



## WEEKLY UPDATE ON ASEAN PLUS THREE RICE SITUATIONS

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### Cambodia

***Cambodian milled rice export to China is going to meet its quota 200,000 tonnes in 2017, while worldwide exports continue to increase as well.*** According to the first half of 2017, Cambodia exported milled rice to 56 countries in a total amount of 288,562 tonnes, up from 283,825 tonnes in the same period of 2016, including China, France, and Poland, as top 3 importers, in the amount of 94,720 tonnes, 37,321 tonnes and 25,639 tonnes respectively. Based on current growth, Cambodian milled rice exports will reach to 600,000 tonnes, up from 542,144 tonnes of 2016. Furthermore, Chinese government also expects to increase Cambodian rice imports to 300,000 tonnes in 2018.

**Source:** Khmer Times. (2017, Jul 12). *Cambodia's milled rice exports increase.*

### Myanmar

***Myanmar earned 6.5 million USD from exporting a total of 700,000 tonnes of rice during April - June 2017.*** By the end of June 2017, Myanmar exported over 22,000 tonnes of white rice and parboiled rice mainly to Europe, Asia, and Africa. Last fiscal year (2016-2017), Myanmar sold 1.5 million tonnes of rice to Asian, EU and African countries which 50 percent went to China. This fiscal year (2017-2018), Myanmar projected to export 2 million tonnes of rice with expected earnings of 700 million USD.

**Source:** Vietnamplus. (2017, Jul 15). *Myanmar exports 700,000 tonnes of rice in April-June.*

**Source:** theindependent. (2017, Jul 15). *Myanmar exports 22,000 tonnes of rice to Europe, Asia, Africa.*

### Thailand

***Rice prices in Thailand fell on low export demand, owing to markets finished purchasing, the arrival of off-season, and potential new deals.*** Resulting, this week, Thailand's benchmark 5 percent broken rice was dipped to 400 - 405 USD per tonne compared with 420 - 430 USD per tonne last week. Nevertheless, Thailand has drawn up a contract to sell 200,000 tonnes of 5 percent parboiled rice to Bangladesh and also plans to negotiate deals with Iraq and Sri Lanka which 200,000 tonnes of Thai rice is expected to buy.

**Source:** Khmer Times. (2017, Jul 14). *Rice prices fall on weak demand.*

## Philippines

**11 companies show interest in government-to-private (G2P) importation of rice 250,000 tonnes.** Recently, the NFA of the Philippines announced the G2P auction for the supply contract of 250,000 tonnes of 25 percent broken long grain well-milled white rice, in order to boost its thinning stockpile ahead of the typhoon season this year. So far, there are 11 firms from Vietnam, Thailand, and Singapore interested. The government expected to spend 5.6 billion pesos (110 million USD) to buy this rice volume and they will allot 8 to 10 lots with 25,000 tonnes as minimum and 50,000 tonnes as maximum per lot. The exact bidding date is on July 25.

\* 1 USD = PHP 50.561

**Source:** Manila Bulletin. (2017, Jul 13). *11 show interest in gov't-to-private importation of 250,000 MT of rice.*

**Source:** Reuter. (2017, Jul 13). *PHILIPPINES SETS \$451.08/TONNE PRICE CEILING FOR RICE IMPORTS.*

**Source:** Vietnam.net. (2017, Jul 12). *Vietnam to attend Philippine rice tender.*

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