



## WEEKLY UPDATE ON ASEAN PLUS THREE RICE SITUATIONS

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### Cambodia

#### ***Milled rice exports drop by 23.37 percent due to unfavourable conditions.***

From January to August 2021, Cambodia shipped 343,447 tonnes of milled rice, a decline of 23.37 percent year-on-year because of a container shortage and high shipping costs, according to the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries. Meanwhile, Cambodian milled-rice sales in the European Union (EU) market decreased by 41.09 percent year-on-year to only 88,271 tonnes as the EU imposed a tariff on Indica rice exports from Cambodia.

**Source:** The Phnom Penh Post. (2021, Sep 7). *Paddy exports surge as milled rice sales falter*, and Khmer Times. (2021, Sep 2). *Cambodia milled rice exports for first eight months reaches 343,000 tonnes*.

#### ***Paddy exports in the first eight months of 2021 surged by 85.93 percent.***

In the January-August period, the country shipped 2,726,597 tonnes of rice, including paddy and milled rice, to the international market and earned 685.15 million USD. Of which, paddy accounted for 2,383,150 tonnes worth 393.22 million USD, up by 85.93 percent in volume from 1,101,431 tonnes year-on-year. The figure showed that paddy made up 87.40 percent in volume and 57.39 percent in value of the country's total rice export.

**Source:** The Phnom Penh Post. (2021, Sep 7). *Paddy exports surge as milled rice sales falter*.

### Philippines

#### ***Farm machinery will be allocated to rice Farmers in Capiz under the Rice Competitiveness Enhancement Fund (RCEF).***

Some 502 farmers in the Panay Municipality of Capiz province will benefit from farm machinery, which will be distributed by the Philippine Center for Postharvest Development and Mechanization (PhilMech). On 26 August 2021, Butacal Farmers Association signed a Memorandum of Agreement with the PhilMech for farm equipment, including a four-wheel tractor, a rice combine harvester, a recirculating dryer and a single-pass rice mill. The other five farmer's groups in Panay also signed similar agreements. The intervention is under the RCEF programme, aiming to improve farming activities through appropriate and efficient machanised technology.

**Source:** The Capiz Times. (2021, Sep 6). *502 farmers to benefit from RCEF farm equipment*.

### Thailand

#### ***The logistical issues would threaten the prospect of Thai Hom Mali rice export.***

According to the Thai Rice Exporters Association, Thai Hom Mali rice shipments remain stalled due to a worker shortage together with logistics and transport problems following the government's lockdown measures amid the Covid-19 pandemic. Freight rates remain prohibitively high, especially routes to New York and Los Angeles risen to 18,500 USD and 15,000 USD per container, respectively, from 3,000-4,000 USD per container before the pandemic. The export of Hom Mali rice may drop in the new annual harvest season because of the mentioned logistical issues and expected higher output. In the first seven months of 2021, Thailand exported 661,750 tonnes of Hom Mali rice worth 581 million USD, down 26.7 percent in volume and 37.8 percent in value year-on-year.

**Source:** Bangkok Post. (2021, Sep 2). *Rice shippers grow worried*.

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