

Food trade brief between China and CEE countries in May 2024

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According to customs statistics, in May 2024, the total value of food trade between China and Central and Eastern European countries (hereinafter referred to as central and Eastern Europe) was 540 million yuan, down 36.3% compared with the same period last year (the same below). Of this amount, the export of food to Central and Eastern Europe was 390 million yuan, up 14.5%, and the import of food from Central and Eastern Europe was 150 million yuan, down 70.1%.

The main characteristics of food trade between China and CEEC in May 2024 are as follows:

(1) Mainly exporting edible aquatic products, meat and vegetables, etc.

In May 2024, China's food exports to Central and Eastern Europe reached 390 million yuan, an increase of 14.5%, accounting for 0.6% of its total exports to Central and Eastern Europe in that month. Among them, edible aquatic products RMB 82.097 million yuan, up 39.8%; meat (including miscellaneous) RMB 43.214 million yuan, up 43%; vegetables and edible fungi RMB 35.755 million yuan, up 20.8%.

(2) Mainly imported dairy products, miscellaneous food and edible vegetable oil, etc.

In May 2024, China's imports of food from Central and Eastern Europe reached 150 million yuan, down 70.1%, accounting for 0.8% of China's total imports from Central and Eastern Europe in that month. Among them, dairy products 50.14 million yuan, down 49.7%; miscellaneous food 20.324 million yuan, up 19%; and edible vegetable oil 17.71 million yuan, up 54.6%.

(3) Poland, Greece and Romania are the top three food trading partners.

In May 2024, China's food import and export to Poland, Greece and Romania reached 200 million yuan, 78.498 million yuan and 56.196 million yuan respectively, down 23.2%, 3.6% and 217.5% respectively, accounting for 36.7%, 14.6% and 10.5% of the total food import and export value to Central and Eastern Europe in that month.