like dried fruits and nuts	Austrian buyers demand quality but also low prices
Growing market for organic, sustainable and health food products	High promotion costs to increase consumer awareness
The Austrian climate limits growing seasons and types of products grown	Highly concentrated food retail market
Good infrastructure, efficient distribution system, most importers speak English	Difficult to acquire shelf space in large supermarket chains
Only fresh water fish production (landlocked country); 95 percent of Austrians fish and seafood consumption needs to be imported	Growing retailers' promotion and consumer awareness of carbon footprint results in disadvantage for products with long-distance shipping
Growing interest in ethnic foods and sea foods due to rising vacations in distant and coastal areas	Lack of awareness of high U.S. quality by consumers
Growing pet food market	Retailers rarely import products into Austria, they prefer purchases from central buyers including other member states (mainly Germany)

II. Exporter Business Tips

Local Business Customs

In general, food retailers buy domestic and imported products from Austrian and/or German wholesalers. The large supermarket chains have their own purchasing sections, which buy and store foodstuffs centrally for their own retail stores. The central purchasing sections import directly in some instances. However, some items are purchased through wholesale importers (i.e. almonds). Due to the strong concentration of the food retail sector, the supermarket chains are very powerful vis-a-vis producers and slotting fees for retail space are the norm.

General Consumer Tastes and Preferences

Traditionally, Austrians have conservative tastes which are reflected in the local cuisine and in local production methods and marketing. However, the younger generation appreciates trying new food products and beverages. Latest food trends stress again the traditional diet but prepared in a more modern way and using high quality products and ingredients.

Austrians prefer foods without artificial flavors, stabilizers, emulsifiers, and preservatives. In addition, consumers reject foods containing biotech products. For this reason, the leading supermarket chains have banned such products from their shelves.

Organic food products have developed from a niche market to having a significant market share. As of today, sales of organic products account for about 7 percent of retail sales. Industry watchers believe that organic products may someday reach 10 percent of the total food market. Similarly, there is significant interest in “sustainable” food products. Recently, almost all Austrian retail chains introduced their own voluntary “sustainability” strategies and labels to promote products with environmental, social and economic benefits. “Light” products are also on a rising trend; however, consumers do not seem to tolerate a loss in flavor as compared to “normal” products.

Beef and pork consumption has been somewhat declining in the last couple of years, whereas poultry consumption has been increasing. As a result of the slack economy, consumers tend to buy less expensive meat cuts. Due to increasing health awareness fish consumption is on a rising trend. Cheese consumption, which is already high, continues to rise. This is particularly true for semi-hard and fresh cheeses.

With fruit juices, tartness (higher acidity) is preferred over sweeter products. This applies also to white wines. Jams and marmalade are more appealing to Austrians if fruit pieces are included and if they are not too sweet. Cereals sell better if they are crunchy.

Food Standards and Regulations

See GAIN report:
Food and Agricultural Import Regulations and Standards Report - Austria:
Or search the USDA GAIN database for recent reports:
http://gain.fas.usda.gov/Lists/Advanced%20Search/AllItems.aspx

General Import and Inspection Procedures

Incoming goods go either to the customs storage (small) or to a freight forwarder's facility at transport terminals or airports. Storage and removal from storage is carried out under the supervision of a customs officer who compares the documents with the commodities. Later, the invoice for import duty is issued. Food inspectors at the port of entry do not routinely check packaged foods. However, the customs officer may take samples to double check for ingredients (sugar, milk powder, alcohol) and that customs duties are paid for these ingredients according to their proportion of the processed product.

Veterinary and customs import documents must be in German. Veterinary certificates are usually bi-lingual. There is no appeal of decisions by the customs office or the veterinary service.

If an importer objects to the quality of the product, the case can be brought to the arbitration center.

Complete information on EU import rules for food products may be found at:
http://www.usda-eu.org/trade-with-the-eu/eu-import-rules/

III. Market Sector Structure and Trends

Food Market Structure

Since EU accession in 1995, concentration in the food industry and food retail sector has accelerated. Many food-processing companies are too small to survive alone when exposed to the larger EU market and many have merged with larger national or foreign firms. Apart from Spar (Internationale Spar Centrale BV), all leading food retailers in Austria are part of large German retailer groups. The top three retail chains have a remarkable 66 percent market share (2014). In 2014, total sales of Austrian food retailers were at Euros 22.9 billion (Source: Euromonitor).

Sales Volume of Leading Austrian Food Retail Chains, Million Euros

Food Retail Chain	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014*
Rewe Group	4,907	5,048	5,247	5,339	5,555	5,604
Internationale Spar Centrale BV	5,367	5,368	5,223	5,408	5,628	5,661
Aldi Group	3,350	3,300	3,310	3,400	3,600	3,730
Total Food Retail	21,778	21,882	21,854	22,364	22,705	22,856

* Forecast
Source: Euromonitor International

Domestic Industry Capacity versus Availability of Foreign-Supplied Products

More than three-quarters of all agricultural supplies, including ingredients for the food industry, comes from other EU countries. Regarding imports of processed foods, about 90 percent come from other EU countries.

The strongest branch of Austria's food industry is the beverage sector, particularly the brewing industry and the fruit juice industry. The latter imports concentrated citrus juices, particularly orange juice. There is also a strong confectionary and meat industry.

Trends in Promotional/Marketing Strategies and Tactics

The most efficient advertising is television, which nonetheless tends to be more expensive in Austria than in the United States. The industry uses this medium for promoting food and pet food brands, and the two largest supermarket chains have regular TV spots. Supermarket, hypermarket and discounter chains have their own weekly or bi-weekly flyers in which products available and discounted products in their stores are advertised. These fliers reach a wide range of interested purchasers and thus are regarded as efficient. In addition more and more retailers advertise their products and sales in the internet and have their regular email-newsletters. In-store promotions can also be very successful.

Trends in Tourism Sales, Holiday Gift sales, and Internet Sales

Tourism contributed about Euro 16.9 billion to Austria's GDP (Gross Domestic Product) in 2014 (5.1 percent of GDP) and plays an important economic role. In 2014, some 132 million overnight stays by tourists were logged. The major share of tourists comes from Germany followed by The Netherlands. The main tourist areas are the western and southern alpine regions and the capitals of the federal states.

In general, tourists, particularly those from Germany, favor the local Austrian cuisine during their vacation. However, in recent years ethnic foods have become more popular (because of immigration and Austrians traveling abroad) and the demand for seafood has increased.

In recent years some food retailers started food internet sales but internet sales for food products still remain marginally.

IV. Best High-Value Product Prospects

Consumer oriented and fishery products offering good U.S. export opportunities are:

Product Category	Total Austrian Imports 2014 in 1000 of U.S. $ *)	Austrian Imports from the U.S. 2014 in 1000 of U.S. $ *)	Market Attractiveness for USA
Fish and Seafood Products	526,559	7,897	The Austrian market offers small but lucrative opportunities for fish and seafood products. Fish consumption in Austria is growing as consumers associate fishery products with a modern healthy diet. Domestic fish production is marginal and limited to fresh water fish like trout and carp. Due to transshipment within the EU, the real value of imports from the United States is thought to be much higher than indicated in customs statistics. Best prospects for U.S. fish and seafood exports are salmon, lobster, shrimps, crabs, caviar substitutes, catfish and scallops. In recent years the demand for frozen U.S. pollack filets has increased significantly.

Product Category	Total Austrian Imports 2014 in 1000 of U.S. $ *)	Austrian Imports from the U.S. 2014 in 1000 of U.S. $ *)	Market Attractiveness for USA
Tree Nuts	170,831	17,845	In 2014, the United States was the fourth largest by value and the second largest by quantity supplier of tree nuts to Austria. Most tree nuts are used as ingredients by the food processing sector. Almonds are the most important commodity within this category. Further products with good sales potential include walnuts, pistachios, pecans, and hazelnuts.
Wine	267,885	5,126	Austria has traditionally a high share of domestic wine consumption. However, good prospects exist for "new world wines" including those from the United States. In 2014, the United States was the fifth most important supplier (by value) of wine to Austria. U.S. wine sales increased in retail stores including discounters who mainly carry inexpensive U.S. wines.
Pet Foods	399,859	1,828	Since dog and cat population in Austria is steadily increasing, the demand for dog and cat food is also rising. Austrian companies dominate the pet food market, however, U.S. pet food and ingredients have good market prospects.
Processed Fruits and Vegetables	849,707	5,722	Austrian imports of processed fruits and vegetables – mainly prepared nuts/seeds and dried fruits – are constantly growing. Those products are mostly used as ingredients by the food-processing sector for the production of pastries and breakfast cereals. Dried fruits and prepared nuts are also popular as a snack.
Fruit and Vegetable Juices	33,182	4,914	A very strong fruit juice industry makes Austria one of the most important juice importers worldwide. The demand for fruit juices has been steadily growing over the past years. Good opportunities for U.S. fruit juices in the Austrian market are citrus and cranberry juices.
Snack Foods (Excl. Nuts)	939,033	1,014	The Austrian demand for healthy, organic, innovative, and exotic snacks continues to grow.
Red Meats Fresh/ Chilled/ Frozen	788,552	56	Limited but lucrative and increasing opportunities exist for U.S. hormone free high quality beef, game and exotic meat for the upper scale gastronomy.
Eggs & Products	89,852	1,622	In 2014, the United States was Austria's number three supplier of albumins and albumin derivates which are used in the food processing industry.
Whiskies (Bourbon)	39,338	13,077	When it comes to hard liquor Austrian traditionally drink Schnapps but there is also a good market for Whiskeys. The United States is the second largest supplier, after the United Kingdom.

Source: *) Global Trade Atlas

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Appendix I

Table A. Key Trade and Demographic Information

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KEY TRADE & DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION	YEAR	VALUE
Agricultural, Fish and Forestry Imports From All Countries ($Mil)/U.S. Market Share (%)[1)]	2014	17,345 / 0.67%
Consumer Food Imports From All Countries ($Mil)/U.S. Market Share (%)[1)]	2014	10,135 / 0.69%
Edible Fishery Imports From All Countries ($Mil)/U.S. Market Share (%)[1)]	2014	527 / 0.36%
Total Population (Millions)/Annual Growth Rate (%)[3)]	2014	8.5 / 0.9%
Urban Population (%)/ Rate of Urbanization (%)[2)]	2015	66% / 0.4%
Number of Major Metropolitan Areas	2015	1
Size of the Middle Class (Millions)/Growth Rate (%)	n/a	n/a
Per Capita Gross Domestic Product (U.S. Dollars)[2)]	2014	$46,600
Unemployment Rate (%)[3)]	2014	5.6%
Consumer Per Capita Food Expenditures (Incl. Beverages and Tobacco) (U.S. Dollars) [5)]	2014	$3,737
Percent of Female Population Employed (15 to 64 years old)[3)]	2014	66.9%
Average Exchange Rate 2014 (US$1 = 0.754 Euro) [4)]	2014	0.754

1) Source: Global Trade Atlas
2) Source: CIA World Factbook
3) Source: Statistik Austria
4) Source: OANDA
5) Source: Euromonitor

Table B. Consumer Food & Edible Fishery Product Imports

Austria Imports (In Millions of U.S. Dollars)									
	Imports from the World			Imports from the U.S.			U.S. Market Share		
	2012	2013	2014	2012	2013	2014	2012	2013	2014
CONSUMER-ORIENTED AGRICULTURAL TOTAL	9,054	9,737	10,135	56.5	69.1	70.0	0.62	0.71	0.69
SNACK FOODS (EXCLUD. NUTS)	796	897	939	1.3	1.3	1.0	0.17	0.14	0.11
BREAKFAST CEREALS/PANCAKE MIX	73	70	76	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.03	0.02	0.04
RED MEATS,FRESH/CHILLED/FROZEN	714	722	789	6.6	8.1	7.8	0.92	1.12	0.98
RED MEATS, PREPARED/PRESERVED	330	361	378	0.2	0.5	0.1	0.07	0.12	0.01
POULTRY MEAT	350	368	388	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.00	0.01	0.00
DAIRY PRODUCTS (EXCL. CHEESE)	417	458	490	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.01	0.04	0.04
CHEESE	495	527	595	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.00	0.00	0.01
EGGS & PRODUCTS	100	94	90	2.2	1.7	1.6	2.22	1.79	1.81
FRESH FRUIT	706	789	752	0.9	0.7	0.8	0.12	0.09	0.10
FRESH VEGETABLES	502	544	537	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.02	0.01	0.01
PROCESSED FRUIT & VEGETABLES	747	794	850	5.2	5.0	5.7	0.70	0.62	0.67
FRUIT & VEGETABLE JUICES	410	373	333	4.0	3.3	4.9	0.98	0.90	1.47
TREE NUTS	110	137	171	10.4	14.7	17.8	9.44	10.73	10.45
WINE & BEER	348	361	354	4.8	5.1	5.1	1.38	1.40	1.45
NURSERY PRODUCTS & CUT FLOWERS	454	462	480	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.00	0.00	0.00
PET FOODS (DOG & CAT FOOD)	259	369	400	2.2	1.9	1.8	0.83	0.51	0.46
OTHER CONSUMER ORIENTED PRODUC	2,242	2,410	2,514	18.6	26.7	23.0	0.83	1.11	0.92

FISH AND SEAFOOD PRODUCTS TOTAL	442	512	527	2.0	2.0	1.9	0.45	0.38	0.36
SALMON	59	75	85	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.31	0.08	0.11
SURIMI	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.00	0.00	0.00
CRUSTACEANS	59	66	77	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.26	0.31	0.18
GROUNDFISH & FLATFISH	13	16	17	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.52	0.16	0.08
MOLLUSCS	16	15	16	0.5	0.7	0.6	2.89	4.59	3.38
OTHER FISHERY PRODUCTS	296	339	331	1.1	1.0	1.1	0.38	0.28	0.33

AGRICULTURAL PRODUCT TOTAL	12,439	13,427	13,706	89.8	108.3	104.1	0.72	0.81	0.76
AGRICULTURAL, FISH & FORESTRY TOTAL	15,869	17,166	17,345	103.0	123.4	116.6	0.65	0.72	0.67

Source: Global Trade Atlas

Table C. Top 15 Suppliers of Consumer Foods & Edible Fishery Products

Consumer Oriented Agricultural Total (In Millions of U.S. Dollars)			
Top 15 Suppliers	2012	2013	2014
Germany	3,765	4,035	4,206
Italy	1,163	1,201	1,179
Netherlands	677	708	747
Switzerland	344	451	482
Hungary	364	389	429
Spain	358	384	391
France	354	362	376
Poland	274	261	265
Turkey	141	180	207
Belgium	163	191	193
Czech Republic	113	112	135
United Kingdom	89	89	96
Brazil	82	88	86
Greece	62	77	85
Denmark	74	74	81
World	9,053.8	9,737.0	10,135.0

Source: Global Trade Atlas

Fish & Seafood Products (In Millions of U.S. Dollars)			
Top 15 Suppliers	2012	2013	2014
Germany	161.9	175.8	183.1
Netherlands	44.3	45.4	47.6
Norway	22.8	31.2	39.5
Italy	22.5	25.8	28.7
Denmark	22.9	25.5	26.1
Poland	16.8	20.4	23.3
Vietnam	15.5	20.6	20.0
France	12.5	14.5	16.6
Thailand	10.6	20.7	14.0
Spain	6.2	10.2	13.7
Lithuania	4.7	10.2	10.6
Slovenia	7.2	16.7	10.4
India	6.2	5.9	8.2
China	8.5	7.7	7.4
United Kingdom	6.9	6.7	6.4
World	442.4	511.6	526.6

Source: Global Trade Atlas

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How to Comply with the EU's New Food Labeling Rules|FAIRS Subject Report|Brussels USEU|EU-28|12/3/2014

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Road Map to the Austrian Market|Exporter Guide|Vienna|Austria|10/24/2014

In 2013, the consumer-oriented sector accounted for 56 percent of total agricultural, fish and forestry imports from the United States, worth $ 69.1 million. Austrian consumer trends are creating good market opportunities for organic, health, diet, convenience, and 'sustainable' food products. Market opportunities for U.S. products include fish and seafood products, nuts, wine, bourbon, pet foods, dried fruits, fruit juices, snack foods, and high quality beef. Compared to other EU countries, ...
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Negative List for Novel Foods and Ingredients|Exporter Guide|Brussels USEU|EU-28|7/22/2014

The current Novel Foods Regulation 258/97 requires that all food and food ingredients that have not been used for human consumption in the EU before May 15, 1997 be considered a novel food or a novel food ingredient. The broad scope of what is currently considered a novel food presents challenges for U.S. exporters in determining the legal status of specific substances or ingredients. This report provides an overview of the current novel foods regulatory environment and uses RASFF alerts to co...
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The EU's Country of Origin Labeling (COOL) Policy|FAIRS Subject Report|Brussels USEU|EU-28|3/24/2014

The EU's "Food Information to Consumers" Regulation 1169/2011 will become applicable on December 13, 2014. This regulation introduces a number of new mandatory labeling requirements, including country of origin labeling (COOL) for meat other than beef. When the FIC Regulation was adopted in 2011, EU legislators agreed that mandatory COOL should be extended to more food products and ingredients. Article 26 of the FIC Regulation sets out detailed rules for COOL and lists the different actions t...
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New EU Rules on Dietetic Foods|FAIRS Subject Report|Brussels USEU|EU-28|2/7/2014

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Proposal for a New Novel Foods Framework Regulation|FAIRS Subject Report|Brussels USEU|EU-28|2/7/2014

On December 18, 2013, the European Commission presented its long-awaited proposal for a revision of the current Novel Foods Regulation 258/97. An earlier attempt to revise the current novel foods rules failed in March 2011when the European Parliament and Council could not reach agreement on how to regulate food from animal clones. Separate legislation on animal cloning was presented on the same day as the novel foods proposal. The main objectives of the novel foods proposal are to introduce ...
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Austrian Wine 2014|Wine Beverages Product Brief|Vienna|Austria|2/5/2014

Austrian 2014 wine production (grape harvest 2013) is estimated at 2.25 mn hl which is about 6 percent lower than the five-year's average but a 5 percent increase compared to the low results of 2013. Quality of the 2014 production is expected to be good. Although Austrian consumers prefer locally grown light white wines there are good prospects for "new world wines" including those from the United States.
Austrian Wine 2014_Vienna_Austria_2-3-2014

FAIRS Export Certificate Report|Food and Agricultural Import Regulations and Standards - Certification|Brussels USEU|EU-27|2/5/2014 This guide provides an overview of export health certificates needed for exporting plants, animals, foods and other animal origin products to the EU. U.S. regulatory agencies have been informed of the wide range of certificates changes that have occurred in the past months and have updated their export manuals to reflect those changes. Sections updated: All sections. Food and Agricultural Import Regulations and Standards - Certification_Brussels USEU_EU-27_1-15-2014
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