

Spain, the canning industry exports more, but for less value

The National Association of Manufacturers of Canned Fish and Shellfish (ANFACO-CECOPESCA) reported that between January and August 2014, Spain exported further 2.47 per cent canned seafood than in the same period in 2013. However, the income from these sales abroad experienced a decline of 4.53 per cent year on year.

According to statistics from ANFACO, 107,156 tonnes of canned products were exported in the first eight months of 2014, compared to 104,300 tonnes in the same months last year.

The value of these exports exceeded EUR 472.5 million, compared to almost EUR 495 million recorded in the same period of 2013.

The lower revenue obtained reflects a reduction of more than 7 per cent in the average price of canned products sold: while between January and August 2013 it stood at EUR 4.75 per kilo, in the same period this year it was EUR 4.41.

In particular, the average price of Spanish canned tuna exports fell by 8.77 per cent, changing from EUR 5.28 per kilo (2013) to EUR 4.82 (2014).

Shipments of canned tuna abroad were stable, registering a slight increase of 0.34 per cent, with nearly 65,000 tonnes shipped through August. In terms of value, they generated just over EUR 313 million, which represented a decrease of 8.5 per cent.

Despite the repeated episodes of toxicity affecting the Galician mussel sector, exports of canned molluscs showed a rising trend this year: 854 tonnes of canned mussels were exported in the first eight months of 2014 compared to 728 tonnes in 2013.

The value of these exports was EUR 4.2 million, 26 per cent higher than in the first eight months of 2013.

Finally, ANFACO indicated that imports of canned fish and seafood increased by 5.78 per cent in volume and declined by 11.86 per cent in value compared to the first eight months of 2013.

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