## USA Sales – Next Level Strategies: 10 Tips

Most European brands remain frustrated by their lack of progress in the USA market. Many companies completed a first step, with listings at World Market, Fairway (15 stores), Eataly (6 stores), but failed to gain traction at big chains with 200+ stores. June Fancy Food optimism fades by October. Your boss is committed to the USA, but demands better results before bigger investments. What do you do? Call Export Solutions!

Assessment Area	Considerations	Insights
Consumer Target	Who is your target consumer?	Millennials, foodies, homesick expats
Channel Strategy	Unique strategy required: upscale supermarket, e-commerce, specialty, and mass retailers	Priority: Upscale supermarkets, gourmet stores, ethnic stores, e-commerce
Route to Market	Channel, regional, and customer experts required	Determine ideal broker profile. Focus first on good brokers, then buyers.
USA Manager	Mandatory oversight of your USA development	Results proportionate to salary. Locate close to distributor or Atlanta, Chicago
<b>Trade Promotion</b>	Customer specific plan required	Invest in strong programs at 10 key retailers. 15% TPR promotions will not excite anyone.
<b>Export Solutions</b>	USA market development helper for European brands	Point of difference: Retail reality focus. Targeted, logical road maps. Sales oriented.
Cost to Serve	Implement strategies to reduce price gaps versus "Made in the USA" products	Evaluate options to create more efficient cost structure: factory gate to store shelf.
Digital Savvy	What is your social media plan? How much are you selling through Amazon?	Digital is targeted and cost effective. Amazon grocery: growing 30% + in USA.
Lessons Learned	What is working? Why has business not scaled? Barriers to progress?	Independent validation and solutions provided by USA market expert.
Benchmark Brands	Which overseas brands are winning in USA?	Study best practices: Barilla, Bonne Maman, Colavita, Filippo Berio, Lee Kum Kee, Rana, San Pellegrino, Walkers Shortbread
Retail Safari	How do I accelerate sales in the USA?	Export Solutions retail safari program yields tailored insights and best practices for succeeding in the mainstream USA market.

## **Hire a USA Expert**

- USA strategy recommendation
- Category analysis and plan development
- Identify priority channels, regions, and retailers
- Brok er/Distributor identification Specialist
- Have a USA pro with 20+ years experience on your team



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