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## **Bosnia and Herzegovina**

### **Exporter Guide**

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**Report Highlights:**

Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) imports approximately two-thirds of its overall food needs. The market for processed foods focuses mainly on value rather than quality, as consumers seek to extend their buying power. Food import tariffs are low compared to the tariffs in other countries in the region.

Challenges to exporters include a complicated dual system of government authorities, low incomes, and poor infrastructure. This report contains marketing tips, information on importing foods, and important points of contact.

**Post:**  
Sarajevo

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## **Executive Summary:**

### **I. Market Overview**

#### **Economic situation**

The economy in Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) is still recovering from the 1992-1995 war and from the transition from a socially planned to a market economy. According to the World Bank, estimated per capita GDP in 2013 was US\$4,556, with a total estimated nominal GDP of approximately US\$18.4 billion. The GDP fell by 0.8 percent in 2013 after a 1.0 percent increase in 2012, according to the International Monetary Fund estimates). The average monthly net salary is US\$580 (2013).

In mid-May 2014, Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) was hit by record floods. The total economic impact of the disaster (damage to property, infrastructure and goods and the effects of destruction on livelihoods, incomes and production) is estimated at US\$2.77 billion, which is the equivalent of 15 percent of GDP. One of the hardest hit sectors was agriculture, with an estimated damage of US\$256.5 million. As a result, the economy of BiH is expected to contract by 0.7 percent in 2014.

A degree of macro-economic stability has been achieved with the introduction of a Central Bank, adoption of the currency board and creation of a single currency, the Konvertibilna Marka (Convertible Mark, KM). The currency board ensures that the KM is fully backed by hard currency or gold, and the exchange rate is fixed at approximately 2 KM to the Euro. Due to a strict currency board regime, inflation has remained relatively low at just 1.2 percent in 2013.

A highly decentralized government hampers economic policy coordination and reform. Government spending, at roughly 50% of GDP, remains high because of redundant government offices at the State, Entity and municipal level. One of BiH's main economic challenges since the recession began has been to reduce spending on public sector wages and social benefits to meet the IMF's criteria for obtaining funding for budget shortfalls. BiH's private sector is growing, but foreign investment has dropped off sharply since 2007, because of the unfavorable investment climate.

The Executive Board of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) on September 26, 2012, approved a 24-month US\$520.6 million Stand-By Arrangement (SBA) for BiH in support of the government's economic program for 2012–2014. The program aims to counter the effects of a sluggish global economy and address domestic structural weaknesses. On January 31, 2014 the Executive Board approved a nine-month extension and augmentation of the arrangement by \$191 million to meet additional financing needs that arise mainly in late 2014. In June, the Executive Board approved an augmentation of \$119 million to meet the country's urgent balance of payments need caused by severe floods in May.

On October 19, the IMF mission visited BiH and reported that the economic recovery—which gained momentum in 2013 on the back of strong exports and broad-based industrial growth—appears to be more resilient than previously thought to the impact of the natural disaster that hit BiH in May. Disbursements of donor support for the reconstruction effort—beyond the immediate emergency

assistance—have so far been limited, slowing the rehabilitation process. The prospects for a rapid recovery in the near term remain mixed. While growth is expected to reach close to 1 percent this year, the outlook is subject to considerable uncertainty. Unemployment is likely to remain high as many businesses were destroyed or suffered severe damage. The authorities need more time to implement policies that had been agreed under the SBA. This includes policies aimed at reining in government spending not directly related to addressing the impact of the floods; improving tax compliance and fighting tax fraud; and strengthening financial sector stability and enhancing banking supervision.

BiH's top economic priorities are: acceleration of EU integration, strengthening the fiscal system, public administration reform, World Trade Organization (WTO) membership, and securing economic growth by fostering a dynamic, competitive private sector. To date, work on these priorities has been inconsistent. The country has received a substantial amount of foreign assistance, but must prepare for declining assistance flows in the future. Still regarded as a transition economy, BiH sees the long-term goal of EU membership as a driver to further economic growth and development.

### **Structure of the economy**

The structure of the BiH economy is quite stable. GDP composition by sector is: agriculture 8.3%, industry: 26.3%, services: 65.4% (2011 est.). In 2013, estimated industrial production growth was 11.7 percent. The major productive sectors of the economy include are industry and mining, telecommunications, construction, trade, transportation, and agriculture. The leading industries are steel, aluminum, minerals, vehicle assembly, textiles, tobacco products, wooden furniture, explosives, munitions, domestic appliances, and oil refining.

During the post-war period, economic activity was characterized by the existence of large state owned enterprises. These companies operated with significant losses, at less than full capacity, and with outdated technology and management techniques. Lately, there has been significant growth in the number of registered micro, small and medium enterprises. The private sector share in the GDP is around 60 percent.

BiH has approximately 1.6 million hectares of land suitable for cultivation. The best prospect sectors are fruit and vegetable, livestock, and poultry in terms of natural resources that are available and productivity. The most important crop is corn followed by wheat and barley. Small, low-output, family farms averaging 2-5 hectares characterize agricultural production along with low input use (fertilizers, chemicals, and certified seeds), poor crop management and post-harvest management practices, and poor railway and road infrastructure. Agriculture contributes approximately 8 percent to BiH's GDP. For the most part, agricultural production is in the hands of private owners, but farms are small and inefficient. BiH is a net food importer.

The official unemployment rate is 27.5 percent. BiH's grey economy is relatively large – estimates range from 20 to 40 percent of GDP.

### **Business environment**

BiH is composed of two entities, the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina (F BiH) and the Republika Srpska (RS), each with its own business environment.

Although there has been an effort to create a single market in BiH, significant legislative, regulatory and institutional differences between the Entities persist. Between the two Entities, factors such as business registration requirements and most taxation and standards are separate and different. The creation of a single economic space is a precondition for: the regeneration of BiH's post-war economy; the transformation from a planned to a market economy; and, greater integration into Europe and world trade structures. Significant barriers to internal and external trade and foreign direct investment remain, and there are weaknesses in the legal base related to competition, public procurement, financial services, standards and regulations, and the regulation of essential services.

## Foreign Trade

BiH has a large foreign trade deficit with imports almost two times greater than exports. From 2003 to 2013, total exports increased from \$1.4 billion to \$5.7 billion, while imports rose from \$4.8 billion to \$10.3 billion. Agricultural products only represent about 7 percent of exports, but they represent 18.5 percent of total imports. BiH has a liberal trade regime. Bilateral free trade agreements previously signed with many countries in the South-East European region have been replaced with the Central European Free Trade Agreement (CEFTA), which includes Albania, BiH, Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Serbia, and Kosovo (UNMIK). The principal trading partners remain the European Union (EU) and the countries of ex-Yugoslavia.

<b>Total Trade (million \$)</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>
Exports	1,400	1,912	2,303	3,689	4,252	5,024	3,930	4,804	5,847	5,161	5,687
Imports	4,824	5,981	6,807	7,862	9,529	11,660	9,052	9,220	11,041	10,019	10,295

Source: BiH Agency for Statistics

## Market share of BiH's trading partners in 2013

### BiH TOTAL EXPORTS

<b>Country</b>	<b>Share (%)</b>
Germany	15.64
Croatia	14.25
Italy	11.97
Serbia	9.15
Austria	8.20
Slovenia	8.19
Montenegro	3.23
Turkey	2.08
Czech Republic	1.82

Hungary	1.65
Other Countries	23.82

BiH Agency for Statistics

## BiH TOTAL IMPORTS

Country	Share
Croatia	12.90
Germany	11.43
Russia	9.93
Serbia	9.79
Italy	9.77
China	6.02
Slovenia	4.97
Austria	3.42
Turkey	3.25
Hungary	2.91
Other Countries	25.61

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Croatian, Slovenian, German, Serbian, Austrian and Italian processed food products dominate the market. The most imported food products are beverages (alcoholic and non-alcoholic), grains, tobacco products, and meat and dairy products. In 2013, total US agricultural and fish export to BiH were valued at US\$9.34 million (0.5 percent share of BiH's total agricultural and fish imports from the world) and consisted of various food ingredients, animal and vegetable fats, dried nuts and fruits, whisky, and seafood. The United States was not a key destination for BiH products, with total BiH agricultural and fish imports valued at US\$2.9 million in 2013. The key imports from BiH were coffee, pastry mixes, cookies and wafers, and processed fruits and vegetables. BiH is not a member of the World Trade Organization (WTO) but is close to completing accession negotiation.

## Size and Growth of Consumer Foods Market

Little official information is available about the size or growth of the market. BiH's consumer food retail market is estimated to be valued at US\$3.7 billion (KM 5.5 billion), but the sector has reportedly continued to experience a decline in sales since 2012, due to the economic crisis and BiH's high unemployment rate. BiH's purchasing power is only 17 percent of the European average. There has been significant concentration taking place in this sector, with bigger shopping centers supplanting smaller traditional shops. . The largest retail chain, Croatian Konzum that recently acquired Slovenian chain "Mercator" recorded the largest growth in 2014 and its current market share is over 20 percent. Several domestic retail chains also are expanding their presence. "Tropic Group" from Banja Luka acquired 39 "Maxi" and "Tempo" stores previously owned by the Belgian Delhaize Group and "Bingo" from Tuzla is set to acquire 25 "Interex" retail stores owned by French Intermarche. Economists believe that the domestic takeover of foreign retail chains outlets may boost the sales of locally produced foods.

## Market Opportunities for Consumer Foods and Fishery Products

### *Challenges to Marketing High Value U.S. Foods in BiH:*

- The weak economy affects consumer-purchasing power. An average net wage is lower than in any country in the region and the unemployment rate is high. Therefore, people are more interested in price than in quality;
- Quality and safety controls are often erratic in part because BiH government laboratories work with outdated technology and are ill-equipped. Therefore, labeling requirements are often not met and low-quality products may be found on the market that undercut other products;
- There are still active gray and black markets;
- Fraud and corruption can be a problem, especially in relation to taxation and import duties.

However, there are market opportunities for high quality U.S. products due to the fact that consumer awareness is improving which will eventually result in spending more money on high quality food products. Californian wines (lower price point), almonds and peanut butter are already in the market.

## Food Expenditures and Consumption

It is estimated that an average Bosnian family that consist of 3.27 members spends around US\$4, 965 annually (2013 est.) on food products (source: Entity Institutes for Statistics).

According to BiH Agency for Statistics based on the World Bank's methodology (minimum 2,100 calories per person on daily basis), the poverty rate for BiH is 17.9 percent.

## Demographic Developments and Impact on Consumer Buying Habits

BiH has a population of around 4 million and an average BiH household is comprised of 3.27 members. One in ten households is run by a single parent. The population growth rate is -4.73 percent (2013). The United Nations Development Program (UNDP) recently reported that BiH ranks as the fourth most rural country in Europe with close to 60 percent of the population living in rural areas. The migration of people from rural to urban areas is by about 10 percent in every generation. Less than half of rural households are involved in agriculture, with one-third producing food solely for their own consumption on 1-3 hectares. Less than 1 percent are larger farms with significant agricultural income. The majority of rural households earn income from other employment or social benefits. The six biggest cities enjoyed 40 percent lower unemployment and 25 percent higher wages, whereas most medium-sized towns performed worse than rural areas. In some areas, landmines remain a barrier to agricultural production although there is a significant international de-mining effort.

Advantages	Challenges
Insufficient domestic food production, imports nearly three times larger than exports	Long distance, bad transportation conditions, absence of highways, limited railway service
Increased urban population	Weak economy affects consumer purchasing power, low average net wage, high unemployment rate
High quality of U.S. products	Consumers more interested in price than in quality
Import duties low if compared to other counties in the region	Illegally imported and low-quality products compete with legitimately imported foods
Relatively low costs for introduction	Different distribution systems in the two Entities, different

and promotion of new products using local broadcast and print media or in-store promotions	taxation systems; difficulties in finding a reliable and capable local partner to carry out marketing and distribution
Increasing number of large retail supermarkets	Domestic market flooded with products imported from ex-Yugoslavia neighboring countries (Central European Free Trade Agreement) and EU countries (Interim Agreement lowers import duties for EU member-countries)
Fascination with American culture (language, music, TV shows, fashions) carries over to American food, such as famous “Coca Cola”	Reservations towards GM foods due to a lack of consumer education on the subject and a desire to meet EU requirements
Food imports grow year by year	Small businesses, limited access to finance and high interest rates negatively affect capacity of BiH’s importers
Pork and poultry consumption increasing as a result of high beef prices	Pork consumption is relatively low because of BiH’s large Muslim population

## II. Exporter Business Tips

### Local business customs

Importers/wholesalers/distributors provide transportation, product storage, market information, financing, and some insurance. Finding an agent and/or distributor is the most effective way to market consumer goods. The Foreign Agricultural Service Sarajevo Office can assist U.S. companies exporting to BiH by identifying local opportunities for the sale of U.S. products, providing counseling on the market, and can help you locate qualified distributors (please see the Key Contacts and Further Information).

The distribution systems are different for the Federation (F BiH) and the Republika Srpska (RS) because of differing legal frameworks. There have been efforts lately to harmonize rules between the two entities, but there are still significant differences. It is often necessary to develop multiple distribution channels and relations with distributors in both Entities in order to cover the whole country. Some foreign companies have established a representative office in order to control distribution channels, while some companies rely on strong local companies to control distribution channels. Local companies prefer to do business with people they know well. Business friendships are highly valued. Establishing a local presence and employing local people signal long-term commitment to the market, and are well received.

Wholesalers are the real channels for providing transportation, product storage, market information, financing, and risk management. Most wholesalers are independent full-service merchant wholesalers, importing and distributing goods. There is a significant degree of specialization in the wholesale sector by industry.

The most significant development in the retail market is the appearance of large retailers, such as foreign chain Konzum from Croatia, and locally-owned retailers Bingo, Tropic and AMKO Komerc. The introduction of the shopping mall concept has changed consumer habits and enabled larger retailers to shift the effort of financing onto manufacturers and distributors, especially in the consumer goods sector.

## **General Consumer Tastes and Preferences**

Generally speaking, most consumers view price as the primary factor in their food purchasing decision. Preferences tend toward large packages at lower prices. Shopping centers are becoming an increasingly popular retail food sales point. Most people usually buy non-perishable foods at large supermarket centers once or twice a month. Perishable foods, fruits, vegetables, bread and fresh meat are usually bought at small grocery stores, specialized stores or green markets.

Consumption of red meats is traditionally high. However due to the economic downturn, consumption has increased since 2012 of poultry meat and pork, while beef and lamb consumption has declined also with per capita purchasing power and rising prices. We expect this trend to continue in 2015. Pork consumption is much higher in the RS than in the F BiH, because of F BiH's large Muslim population. Although there continue to be periodic outbreaks of animal diseases such as brucellosis and classical swine fever, these outbreaks do not appear to have shaken consumer confidence. BSE and FMD have not been reported in BiH.

A typical Bosnian meal is comprised of either red or white meat, potatoes or some other vegetables. Rice is a common dish that on average is eaten once a week. Apples are the most popular fruit. There are only a few ethnic restaurants (e.g., Italian, Chinese and Mexican). Fish consumption is traditionally low (around 2.5 kilograms/year). The demand for organic foods is quite low. Imported organic foods are usually sold in specialized stores, and are consumed by the ex-patriot community and as a pseudo-medicinal treatment for the sick. BiH consumers, in general, are un-informed about genetically engineered (GE) foods and therefore leery of them. Some consumers report they would eat biotech foods after proper testing and labeling, but they need more information to decide whether they want to buy the product. More information could potentially change consumer attitudes towards biotechnology in a positive direction.

In general, most people prefer to prepare meals at home from fresh food items than buy ready-to-eat and frozen meals. There is the belief that fresh cooked food is healthier and that frozen ready-to-eat foods are overpriced. Supermarkets do offer ready-to-eat meals, but at relatively high prices. There is a small, but strong market segment made up of all of the foreigners in BiH (especially in Sarajevo and Banja Luka) that work for foreign humanitarian and military organizations.

## **General Import and Inspection Procedures**

Foreign exporters can import food products into BiH using a locally registered office or a local company/shipping agency registered for import activities. It is common for agents to help with food import regulations. Prior import approvals and licenses are required for live animals and non-heat treated animal products, and seeds and pesticides. For animals and non-heat treated animal products the State Veterinary Office (SVO) provides final approvals. For seeds, planting materials and pesticides the Entity agricultural ministries provide prior approvals. Forms are available at the SVO and the Agricultural Ministries (see Key Contacts and Further Information). It is important to note that requirements for prior import approvals might differ between the two Entities. All products must be accompanied with standard documents that accompany each shipment and by health certificates issued by relevant authorities of exporting countries (e.g. veterinary certificate for meat and meat products,



phyto-sanitary certificates for fruits, vegetables, seeds etc.) and are subject to veterinary and phyto-sanitary inspections at border crossings and sanitary and market inspections at customs points.

A GMO free certificate or a GMO-related statement included in the health certificate is often required for grains and similar products. That's because BiH's recently adopted GMO Law and enforcing by-laws stipulate mandatory labeling of GMO content above a 0.9 percent threshold.

Sanitary inspectors visually inspect all food for sanitary wholesomeness prior to customs clearance and take samples for laboratory testing (Appendix II). Imported goods are held at the customs point until testing is complete.

Market inspectors inspect the quality certificates at inspection points (see Appendix I). Quality control inspections are done at the exporter/importer's written request, which should be received at least 24 hours prior to the customs clearance. The request for quality control must include the basic documents that accompany the shipment, translated into Bosnian/Croatian for the F BiH or into Serbian for the RS. The following information must be provided in the documents: type and name of product, country of origin, exporter's name, manufacturer's name, type and number of transport means, port of loading and unloading, total pieces, packaging unit, gross and net weight and product's basic quality data. If the same product is imported again, and has been tested within 90 days, only a visual check is done. Both Entities have officially recognized laboratories to test imported food products. If a market inspector rejects an importer's request, goods are stored until the procedure is complete - the inspector can order the return or destruction of goods, if necessary, at the importer's expense, or can order certain actions to be taken prior to customs clearance.

### **III. Market Sector Structure and Trends**

#### **Domestic Industrial Capacity**

Before the war, the food industry was concentrated in large state-owned companies that were also involved in primary agricultural production, processing and wholesale and retail operations. However, at the end of the war, the agro-processing industry was operating at less than 10 percent of its pre-war capacity due to heavy damage to buildings and equipment. In addition, the raw material supply and sales channels had been disrupted. The agricultural production and the food industry continued to suffer during the transition from a planned to a market economy. Some large pre-war companies are still being privatized and are racking up losses. There are still a few companies that have rebuilt successful fruit, vegetable, and meat processing operations. In general, the BiH food industry is still too small and inefficient to compete with large foreign industries. Domestic food production is insufficient and covers approx. 30 – 35 percent of total needs.

#### **Food Retail Sector**

In general, small retailers are slowly losing out to large wholesalers with developed retail operations. Lately, the appearance of shopping centers (malls) has been significant and has prompted significant changes in the retail market. The largest foreign retail chain, Croatian Konzum is being challenged by local food retailers (Bingo, Tropic and AMKO Komerc) that have consolidated their presence and are becoming increasingly competitive.

Shopping centers import and distribute food and offer a great variety of fresh meat, exotic and new-to-market foods, and ready-to-eat foods. They also provide good professional service, restaurants with ready meals at favorable prices and a festive environment (entertainment for kids, clowns, and games/lotteries). Quite often, they organize in-store promotions and product tastings and provide small gifts with purchased products. A special discount is offered to faithful customers. Food items are also sold in a number of small independent groceries and open markets.

#### **Hotel, Restaurant and Institutional (HRI)**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Federation of BiH Total turnover (000 KM)</b>	<b>Republika Srpska Total turnover (000 KM)</b>
2000	68,900	54,584
2001	60,784	48,312
2002	71,010	47,917
2003	76,270	53,046
2004	85,113	53,512
2005	86,754	49,814
2006	95,281	65,794
2007	118,786	77,341
2008	135,697	101,298
2009	131,784	103,335
2010	140,905	104,427
2011	139,943	105,607
2012	162,703	111,466
2013	172,649	118,561

Source: Federation and Republika Srpska Institutes for Statistics

US\$ 1.00 = KM 1.57 on November 26, 2014

The HRI sector prepares the meals themselves. They buy ingredients from a range of suppliers, including small grocery stores and green markets to big producers, retail centers and wholesalers, depending on the size of the commercial entity/institute and the number of meals.

Tourism, tourism promotion, and the hospitality and catering industry are regulated at the Entity level. This has resulted in significant differences in the requirements across the sector, differences based on the way funding for tourism promotion is collected and distributed, and differences in the way accommodation is classified. Lately, there has been a growing consensus that tourism can be a major source of job growth and foreign exchange earnings for Bosnia and Herzegovina. According to foreign experts, BiH has a large potential as a tourist destination that could generate significant jobs and revenue for the BiH economy.

#### **Promotional and Marketing Strategies**

Advertising that used to be the single marketing tool in BiH is now combined with direct marketing (door-to-door contacts, material distribution and special offers). The most popular advertising media are television, radio, newspapers and magazines. In addition, outdoor advertising is becoming more and more popular (billboards, bulletins, and displays in urban areas and on sides of the road). Recent data indicates that 68 percent of advertising is conducted through TV, followed by 20 percent through outdoor

advertising, while radio and print media account for 6 percent each. Also, cable television is rapidly developing in the urban areas of BiH. Radio is the most popular marketing tool at the local level. Direct mailing is also becoming a popular advertising tool (leaflets placed under car windshield wipers, mailbox brochures, or advertising materials placed in newspapers). Quite often, in-store promotions and informal gatherings are used for presentations of the product. Supermarkets often deliver flyers about products and special discounts.

Trade events and fairs are a good way to market products and services in BiH and to find partners and distributors. The trade fair sector in BiH has been growing rapidly. Fairs provide opportunities for local and foreign companies to establish business connections. Trade events are held throughout BiH. The Mostar “International Trade Fair” is the most popular in the F BiH and Banja Luka “Food and Beverages” fair is the most popular in the RS. Regional centers like Zenica, Tuzla, and Bihac are very active in trade promotion. About 40 percent of the BiH population uses the Internet regularly, but food sales are still very small.

<b>Product Category</b>	<b>Market Size</b>	<b>2013 imports (in million US\$)</b>	<b>Average Annual Import Growth (2005-2013)</b>	<b>Import Tariff Rate 2011</b>	<b>Key Constraints of Market Development</b>	<b>Market Attractiveness for USA</b>
Beer	1,900,000 hectoliters (est.)	95.5	6.0%	<a href="http://mvteo.gov.ba/zakoni/zakoni/CT_BIH_2014_Bosanski.pdf">http://mvteo.gov.ba/zakoni/zakoni/CT_BIH_2014_Bosanski.pdf</a>	Breweries producing more than 400,000 hl annually pay higher excise tax (US\$0.25/liter)	Traditional high consumption, demand and consumption should continue to grow
Chocolate	N/a	84.2	2.6%	<a href="http://mvteo.gov.ba/zakoni/zakoni/CT_BIH_2014_Bosanski.pdf">http://mvteo.gov.ba/zakoni/zakoni/CT_BIH_2014_Bosanski.pdf</a>	Competition from key	Poor local producti

					European companies	on
Beverages and Mineral Water	N/a	75.0	1.6%	<a href="http://mvteo.gov.ba/zakoni/zakoni/CT_BIH_2014_Bosanski.pdf">http://mvteo.gov.ba/zakoni/zakoni/CT_BIH_2014_Bosanski.pdf</a>	Competition from neighboring suppliers	Insufficient local production, approximately 30% imported
Coffee	20,000 MT	72.3	11.2%	<a href="http://mvteo.gov.ba/zakoni/zakoni/CT_BIH_2014_Bosanski.pdf">http://mvteo.gov.ba/zakoni/zakoni/CT_BIH_2014_Bosanski.pdf</a>	No	Traditionally high consumption
Biscuits and Cookies	N/a	78.2	7.0%	<a href="http://mvteo.gov.ba/zakoni/zakoni/CT_BIH_2014_Bosanski.pdf">http://mvteo.gov.ba/zakoni/zakoni/CT_BIH_2014_Bosanski.pdf</a>	No	Growing demand
Cheese	40,000 MT	40.7	4.2%	<a href="http://mvteo.gov.ba/zakoni/zakoni/CT_BIH_2014_Bosanski.pdf">http://mvteo.gov.ba/zakoni/zakoni/CT_BIH_2014_Bosanski.pdf</a>	Competition from key European suppliers	Insufficient local production and growing demand
Sauces and Spices	N/a	30.9	3.7%	<a href="http://mvteo.gov.ba/zakoni/zakoni/CT_BIH_2014_Bosanski.pdf">http://mvteo.gov.ba/zakoni/zakoni/CT_BIH_2014_Bosanski.pdf</a>	No	Insufficient local production
Wine	20,000 hectoliters (est.)	14.7	0.55%	<a href="http://mvteo.gov.ba/zakoni/zakoni/CT_BIH_2014_Bosanski.pdf">http://mvteo.gov.ba/zakoni/zakoni/CT_BIH_2014_Bosanski.pdf</a>	Increasing local production of good quality wines, competition from European suppliers	Consumption of high quality wines is expected to grow with standard of living.
Ice-cream	2,500 MT (est.)	10.8	5.1%	<a href="http://mvteo.gov.ba/zakoni/zakoni/CT_BIH_2014_Bosanski.pdf">http://mvteo.gov.ba/zakoni/zakoni/CT_BIH_2014_Bosanski.pdf</a>	Competition from key suppliers	BiH has poor domestic producti

					such as Croatia	on.
Tree Nuts	10.3	7.3	6.2%	<a href="http://myteo.gov.ba/zakoni/zakoni/CT_BIH_2014_Bosanski.pdf">http://myteo.gov.ba/zakoni/zakoni/CT_BIH_2014_Bosanski.pdf</a>	Competition from key suppliers (Romania, Italy and Iran), lower quality nuts preferred	Insufficient local production

## V. Key Contacts and Further Information

### FAS/USDA

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TABLE A. KEY TRADE & DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION	YEAR	VALUE
Agricultural Imports From All Countries (\$Mil) / U.S. Market Share (%) <sup>1/</sup>	2013	839.0/0.03
Consumer Food Imports From All Countries (\$Mil) / U.S. Market Share (%) <sup>1/</sup>	2013	999.8/0.9
Edible Fishery Imports From All Countries (\$Mil) / U.S. Market Share (%) <sup>1/</sup>	2013	15.6/0.6
Total Population (Millions) / Annual Growth Rate (%)	2013	3,8/ -4.734
Urban Population (Millions) / Annual Growth Rate (%)	2006	1.7/0.3
Number of Major Metropolitan Areas <sup>2/</sup>	2013	0
Size of the Middle Class (Millions) / Growth Rate (%)	n/a	n/a
Per Capita Gross Domestic Product (U.S. Dollars)	2013	4,556
Unemployment Rate (%)	2013	27.5%
Per Capita Food Expenditures (U.S. Dollars) <sup>3/</sup>	2013	1,518
Percent of Female Population Employed	2007	37.8%
Exchange Rate	11/26/2014	US\$1.00 = 1.57 KM
Footnotes:		
<sup>1/</sup> Data from BiH Agency for Statistics		
<sup>2/</sup> There are no metropolitan areas with population in excess of 1,000,000		
<sup>3/</sup> The figure represents food expenditures for a basket composed of necessary food products		