



News

Satisfaction with the 3rd Forum on the EU rice sector (Source: Ente Risi Note)

Great satisfaction with the outcome of the 3rd Forum on the EU rice sector, promoted by the Ente Nazionale Risi in Brussels: "We have further cohesive the European rice sector on issues that threaten it, coming to define a position shared by a large majority. We presented our requests to the MEPs who took part in the meeting and we collected from them our willingness to commit ourselves to the sector" said President Paolo Carrà at the end of the meeting, which was attended by delegates from all the producer countries and numerous MEPs from all the political groups. The third forum follows a first edition, which called for the application of the safeguard clause, and a second edition, which called for an extra-budget to the EU for the promotion of European rice: both objectives were met as a result of the two forums. In this edition, there was unanimous agreement on all the priorities, from the fight against imports to the defence of the sector in the reform of the CAP, without forgetting the labelling of origin.

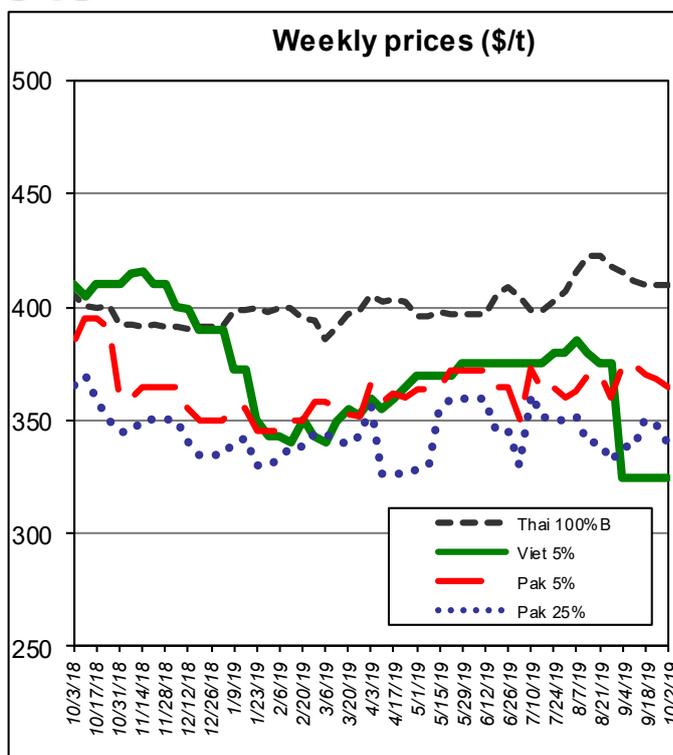
Also in this case, Ente Risi presented an agenda on which the discussion developed.

The Delegates' Assembly unanimously decided to work on the following points:

- 1) reform the rules so that the safeguard clause is activated automatically when there is an increase in imports compared with the previous year, with provision also for it to be triggered in the event of ascertained damage to agricultural producers as well;
- 2) monitor ongoing imports from Myanmar, which are growing exponentially for Japonica rice, and apply safeguards to all imported milled rice;
- 3) consider rice to be a sensitive product in negotiations with non-EU countries, as it is already heavily penalised by current unilateral and bilateral concessions;
- 4) apply the temporary withdrawal of the concession to Myanmar for failure to respect human rights and make the new tariff concessions to other non-EU countries subject to this respect;
- 5) in the context of the reform of the CAP, maintain the specific aid, exempt rice from certain requirements of the reinforced cross-compliance and avoid the application of internal convergence of the basic payment;
- 6) mandatory European origin labelling;
- 7) reciprocity in the rules on the use of plant protection products between EU countries and between the EU and third countries, and provision of aid for operators in the chain in the event that the revision of residue limits determines the impossibility of marketing rice already treated with the active ingredient subject to limitation.

International Markets

Milled rice international FOB quotes		
Exchange rate 1 € = 1.0898		
Asian Markets	\$/t	€/t
Thai 100%B	410	376
Vietnam 5%	325	298
India 5%	370	340
Pakistan 5%	365	335
Pakistan 25%	340	312
Cambodia 5%	440	404
Myanmar 5%	345	317
India Basmati trad.	N.A.	N.A.
Other Markets	\$/t	€/t
Uruguay 5%	528	484
Argentina 5%	475	436
Paraguay 5%	465	427
USA LG 2/5% sacked	555	509
California MG 1/4% Med	825	757



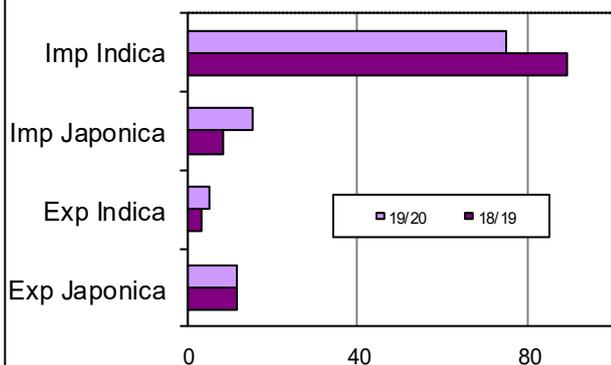
Food Safety

Rapid Alert System (Source: EFSA)

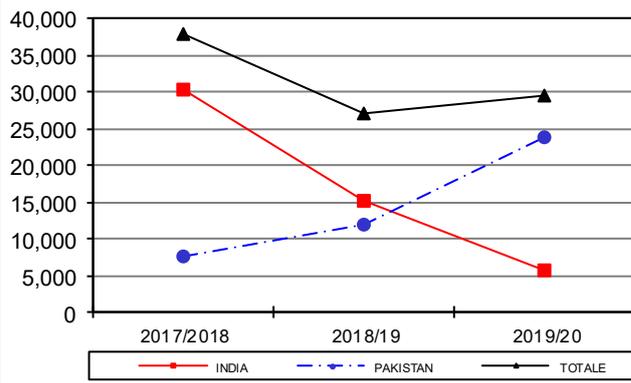
A border rejection notification was sent by United Kingdom concerning absence of health certificate(s) for rice noodles from China.

European Market

Import Export EU ('000 tonnes milled rice equivalent)



Basmati husked rice imports (tonnes)



In focus

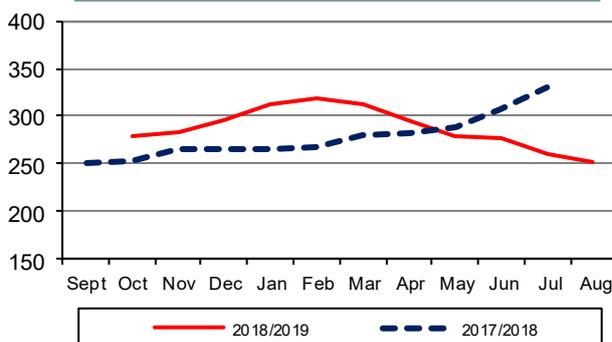
EU imports amount to 90,527 tonnes, in milled equivalent, 8% less than in the previous campaign. Brown rice imports increased by 7,295 tonnes (+18%), equally divided between Japonica and Indica rice, whereas semi-milled and milled rice imports decreased by 14,900 tonnes (-26%), in particular Indica decreased by 18,755 tonnes (-38%) and Japonica increased by 3,855 tonnes (+51%). EU exports amount to 16,369 tonnes, 1,131 tonnes (+7%) more than last year. Italy accounts for 45% of the total volume exported.

Italian Market

Paddy transfers

TYPE OF RICE	CAMPAIGN	
	2019/20 tonnes	2018/19 tonnes
ROUND	15,018	42,741
MEDIUM	4,872	5,823
LONG A	53,988	60,470
LONG B	41,119	47,241
TOTAL	114,997	156,275

Paddy price - Vercelli Commodity Exchange (€/tonne) Long B - monthly average



In focus

In the last week paddy rice transfers by farmers reached 37,475 tonnes: 14,758 tonnes of long A grain, 13,678 tonnes of long B grain, 6,796 tonnes of round grain and 2,243 tonnes of medium grain. The total transfers decreased by 41,278 tonnes (-26%) compared to last campaign.

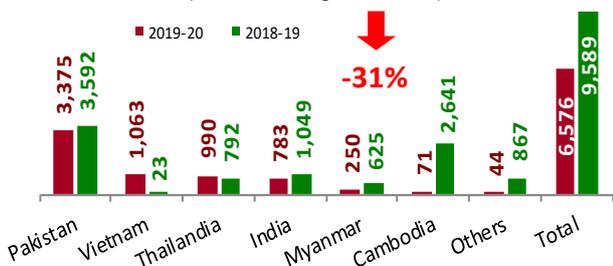
The graph below shows the monthly average prices of Long B paddy rice recorded at the Vercelli Commodity Exchange in the last two campaigns. This week, the first reference price for Long B paddy rice was recorded at 260 €/tonne.

Italian imports amounting to 6,576 tonnes, in milled equivalent, decreased by 3,013 tonnes (-31%) compared to last year. Pakistan, with 3,375 tonnes, of which 2,320 tonnes of Basmati rice, remains Italy's main trading partner, followed by Vietnam with 1,063 tonnes and Cambodia with 990 tonnes. As of 29 September, according to customs declarations imports decreased by 1,497 tonnes (-22%) (see table at the bottom).

Italian exports amount to 5,764 tonnes, in milled equivalent, -5% less than last year.

Import: husked + milled - till 27/09/2019

(tonnes in milled rice equivalent)
(Source: Mise Agrim Licences)



Export: husked + milled - till 27/09/2019

(tonnes in milled rice equivalent)
(Source: Mise Agrim Licences)



Italian imports till 29/09/2019 - Customs declarations - Source: DG Agri (tonnes in milled rice equivalent)

Campaing	Paddy			Brown rice			Semi-milled / Milled rice			TOTAL		
	Indica	Japonica	Total	Indica	Japonica	Total	Indica	Japonica	Total	Indica	Japonica	TOTAL
2019/2020	-	-	-	2,124	873	2,997	1,987	224	2,211	4,111	1,097	5,208
2018/2019	-	-	-	1,948	69	2,017	4,548	140	4,688	6,496	209	6,705