

Les éleveurs de truites européens se plaignent du dumping exercé par les exportateurs turcs

Spanish aquaculture producers are accusing Turkish rainbow trout exporters of using dumping practices to gain market share, selling subsidized fish into the European Union.

Esacua, the leading association of the industry in Spain, told the news website *Mis Peces* that companies in Denmark, Italy, Poland, Germany, France and the UK have joined them in an official filing of a report with the European commission.

“Imports in the EU of publicly-funded trout harvested in Turkey and at dumped prices have substantially grown during the past years, to a point in which their EU market share, which was 7% in 2009, would reach almost 18% in 2013,” Esacua representatives said.

The EU commission began a few weeks ago an investigation into irregular trade strategies related to farmed rainbow trout from Turkey, where producers would be receiving state financial aid via credit and insurance.

“The pressure this situation creates is forcing European businesses to apply prices often below the profitability threshold, and is seriously harming the prospects of a sound future for the whole industry,” Esacua explained.

According to the Turkish government’s official gazette, the state contributes a grant of between €0.6 and €0.9 per kilogram to producers. Exporters can then sell their production at price levels that European competitors cannot follow.

In their complaint, European companies also accuse Turkish exporters of lack of compliance with sanitary and environmental regulations.

Turkish production catches up with Europe

From 39,674 metric tons in 2003, Turkey’s production of rainbow trout has increased to 111,335t in 2013, the largest globally. In contrast European harvest has declined, from 177,959t in 2003, to 143,867t in 2012.

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