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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 U.S. 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 goods and services from the United States. With its \$2.68 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 2015, the United States exported \$56.4 billion of industrial and agricultural goods to the UK.

United States agricultural, fish, and forestry exports to the UK reached \$2.98 billion in 2015, a record for the third consecutive year. Consumer oriented food and beverage products remain the most important sector, amounting to \$1.12 billion (38 per cent of the total) and also a record in 2015. Wood pellets for the renewable fuel sector represent another growth area. This raised total forest product exports to the UK by over \$200 million to a record \$841 million in 2015, or 28 percent of U.S. agricultural exports to the UK. While wood pellets are a success story, it is the demand for United States 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 tree nuts, chocolate and cocoa products, condiments and sauces, fresh vegetables, snack foods, wine and beer and non-alcoholic beverages all set records to the UK in 2015.

BREXIT

On June 23, 2016, UK voters indicated their wish to leave the European Union (EU) by a 52-48 percent referendum margin. Nevertheless all existing trade and other arrangements under the UK's existing EU membership continue unchanged and remain so for the foreseeable future.

It is up to the UK Government to decide when to formally notify the EU that the UK intends to withdraw from the EU pursuant to Article 50 of the Lisbon Treaty. The Article 50 procedure has never been utilized before and while significant uncertainty exists as to how the process will play out, the Article provides for a 2 year period of negotiation on terms of departure. It is accordingly likely that the UK will remain a member of the EU until April 2019.

The referendum result, a democratic indication of the will of the people, does not create a legal

requirement for the UK to leave the EU but all indications are that this will be the result. What form this will take is currently subject to much speculation. Whatever the outcome, the referendum did not come with a clear road map as to what relationship the UK electorate wants with the EU or with the rest of the world, including the United States. The United States is currently, by far, the UK's largest food and agricultural products trading partner outside the EU, both in terms of imports and exports. In 2015, U.S. exports reached a record \$2.98 billion in agriculture and related products to the UK; the UK imported a record \$887 million from the UK (not including an additional \$1.5 billion worth of Scotch whisky and other distilled spirits). Over the short to medium term, while this trade will be subject to uncertainty in financial markets, the basic fundamentals for trade in food and agricultural products should not change.

UK Demographics

According to the UK Office for National Statistics (ONS), in July 2016, the population of the United Kingdom was estimated at 65.1 million, up by 500,000 from the previous year.

According to the latest data available (2015), the South East of England is home to some 8.8 million residents (13.5 percent of the population, followed by London, which has 8.5 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 7.1 million residents (10.9 percent of the population).

The population of the UK aged 65 and over was 11.6 million (17.8 percent of the population). The number of people aged 85 and over was more than 1.5 million in 2015 accounting for 2.3 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 urban population rather than rural.

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

Product Category	Growth 2011 -2015 (%)	U.S. Exports to UK 2015 (\$ million)
Wine & Beer	+27.6	305*
Tree Nuts	+87.2	206*
Prepared Food	+14.6	159
Processed Fruit & Vegetables	+21.7	110
Snack Foods (excl nuts)	+136.1	75*
Fresh Vegetables	-+131.7	67*
Non Alcoholic Beverages Exc. Juices	+58.7	34*
Chocolate & Cocoa Products	+140	33*
Fresh Fruit	-33.0	31
Condiments	+43.8	28*
Beef & Beef Products	+320.6	12.2
Eggs and Products	-32.0	12
Breakfast Cereals & Pancake Mix	+163.4	11
Fruit & Vegetable Juices	-67.0	9
Pet Foods (Dog & Cat Food)	+266.6	8
Dairy Products	-35.1	6
Pork & Pork Products	-11	4
Other Consumer-Oriented Products	+38.7	4
Poultry Meat	+50	0.6

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

*Denotes Highest Export Levels Since at Least CY1970.

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

Opportunities	Constraints
The scale of the United States food industry may offer price competitiveness on large volume orders.	EU products enter duty-free without significant customs checks while U.S. products face EU common external tariffs and strict customs controls.
The UK climate limits growing seasons and types of products grown.	Poultry and red meat are highly regulated by the EU, as are dairy product imports from the United States.
The diversity of the United States population creates innovative food products and concepts which are often mirrored in the UK.	Must meet strict UK/EU/retailer demands on food safety, traceability, environmental issues and plant inspection.
The United States has good brand image in the United Kingdom. The United States is a popular destination for the UK tourist and familiarity with products from the United States is widespread.	Labels, including nutritional panels need to be converted to comply with UK requirements. Pack sizes and palletization may also need to be

	adjusted.
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 United States.	Genetically-engineered (GE) food ingredients are not widely accepted in the UK, perhaps due to aggressive negative press.
Strong interest in innovative products. Currently there is high interest in natural, "wholesome" and "health" food categories.	Tastes differ in the UK. For example, popcorn is often sweet, relishes are jam-like, and spicy may 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 if you are solely interested in the UK market. If you want to reach a number of European countries, one of the bigger European trade shows such as Sial or Anuga would be a better option.

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	As a result of food scares over the past two decades, the UK food supply chain is
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Safety	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)	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 United States 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, i.e., a positive statement of GE presence in the food product. (See: http://ec.europa.eu/food/plant/gmo/traceability_labelling/index_en.htm). 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 (typically these, account for 45-50 percent 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.
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 4.9 percent rise in the last 12 months. Organic products that have had increased success include baby food, milk, vegetable and seed oils and non-food products such as textiles and health and beauty products. Young consumers and families choosing to pay more for organic products have pushed sales up. UK sales of organic products in 2015 were £1.95 billion (\$2.5 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 £1.8 billion (\$2.3 billion) in 2015. There are over 41,500 Fairtrade certified products for sale in the UK. The most popular products being coffee (8 percent), sugar (22 percent), bananas (12 percent) and flowers (16 percent). Requirements to meet "Fairtrade" labelling standards are available at: http://www.fairtrade.org.uk/ and http://www.fairtrade.org.uk/en/what-is-fairtrade/using-the-fairtrade-mark .

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

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 .

SECTION III. MARKET SECTOR STRUCTURE & TRENDS

The UK retail grocery market was valued at £179.1 billion (\$232.8 billion) in June 2016, an increase of 0.6 percent on 2015. The Institute of Grocery Distribution (IGD) estimates that the UK grocery market will be worth £196.9 billion in 2021 a 9.9 percent increase on 2016.

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 50.2 pence in every £1.00 of retail spending.

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

Twenty-nine 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 70.1 percent of the market. Tesco is the market leader, with 28.1 percent market share, followed by Sainsbury's with 15.9 percent, Asda/Wal-Mart with 15.7 percent, and Morrison's has 10.4 percent. 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	28.1
Sainsbury's	15.9
Asda/Wal-Mart	15.7
Morrison's	10.4
Cooperative	6.6
Aldi	6.2
Waitrose	5.3
Lidl	4.6
Iceland	2.1
Others	3.1
Symbols/Independents	1.9

Source: Kantar Worldpanel, market share summary, June 11 to September 11, 2016.

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 percent annual sales

rise in sales and Aldi increasing its market share to 6.2 percent 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 percent 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 will amount to £9.8 billion (\$13.3 billion) in 2016 up 13 percent from 2015. Sales are forecast to grow a further 73 percent to reach £15.0 billion by 2020. Although this growth is rapid, online sales still remain a small part of the market. Twenty-nine percent of shoppers now say they use the internet for their food grocery shopping every month. Innovations such as grocery click and collect have also helped the popularity of this service. Click and collect allows customers to 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. It is the younger generation that is predominately driving the growth with one fifth (19 percent) of 25-34 year olds now doing their grocery shopping online.

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 products from the United States are Fortnum & Mason and Harrods. Department Store food halls provide a unique opportunity for U.S. specialty foods. This is because these stores sell products at much higher prices, therefore make products more affordable. Also the department stores do not sell vast quantities of products like the major supermarket chains do, therefore smaller U.S. companies can keep up with demand.

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. U.S. exporters typically work through UK importers 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 hyperlinks: [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 HRI market was estimated at \$62.1 billion (£47.8 billion) in 2015; 2.8 percent increase from 2014.

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

In the year ending June 2015, the meals at quick service restaurants, casual dining, pubs, full service restaurants, travel and leisure and workplace and education catering were worth £51.6 billion an increase of 2 percent on the year before.

Breakdown of Food Market Value by Operator Type in 2015

	Food Sales (£ Millions)	Share (%)
Restaurants	11.4	24.0
Fast Food	12.7	26.7
Pubs	5.5	11.5
Hotels	9.5	20.0
Leisure	3.9	7.4
Staff Catering	2.4	5.0
Health Care	0.9	1.9
Education	1.4	2.9
Services/Welfare	0.3	0.6
Total	47.50	100.0

	Number of Outlets	Share (%)
Restaurants	30,316	11.6
Fast Food	33,605	12.9
Pubs	43,195	16.8
Hotels	44,877	17.3
Leisure	20,164	7.8
Staff Catering	17,394	6.8
Health Care	32,244	12.4
Education	34,252	13.2
Services/Welfare	3,068	1.2
Total	259,116	100.0

Source: Horizons FS Limited 2015

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 percent of shoppers eat out once a week or more, compared to only 13 percent 5 years ago.

Forty 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 United States 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 sector is the largest single employer in the manufacturing sector. Food and drink is also the largest manufacturing industry in the UK, with an annual turnover in 2015 of \$125.0 billion (£81.8 billion). Around 400,000 people across Britain are employed in jobs associated with food and drink manufacture and sales.

In 2015, there are almost 6,620 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 United States 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 2015 (\$ million)	UK Imports From U.S. 2015 (\$ 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	2,582	75.2	+43.2%	0-22%	Highly fragmented market.	U.S. #1 canned salmon supplier, developing interest in other products and species
Chocolate confectionery HS: 1806	2,049	40.2	+162%	8-27%	EU common external tariff can be a hurdle for products with chocolate, sugar, dairy ingredients.	Europeans eat more chocolate than any other part of the World.
Product Category	Total UK Imports 2015 (\$ million)	UK Imports From U.S. 2015 (\$ million)	Average Annual U.S. Import Growth (last 5 yrs)	U.S. Import Tariff Rate	Key Constraints to Market Development	Market Attractiveness for USA
Vegetables & Fruit prepared in Vinegar HS:2001	150.3	1.0	+419%	0-16%	Competition from Turkey, Netherlands and India	Food has long shelf life
Preserved	594.3	34.0	+117%	7-27%	Competition	U.S. nut

fruit & nuts HS: 2008					from EU, Thailand & South Africa	butters perceived as high quality, exotic preserved fruits of interest for gift/specialty trade
Fruit & Vegetable Juice HS: 2009	926	8.2	-8.6%	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	834.8	30.5	+0.2%	0-10%	Australia starting to enter the market	UK wants authentic tex- mex, BBQ sauces, marinades & salad dressings
Soft drinks HS: 2202	1,129	7.9	-10%	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	932.3	10.4	+369%	0%	Domestic & EU competition, major brewers located in EU	U.S. micro- brew beers, generally unique beers with a story.
Wine HS: 2204	4,565.5	236.5	+9.2%	18- 25%	Competition from EU, Australia, Latin America & S. Africa.	UK #2 export market for U.S. wine after Canada. California wine has 16% market share, other parts of United States should benefit in the 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 United States to the UK. Policy information etc.

Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs

Nobel House, 17 Smith Square, London, SW1P 3JR
Tel: +44 20 7238 6951
E-mail: helpline@defra.gsi.gov.uk
Website: www.defra.gov.uk

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
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.

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<http://www.usda-eu.org/>

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

UK Trade Associations

Institute of Grocery Distribution

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Tel: +44 1923 857141
E-mail: askigd@igd.com
Web: www.igd.com

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

Food and Drink Federation

6th Floor, 10 Bloomsbury Way, London, WC1A 2SL

Tel: +44 20 7836 2460
E-mail: generalenquiries@fdf.org.uk
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

Minerva House, Minerva Business Park
Lynch Wood, Peterborough PE2 6FT
Tel: +44 1733 237117
E-mail: info@freshproduce.org.uk
Website: 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.

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

APPENDIX - STATISTICS

TABLE A. KEY TRADE & DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION FOR 2015

UK Agricultural Imports From All Countries (\$ Millions)	71.7
U.S. Market Share (%) ^{1/}	4.2%
UK Consumer Food Imports From All Countries (\$ Millions)	47.6
U.S. Market Share (%) ^{1/}	2.4%
UK Edible Fishery Imports From All Countries (\$ Millions)	4.0
U.S. Market Share (%) ^{1/}	3.9%
UK Total Population (Millions) / Annual Growth Rate (%)	65.1 Million

	0.7% Growth
UK Urban Population (Millions)	52 Million
Number of Major Metropolitan Areas ^{2/}	36
Size of the Middle Class (%) ^{3/}	30-45%
Per Capita Gross Domestic Product (U.S. Dollars)	\$41,200
UK Unemployment Rate (%)	5.4%
UK Per Capita Food Expenditures (U.S. Dollars) per person per week	\$35.00
UK Percent of Female Population Employed ^{4/}	67 %
Exchange Rate (U.S.\$1 = £)	1.3

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 %		
	2013	2014	2015	2013	2014	2015	2013	2014	2015
Consumer Oriented Agric. Total	48.2	50.9	47.6	0.9	1.0	1.1	1.9	2.0	2.4
Fish & Seafood Products	4.2	4.4	4.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	3.5	3.9	3.9
Agricultural Total	63.1	65.2	60.3	1.7	1.8	1.8	2.7	2.7	3.1
Agricultural, Fish & Forestry	73.4	77.0	71.7	2.4	2.9	3.0	3.2	3.7	4.2

Source: Global Trade Information Services.

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

UK - Top 15 Suppliers of Consumer Food Imports

	2013 (\$ millions)	2014 (\$ millions)	2015 (\$ millions)
Netherlands	7,670.7	8,027.2	7,176.2
Ireland	5,399.6	5,832.4	5,699.5
France	5,417.5	5,475.2	4,898.2
Germany	4,607.4	5,079.3	4,669.8
Spain	3,605.7	3,629.8	3,597.8
Italy	3,214.7	3,578.3	3,360.0

Belgium	2,850.7	3,059.6	2,679.2
Poland	1,569.6	1,654.9	1,717.7
Denmark	1,783.1	1,804.2	1,522.9
United States 1/	926.1	1,053.9	1,148.8
New Zealand	894.2	1,042.0	932.1
Thailand	791.2	928.7	895.4
South Africa	855.0	847.0	812.0
Brazil	740.4	732.1	660.6
Chile	654.9	677.1	626.6
World	48,213.4	50,977.9	47,660.6

1/ note that this data under-represents actual United States sales to the UK as an undetermined amount of products is transshipped via other EU member states.

Source: Consumer-ready food imports reported by UK via Global Trade Atlas

UK – Top 15 Suppliers of Fish & Seafood Products Imports

	2013 (\$ millions)	2014 (\$ millions)	2015 (\$ millions)
Iceland	412.3	430.3	407.9
China	292.0	324.1	278.4
Germany	278.2	285.9	272.7
Canada	136.4	200.6	238.3
Denmark	270.2	272.9	229.0
Faroe Islands	330.2	316.7	227.4
Vietnam	126.0	167.3	187.7
Sweden	165.7	179.5	162.1
United States 1/	151.5	178.4	158.1
Netherlands	131.2	151.2	155.4
Thailand	295.5	272.9	141.9
India	124.6	173.6	131.1
Norway	110.6	141.1	120.4

France	84.9	100.6	100.1
Bangladesh	95.8	112.5	99.6
World	4,284.6	4,495.7	4,079.7

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Rate of Exchange used in this report: \$1.3 to £1.00