

Canned seafood exports grow over 6pc

In the first seven months of this year, canned and semi-canned seafood exports experienced an increase of more than 6 per cent year on year, both in volume and in value: 98,226 tonnes were sold around the world valued at almost EUR 430 million.

The main product that was marketed was canned tuna, with 59,871 tonnes exported for a value of EUR 277.2 million, figures that represent an increase of 9.1 per cent in volume and 4.4 per cent in value, according to statistics of the [National Association of Canned Fish and Shellfish Manufacturers](#) (ANFACO-CECOPESCA).

Considering only tuna loins, a total of 3,805 tonnes were exported, 11.2 per cent more than in the first seven months of last year, for EUR 17.9 million, a 17.1 per cent growth.

Preparations of cuttlefish and squid, mussels, sardines, mackerel and anchovy stood out, among other products.

The countries of the European Union were the main buyers of Spanish canned and semi-prepared seafood: they bought 88,338 tonnes worth EUR 382.4 million, figures representing annual increases of 5.1 per cent and 4.8 per cent, respectively.

However, ANFACO notes that during the first seven months of 2015 canned products have increased their presence in the five continents, both in volume and value.

African countries ranked second in terms of volume, with 3,695 tonnes, 44.2 per cent more than last year, and third in terms of value: EUR 12.5 million, a year-on-year increase of 43.8 per cent.

Between January and July, 3,449 tonnes valued at EUR 18.9 million were exported to American countries, representing 17.9 per cent more in volume and 14.6 per cent more in value, compared to the same period last year. These figures put this market in third place in terms of volume and in the second considering the value.

ANFACO notes that the Spanish canning industry has managed to increase exports again, and hopes that in the coming years they reach to cover 50 per cent of its production, which is considered to be achieved thanks to the great effort that the companies have made to gain foreign markets.

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