



WEEKLY UPDATE ON ASEAN PLUS THREE RICE SITUATIONS

No. 281
17 - 23 August 2022

Cambodia

Cambodia's government provides special loans to boost the rice sector.

According to the Agricultural and Rural Development Bank, the bank has disbursed an 80 million USD loan to the rice sector in 2022. The loan, with a maturity date of a year period, is offered to rice millers with lower interest rates than commercial banks. It is part of a lending mechanism initiated by the government in 2016 to help rice millers who are short on cash buy paddy rice from farmers or expand their silos and warehouses. The amount of the loan has increased from \$27 in 2016, and the government is expected to provide additional loans to further develop the rice sector in the aftermath of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Source: Khmer Times. (2022, Aug 17). *Gov't; likely to hike special loan to rice sector.*

Thailand

Thailand's rice prices decline this week while there are no major deals.

Prices of Thailand's 5 percent broken rice slipped to 416-420 USD per tonne from 420-428 USD per tonne a week earlier. The transportation costs declined but there have not been large orders. Internal trade has

supported domestic rice prices, and trading activities between the Middle East and the European Union have occurred through Thailand. Meanwhile, there has been continuous rice supply due to good rain and favourable weather, Bangkok-based traders said.

Source: Reuters. (2022, Aug 18). *RPT-ASIA RICE-Supply concerns lift Indian rates; Vietnam loses out to competition.*

Viet Nam

Vietnamese rice prices are stable amid dwindling demands.

Rates for Vietnamese 5 percent broken rice were offered at 390-393 USD per tonne, unchanged from last week. Vietnamese rice prices are lower than Thai rice because of weak demand and strong supplies from the summer-autumn harvest. Also, the quality of rice from this harvest cannot compete with other exporters. Furthermore, China and the Philippines have reduced their purchases from Viet Nam with the buyers from the Philippines are more interested in low rice prices, traders based in Ho Chi Minh said.

Source: Reuters. (2022, Aug 18). *RPT-ASIA RICE-Supply concerns lift Indian rates; Vietnam loses out to competition.*

The restructuring of agricultural policy contributes to rising in Vietnamese rice prices.

According to the Research and Markets Report on Viet Nam's Rice Industry 2022-2031, the Vietnamese government has restructured agricultural policy, changing the rice cultivation protocols and paying more attention to improving rice quality rather than increasing production. The country's quality rice seeds accounted for only 35-40 percent of total seeds in 2015, while it reached 75-80 percent in 2020. Moreover, Vietnam has signed many Free Trade Agreements, which can create conditions for lifting rice exports. Furthermore, the market demand for food has not decreased, despite the Covid-19 pandemic in 2020. These factors are

understood to be the reasons for the rise in Vietnamese rice prices. The report expects Vietnam's rice exports will continue to rise in both volume and value in 2022-2031.

Source: VietnamPlus. (2022, Aug 23). *Agricultural restructuring policy contributes to rise in Vietnam's rice prices: report.*

Gathered by the APTERR Secretariat
Tel: +66 (0) 2579 4816-17 Fax: +66 (0) 2579 4840
Email: sita.kum@apterr.org
Website: <http://www.apterr.org/>

** This Weekly Update on ASEAN Plus Three Rice Situations is based on all available sources during the period. The APTERR Secretariat shall take no responsibility for data accuracy in this publication and any consequence of their use.*