



Rice sector and trade News



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News

The EU and Thailand intend to conclude a free trade agreement by 2025

(Source: Note from Ente Nazionale Risi)

The European Union and Thailand had started negotiations on a free trade agreement in 2013, only to suspend them in 2014 following the military coup in the Asian country.

In 2019, in light of Thailand's progress in the democratisation process, the Council adopted conclusions proposing an approach of gradual resumption of negotiations, which culminated in the signing of the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement in December 2022.

On 23 March 2023, both sides announced the relaunch of trade negotiations. At the end of June 2025, the sixth round of negotiations was held in Bangkok in which consensus was reached on three additional chapters, according to Thai Trade Minister Pichai Nariphaphan. The seventh round is scheduled to take place in Brussels from 29 September to 3 October with the aim of closing the negotiations by 2025.

The European Commission regards rice as a "sensitive" product, but this does not guarantee that zero-duty import quotas will not be granted.

Duties, von der Leyen: we are aiming for an agreement in principle with the US

(Source: askanews.it)

The EU is aiming for "an agreement in principle" on tariffs with the US by 9 July (the deadline US President Donald Trump had set with his 90-day "pause" after the date he announced them), because there would be no time to go into details anyway.

This was said by the President of the European Commission, Ursula von der Leyen, during her joint press conference with Danish Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen in Aarhus, Denmark, on the occasion of the start of the new six-month rotating presidency of the EU Council, which will be exercised by the Copenhagen government.

"Negotiations with the United States," the Commission President recalled, "are going on right now". Commissioner Maros Sefcovic (responsible for Trade, ed.) is in Washington today. We are ready for an agreement. We want a negotiated solution. But, as you know, at the same time, we are preparing for the eventuality that a satisfactory agreement is not reached. That is why we have consulted on a "rebalancing list" (a list of US goods to be subject to possible counter-duties, ed.), and - von der Leyen warned - we will defend European interests if necessary. In other words, all tools are on the table".

Meanwhile, the Commission President continued, "we are moving forward with our partners, with Mexico and Mercosur (Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay, ed.), and we are aiming for an agreement with India by the end of the year. In the current economic landscape, Europe has an important responsibility: that of promoting a free, open and fair trade system. Therefore, we fully support progress in the reform of the WTO", the World Trade Organisation.

Food Safety

Rapid Alert System

- A border rejection notification was sent by Finland concerning unauthorised GMO-rice in miso paste from China.



Italian market

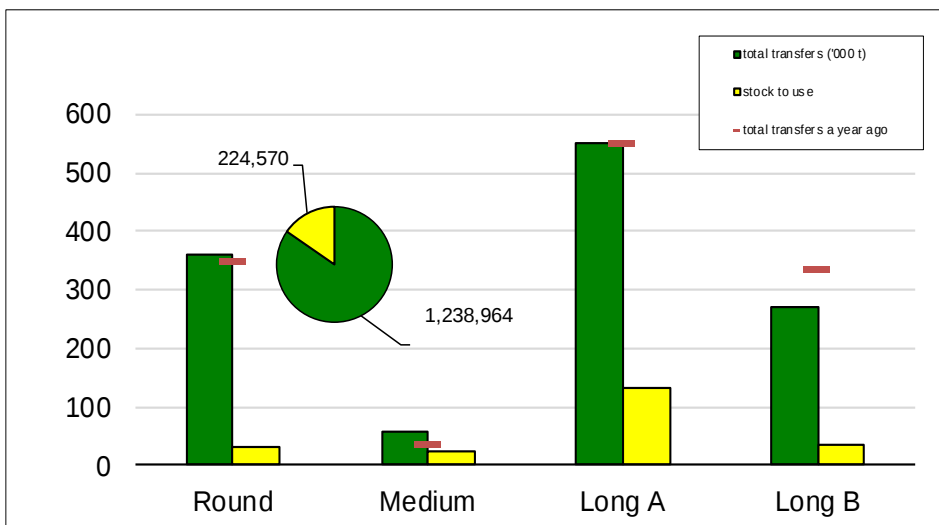
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Paddy rice transfers

(in tonnes)

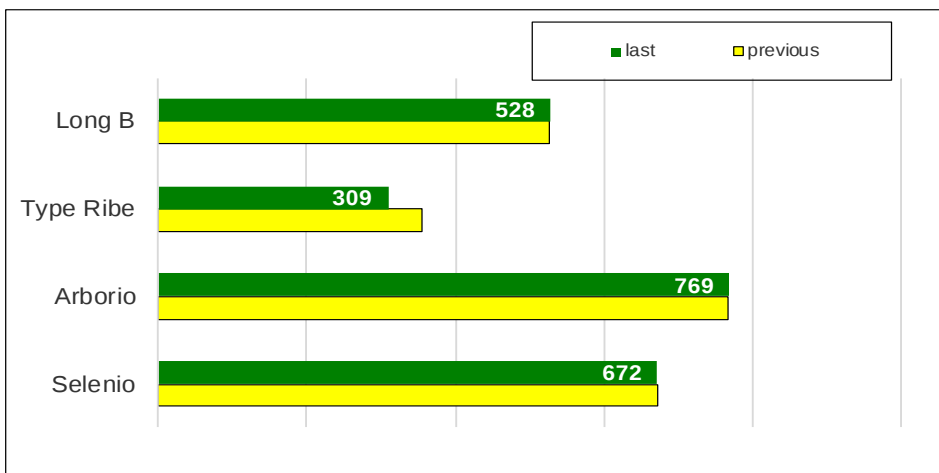


This week, 17,918 tonnes of paddy were transferred, of which 7,032 of "long A", 6,090 of "round", 3,474 of "long B" and 1,322 of "medium".

Total transactions amounted to 1,238,964 tonnes, down by 44,320 tonnes (-3.5%) compared to the last campaign. The "round" and "medium" segments show increases of 7,243 tonnes (+2.1%) and 19,978 tonnes (+51.9%) respectively, while the "long A" and "long B" segments show decreases of 4,788 tonnes (-0.9%) and 66,753 tonnes (-19.8%) respectively.

224,570 tonnes remain to be placed.

Paddy prices Vercelli (€/t)



At the Vercelli Commodity Exchange there was a decrease of €/t 46 in the price of Type Ribe. The Dardo/Ronaldo and the Leonardo varieties are not quoted.

The Arborio variety and Long B are "nominal".

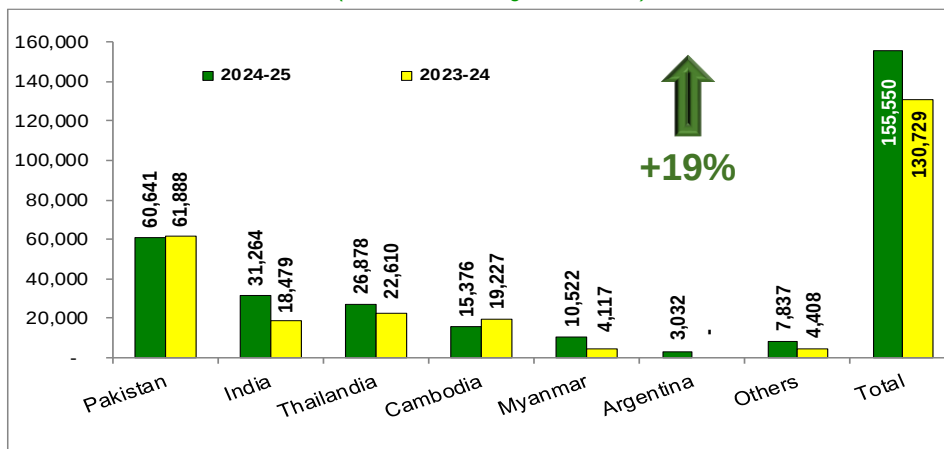
(*) weighted average of the maximum quotations for the varieties Diva PV and CL007.



Import: husked + milled

tonnes in milled rice equivalent

(Source: MAECI Agrim Licences)



Imports from third countries amounted to 155,550 tonnes, in milled equivalent, up 24,821 tonnes (+19%) from a year ago.

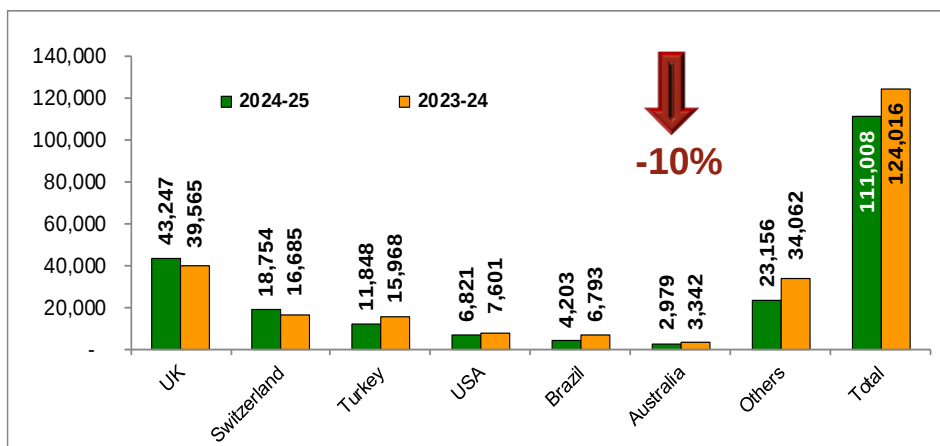
Imports of Indica-type rice, at 149,858 tonnes, are up by 21,923 tonnes (+17%) and account for 96% of the total volume. Imports of Japonica-type rice, at 5,692 tonnes, are up by 2,898 tonnes (+104%).

Japonica rice comes from Argentina (2,813 t), Vietnam (985 t), Cambodia (490 t), Egypt (422 t), Myanmar (250 t) and Bangladesh (213 t). The remaining 519 tonnes came from other third countries.

Export: husked + milled

tonnes in milled rice equivalent

(Source: ENTE RISI Declaration)



Exports stood at 111,008 tonnes, in milled equivalent, down by 13,008 tonnes (-10%) from the previous marketing year.

Exports of Japonica rice, at 95,821 tonnes, are down by 12,185 tonnes (-11%), and those of Indica rice, at 15,187 tonnes, are down by 823 tonnes (-5%). The most exported type of rice is "long A" (54,299 t), down 11,229 t (-17%) from a year ago, followed by "round" rice (40,115 t), which, on the other hand, shows an increase of 1,572 t (+4%).



European Union market

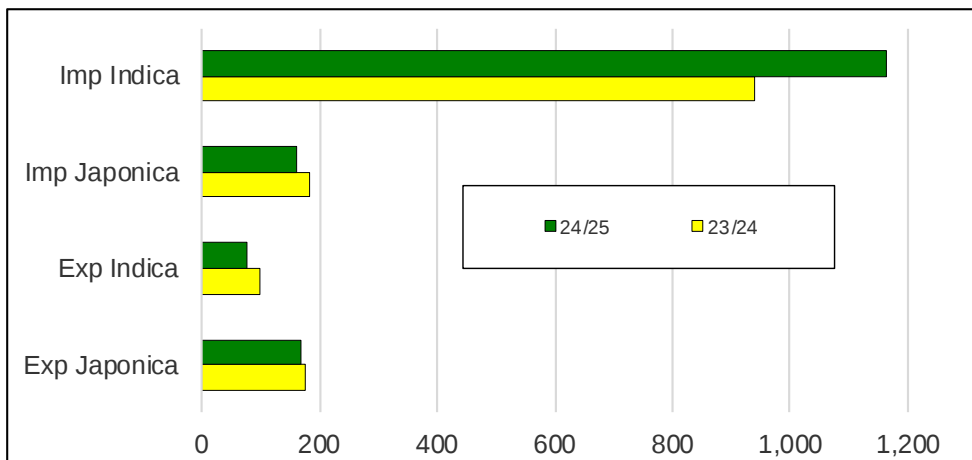
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Import Export EU

(*'000 tonnes milled rice equivalent*)



Imports into the EU stand at 1,322,861 tonnes, in milled equivalent, up 197,937 tonnes (+17.6%) from a year ago.

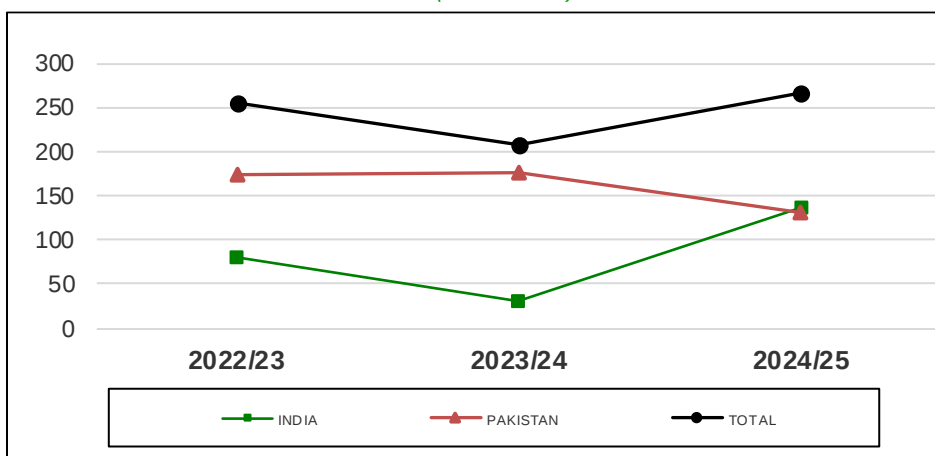
Imports of paddy rice stood at 7,635 tonnes against 413 tonnes in the previous marketing year, imports of husked rice, at 400,077 tonnes, increased by 26.4%, and imports of semi-milled/milled rice amounted to 915,149 tonnes, up 13.3%.

Exports to non-EU countries, in milled equivalent, fell from 274,200 tonnes a year ago to 241,270 tonnes today, down 32,930 tonnes (-12%).

Exports of paddy rice, at 11,996 tonnes, are down 14.2%, those of husked rice, at 21,274 tonnes, are down 23.8%, and those of semi-milled/milled rice are 208,000 tonnes, down 10.5%.

Basmati husked rice imports

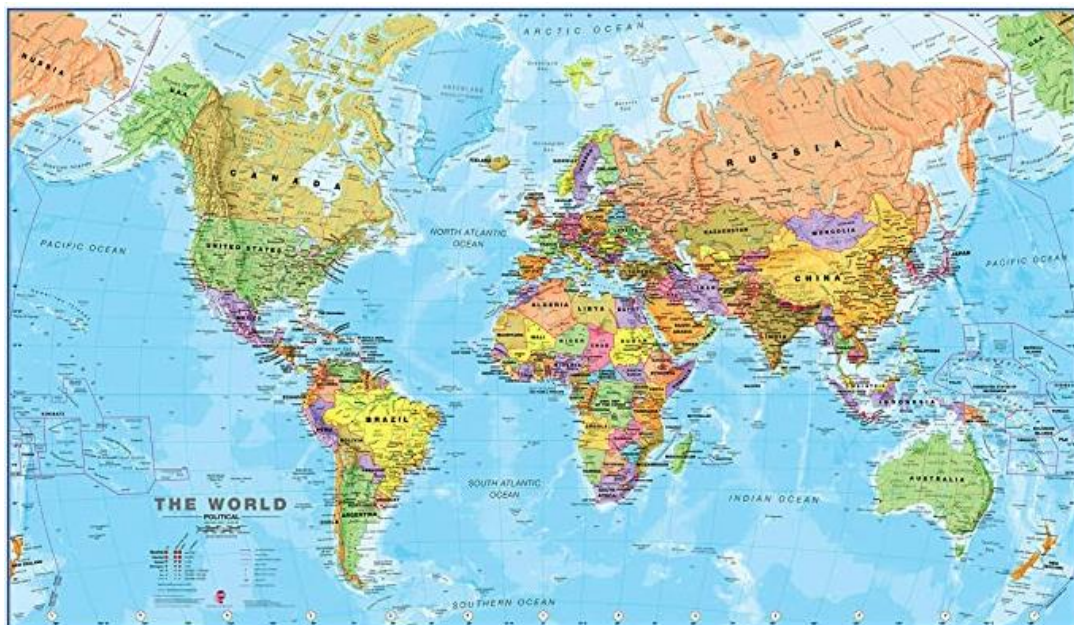
(*'000 tonnes*)



Imports of Basmati husked rice, at 267,228 tonnes, are up by 59,355 tonnes (+29%) compared to the previous marketing year.

Basmati rice imports of Pakistani origin amounted to 130,523 tonnes and showed a decrease of 26%, while those of Indian origin, at 136,705 tonnes, increased by 351%.

Imports of Indian Basmati rice are 6,182 tonnes higher than those of Pakistani origin and account for 51% of the total imported volume.



International markets

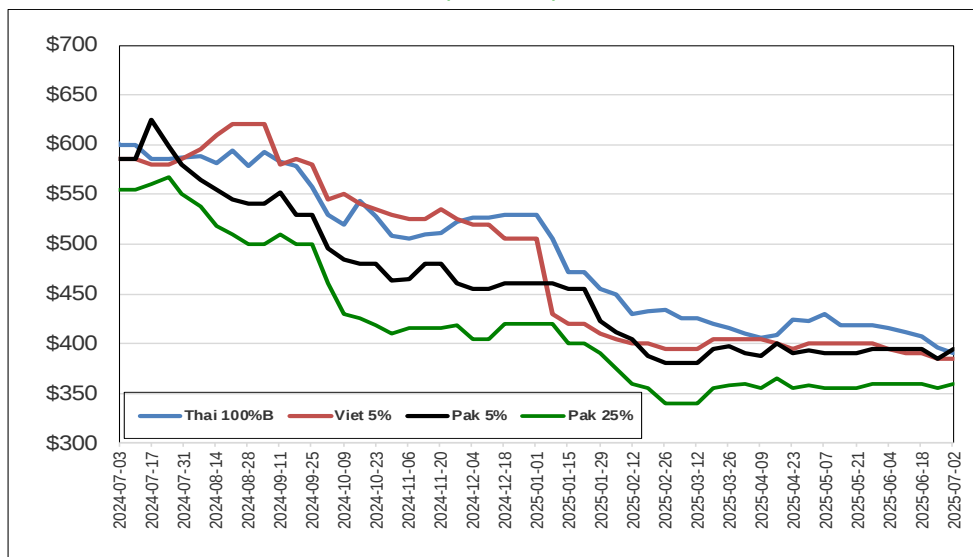
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International prices

(\$/tonnes)



Weekly prices

Milled rice international FOB quotes		
Exchange rate	€1 = \$1.1755	
Asian Markets	\$/t	€/t
Thai 100%B	391	333
Vietnam 5%	385	328
India 5%	385	328
Pakistan 5%	395	336
Pakistan 25%	360	306
Myanmar 5%	380	323
Pakistan Basmati S. Kernel	1,070	910
Pusa Basmati India	875	744
Other Markets	\$/t	€/t
Uruguay 5%	510	434
Argentina 5%	490	417
Brazil Type 1	525	447
USA LG 2/4% Fob US Gulf	647	550
California MG 1/4% - Med -	800	681