

## China's seafood imports fall 27% in Q1

China's seafood imports fell 27% in the first quarter of 2020 compared with Q4 of 2019, as the country went into lockdown due to the outbreak of coronavirus, the latest Chinese customs data show.

Quarterly seafood imports decreased to CNY 22.8 billion (\$3.27bn), according to figures from China's General Administration of Customs (GAC), the first quarter-on-quarter drop in three years..

Imports were also the lowest in a single quarter since 2018, according to the figures which refer to imports under HS code 03, the main commodity code for seafood trade.

Imports were also down 6.2% compared with Q1 of 2019.

The outbreak of coronavirus followed stock-building late last year in the run-up to Chinese New Year, which may have augmented the drop in imports; in Q4 of 2019, China imported a record \$4.51bn worth of seafood, up 13% compared with the quarter prior, according to data from International Trade Center.

Previously, China's seafood imports had increased for 11 consecutive quarters compared with the preceding quarter.

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