



## **Rice industry and trade News**



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# News

## **The duty on husked rice will soon decrease to €30/t**

*(Source: Ente Risi note)*

According to the latest information provided by the services of the European Commission, import licences for husked rice of code 1006 20, excluding import licences for Basmati rice, were issued in the first half of the 2024/2025 marketing year (September-February) for a quantity of 145,651 tonnes.

Therefore, the regulation fixing the import duty for husked rice at €30/t will be published shortly.

The new duty will remain in force at least until the beginning of September 2025 when the Commission will carry out a new assessment of the incoming flows of husked rice.

## **France still tries to oppose the EU-Mercosur trade agreement, says Macron** ([www.france24.com](http://www.france24.com))

France is still trying to bring together a 'blocking minority' within the European Union to prevent the entry into force of a trade agreement with four South American countries, President Emmanuel Macron said on Saturday.

The agreement between Brussels and members of the Mercosur bloc, Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay, was announced as a 'win-win' solution by European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen in December, but is encountering strong opposition from France and agricultural groups.

Although the negotiations are concluded, the EU-Mercosur agreement still needs to be approved by at least 15 of the 27 EU member states EU member states, representing at least 65% of the EU population of the EU.

Germany, Spain, Portugal and other countries welcomed the agreement, but France, supported by Italy and Poland, declared from the outset that it was not acceptable in its current form.

# Food Safety

## **Rapid Alert System**

- An alert notification was sent by Belgium concerning mycotoxins Deoxynivalenol (DON) (3000 µg/kg - ppb) and Zearalenone (342 µg/kg - ppb) in rice from Italy.
- A border rejection was sent by Norway concerning Chlorpyrifos (0.016 mg/kg - ppm) in Basmati rice from Pakistan.



# **Italian market**

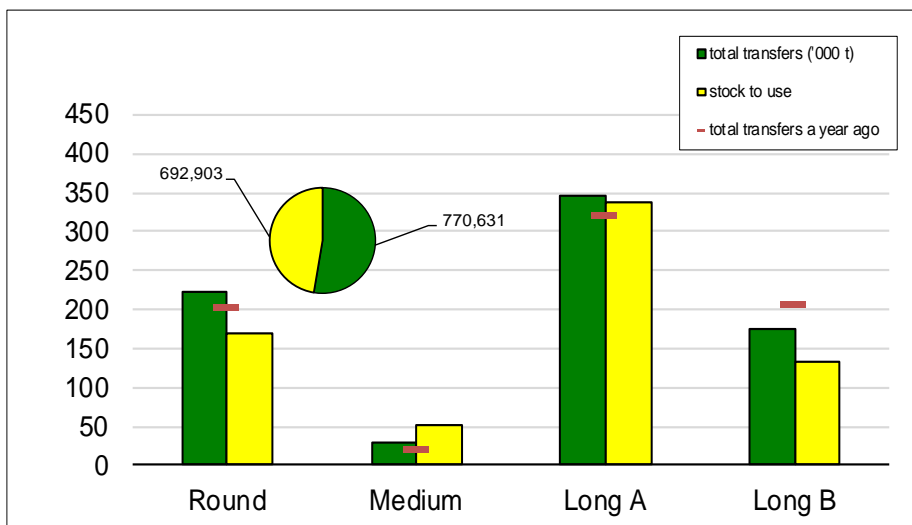
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## Paddy rice transfers

(in tonnes)



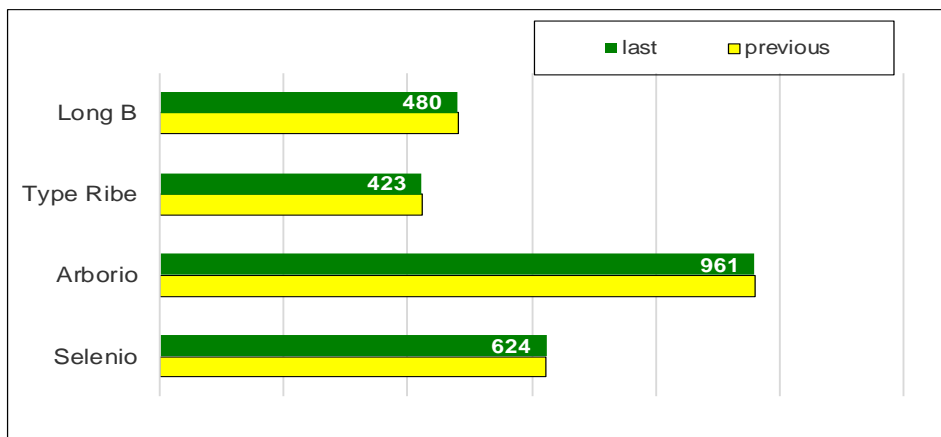
This week, 12,580 tonnes of 'long A', 8,038 tonnes of 'round', 7,545 tonnes of 'long B' and 567 tonnes of 'medium' were transferred to the industry, totalling 28,730 tonnes.

Total transfers amounted to 770,631 tonnes, an increase of 12,660 tonnes (+1.7%) compared to the last campaign.

57% of the 'long B', 56% of the 'round', 51% of the 'long A' and 37% of the "medium" ones were placed.

692,903 tonnes remain to be placed.

## Paddy prices Vercelli (€/t)



At the Vercelli Commodity Exchange there is no change to the reference quotations.

The CL007, Dardo/Ronaldo, Leonardo and Arborio varieties are nominal.

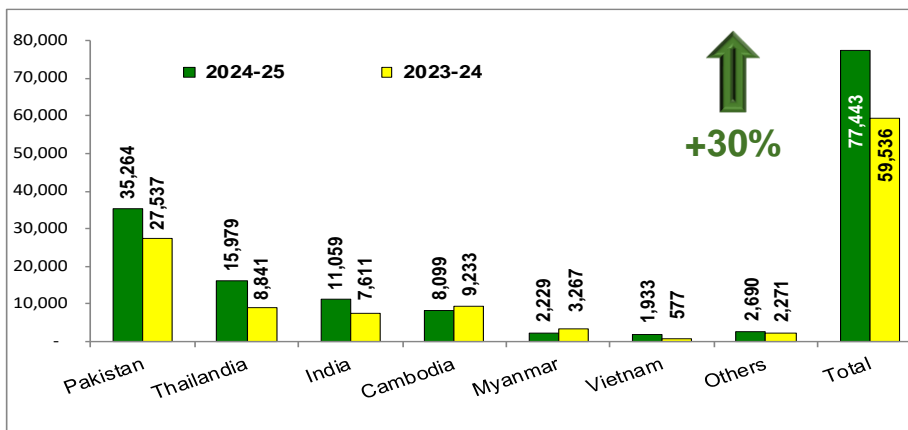
(\*) weighted average of the maximum quotations for the varieties Diva PV, CL007, Dardo/Ronaldo and Leonardo



## Import: husked + milled

tonnes in milled rice equivalent

(Source: MAECI Agrim Licences)



Imports stood at over 77,400 tonnes, in milled rice equivalent, an increase of over 17,900 tonnes (+30%) compared to a year ago.

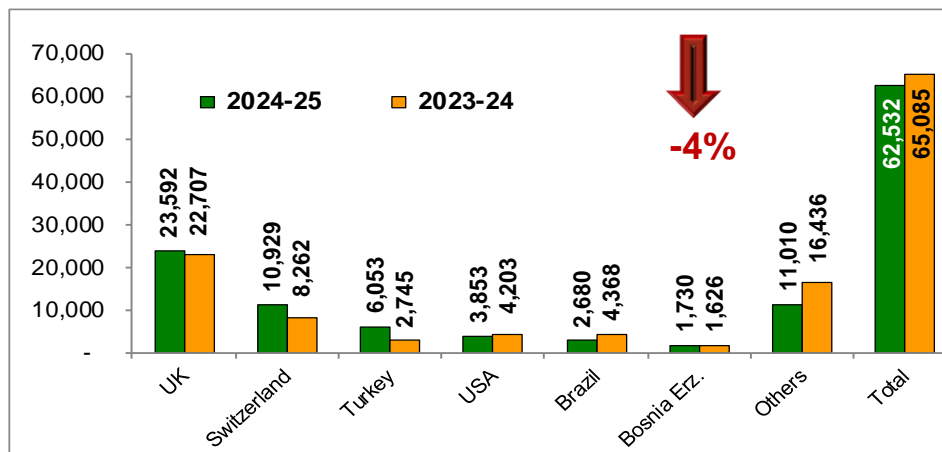
Imports of husked rice, almost 23,400 tonnes of which about 20,500 tonnes of Basmati rice, are up by about 9,300 tonnes (+67%).

Imports of semi-milled/milled rice, around 54,000 tonnes, are up by almost 8,600 tonnes (+19%).

## Export: husked + milled

tonnes in milled rice equivalent

(Source: ENTE RISI Declaration)



The export graph shows that export volumes of 62,532 tonnes were down by 2,533 tonnes (-4%) compared to last year.

During the last week, operators requested export declarations for a quantity of 4,763 tonnes, of which more than 2,200 tonnes were destined for the United Kingdom and almost 800 tonnes for Turkey.

Exports to the three main Italian partner countries - the UK, Switzerland and Turkey - cover 65% of the total volume.



# **European Union market**

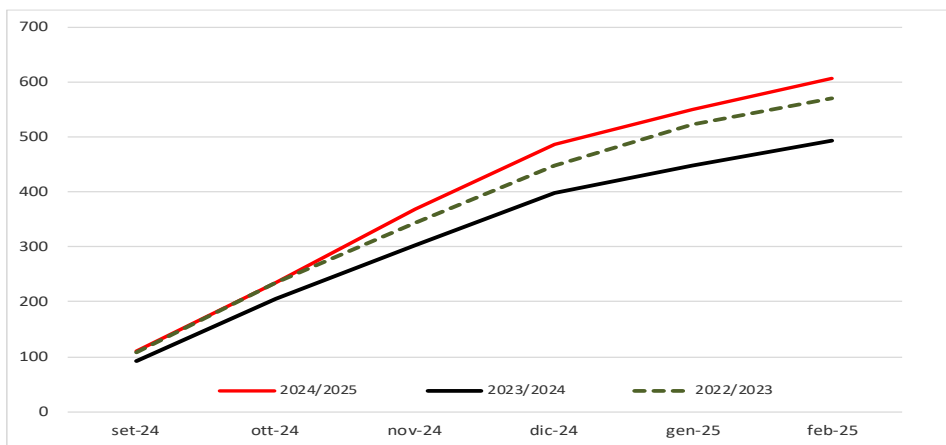
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## Import EU

(*'000 tonnes milled rice equivalent*)



The graph of the import trend in the EU with the latest available data from the European Commission updated on 9 February 2025 is proposed.

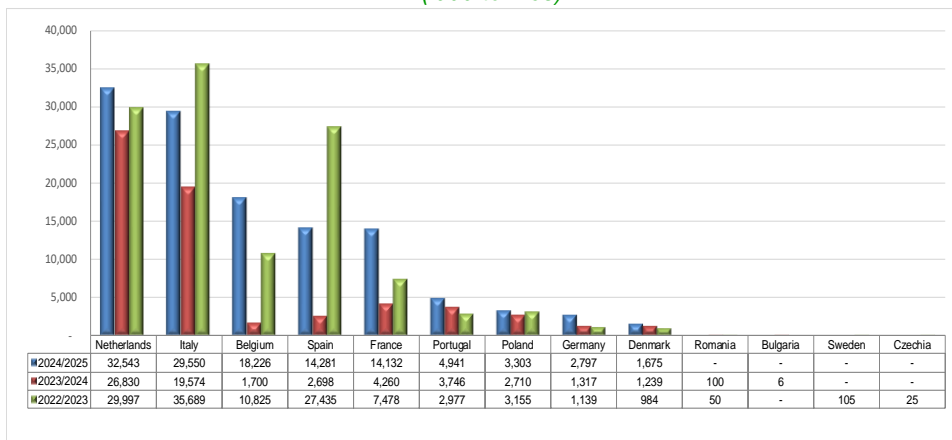
The graph shows that imports - more than 608,200 tonnes - have always been at a higher level than in the 2023/2024 marketing year, with an increase that has been steadily increasing from month to month.

Imports are, currently, up by about 114,600 tonnes (+23%). The comparison between the current campaign and the 2022/2023 campaign also shows an increase in imports of almost 38,000 tonnes (+7%).

In this case, the import trend remains at a substantially equal level in September and October, only to show, starting in November, an acceleration of imports, but for smaller volumes.

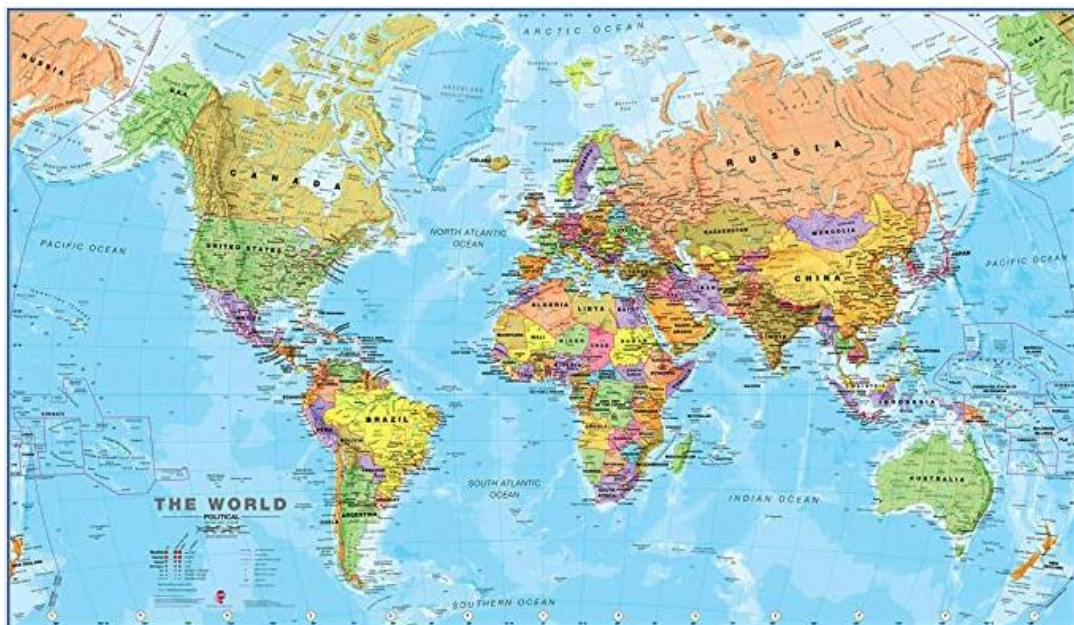
## Basmati husked rice imports

(*'000 tonnes*)



This week's chart of Basmati imports broken down by Member State for the last three marketing years, updated on 25 February.

Imports, at 121,449 tonnes, show an increase of 89% compared to the 2023/2024 marketing year and 1% compared to 2022/2023. The main importers are the Netherlands followed by Italy, Belgium, Spain and France. These 5 countries cover 89% of the total imported volume.



# **International markets**

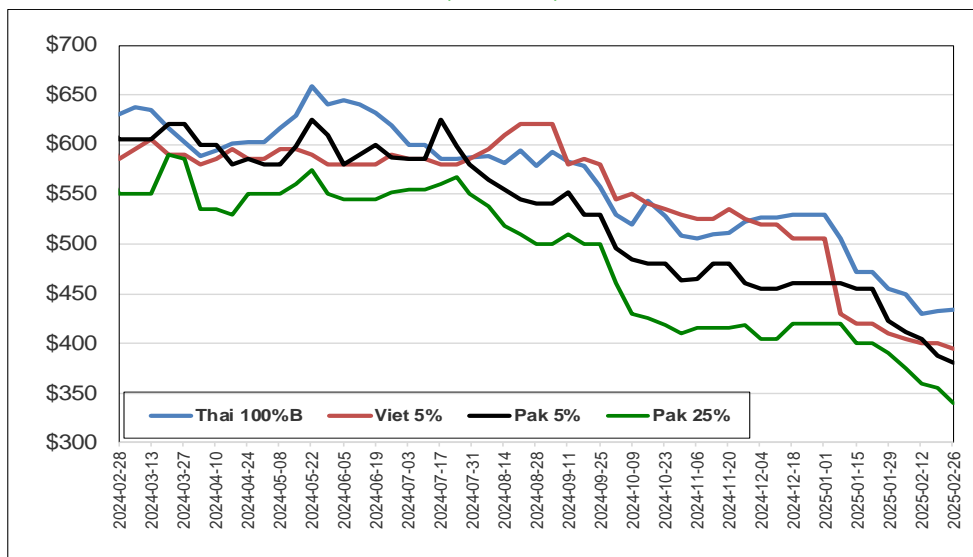
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## International prices

(\$/tonnes)



## Weekly prices

Milled rice international FOB quotes		
Exchange rate	€1 = \$1.0487	
Asian Markets	\$/t	€/t
Thai 100%B	434	414
Vietnam 5%	395	377
India 5%	415	396
Pakistan 5%	380	362
Pakistan 25%	340	324
Myanmar 5%	450	429
Pakistan Basmati S. Kernel	925	882
Pusa Basmati India	875	834
Other Markets	\$/t	€/t
Uruguay 5%	625	596
Argentina 5%	590	563
Brazil Type 1	655	625
USA LG 2/7% Fob US Gulf	659	628
California MG 1/4% - Med -	705	672