



## WEEKLY UPDATE ON ASEAN PLUS THREE RICE SITUATIONS

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### Cambodia

**Bangladesh signed a MoU (Memorandum of Understanding) to buy 1 million tonnes of milled rice from Cambodia for five years (2017-2022).** In addition, in October 2017, Cambodia will export 200,000 tonnes of white rice and 50,000 tonnes of parboiled rice to Bangladesh, under the agreement. However, this is the biggest rice export deal for Cambodia and the Cambodian govt. also plans to renew the MoU with Indonesia as well.

**Source:** VietNamPlus. (2017, Aug 2). *Bangladesh to buy Cambodian rice.*

**Source:** Xinhua. (2017, Aug 2). *Bangladesh signs deal to buy 1 mln tons of rice from Cambodia.*

### Lao PDR

**Around 80.5 hectares of the rice fields was affected by flooding, according to Tropical Storm Sonca.** Many provinces were affected by Sonca Storm, for instance Khammuan province, and Saravan province which 1,151 hectares, and 1,511 hectares of rice fields,

respectively, were affected by flooding. While in Savannakhet province, rice fields more than 520 hectares was flooded and, also, 220 hectares was damaged.

**Source:** News Desk. (2017, Aug 4). *More than thirty families in Pakxe hit by flooding.* Vientiane Times.

### Myanmar

**Myanmar rice export increases in this fiscal year when 950,000 tonnes of rice and broken rice has been exported to other countries by the end of July.** Myanmar exported rice to 43 foreign countries which most of the exported rice and broken rice went to China, Thailand, Singapore, India, and Japan. From April – July 2017, Myanmar earned 276 million USD of rice exports which more than 150 million USD in the year of 2016. Furthermore, Myanmar rice is expected to export more than 2 million tonnes in the fiscal year of 2017-2018.

**Source:** Nilar. (2017, Aug 8). *Rice export increases this fiscal year: ministry.* Eleven Myanmar.

### Philippines

**The National Food Authority (NFA) of the Philippines plans to import 580,050 tonnes of rice in 2018 to make sure its stockpile is sufficient throughout next year.** Besides the NFA plans for the palay (paddy) - procurement target of 2018 to procure paddy rice about 1.2 million tonnes, which is five times more than its target to buy in 2017 of 255,000 tonnes. Additionally, the govt. has also approved private sector importation of 805,200 tonnes of rice in an auction which is expected to take place next quarter.

**Source:** UkrAgroConsult. (2017, Aug 8). *Philippines. Gov't plans to import more rice next year.* BlackSeaGrain.

**Source:** Arcalas, J. (2017, Aug 7). *PHL likely to import 580,050 MT of rice next year–NFA's Aquino.* BusinessMirrors.

## Thailand

***Thai rice export is likely to reach 11 million tonnes in 2017, higher than its set target 10 million tonnes.*** For the first seven months of 2017, about 6.37 million tonnes of Thai rice already shipped out which White rice was accounted for 48 percent while Hom Mali rice and parboiled rice were accounted for 22 percent each. Due to the rice deals between Thailand and many countries, such as Sri Lanka and Bangladesh, which will help improve Thai rice prices and push the export volume up to 11 million tonnes. Even some rice - growing provinces in the north eastern region have been affected by floods since July, nevertheless, this may not affect to Thai rice export, said the government.

**Source:** REUTERS. (2017, Aug 2). *Thailand may export 11m tonnes of rice this year.* Bangkok Post.

**Source:** The Nation. (2017, Aug 4). *RICE GOAL WITHIN REACH.*

## Viet Nam

***Glutinous rice exports to China is slowing down, even more than 660,000 tonnes of rice was exported.*** In the first half of 2017, glutinous rice has made up 25 percent of exported rice volume, compared to 16.65 percent and 6.65 percent in the same period of 2016 and 2015, respectively. Owing to the fact that demand for glutinous rice in China has been relatively high in recent years, it is boosting both domestic and export prices. However, glutinous rice exports to China have slowed down over the last week causing export prices dropped from 460 - 470 USD per tonne a week ago to 420 - 430 USD per tonne at present and domestic prices fell from 10,800 - 11,200 VND (0.475 - 0.492 USD) per kilogram to 10,400 VND (0.457 USD) per kilogram.

\* 1 USD = 22,732 VND

**Source:** VietNamPlus. (2017, Aug 7). *Glutinous rice exports to China slowing down.*

***Flooding and heavy rainfall in early season have severely damaged thousands of hectares of rice fields in Long An province in the Mekong Delta.*** Among the affected localities, Tan Hung district suffered the most from this damage which 2,400 hectares of rice field was flooded, 125 hectares was almost destroyed, and 900 hectares was forced to be harvested early, resulting in a significantly smaller yield. The minimum losses for farmers were up to 5,000 – 6,000 USD.

**Source:** VietNamNews. (2017, Aug 5). *Early floods threaten Mekong rice fields.*

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