

# ADVANCING TRADE FOR U.S. SEAFOOD

Trade policy advances are critical to U.S. agriculture's success in the global export arena. Since USDA first established a stand-alone mission area focusing on trade and international affairs in 2017, USDA's Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs has made significant advances to support U.S. agriculture.

## JOBS AND ECONOMIC GROWTH

U.S. food and agricultural exports support more than **one million** jobs and generate more than **\$200 billion** in additional economic activity each year in rural communities and beyond.

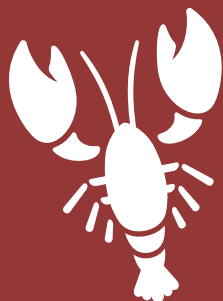
## VALUE OF EXPORTS AND TRADE PRESERVED

In 2023\*, the actions of USDA's Foreign Agricultural Service helped preserve **\$6.4 billion** in total U.S. agricultural exports. That year, exports of U.S. seafood were valued at more than **\$5.1 billion**.

## EXPORT PROMOTION SUPPORT

In 2024\*, USDA export promotion programs (such as the Foreign Market Development Program, Market Access Program, and Regional Agricultural Promotion Program) provided more than **\$8.7 million** to the U.S. agriculture industry to support and grow exports of U.S. seafood.

\* All information reported is for the fiscal year.



## TRADE POLICY ADVANCES (2017-2024\*)



### 2024

- Israel withdraws proposed MRLs for dioxin and PCBs on beef, pork, poultry, dairy eggs, seafood, and lamb exports at trade-limiting levels.

### 2022

- Brazil allows U.S. seafood to continue flowing while working towards a permanent solution to new certification requirements.
- Hong Kong lifts ban on oysters from Squamish Bay, Washington.
- Thailand recognizes new source for best practices as equivalent to Thailand's good hygiene practices.

### 2021

- European Union opens the market for molluscan shellfish, including oysters, clams, mussels, and scallops.
- Indonesia reopens market for U.S. seafood.

### 2020

- Costa Rica grants access to U.S. fishmeal.
- Brazil grants market access to U.S. lobster and lobster products.
- Japan revises Washington State sanitary certificate for oysters in time to meet Japan's new certification requirements.
- European Union eliminates U.S. tariffs on live and frozen lobster.

### 2019

- Vietnam approves seafood facilities for the first time in over two years.

### 2018

- United Arab Emirates lifts restrictions on U.S. seafood and agrees to workable market access conditions for live U.S. lobsters.
- Guatemala accepts U.S. fishery products with a NOAA Export Inspection Certificate from all federally inspected processing and distribution facilities.

### 2017

- Australia and U.S. FDA sign Food Safety Recognition Arrangement that recognizes the two food safety systems as equivalent.
- China signs MOU with FDA to facilitate the registration of U.S. seafood, dairy, and infant formula facilities.

## Top Export Destinations of U.S. Fish and Seafood (CY 2023)

Country	Value of Exports (USD)
China	\$1.04 billion
Canada	\$1.03 billion
European Union	\$1.03 billion
Japan	\$656.95 million
South Korea	\$478.54 million
Hong Kong	\$143.55 million
Mexico	\$110.03 million
Thailand	\$76.52 million
Vietnam	\$70.91 million
United Kingdom	\$45.78 million

Source: USDA Foreign Agricultural Service's Global Agricultural Trade System (GATS)