



News

Green light for Italian rice exports to China (Source: Ente Nazionale Risi Note)

The Protocol allowing the export of risotto rice to China was signed on 8 April.

An agreement that concretely crowns a diplomatic and technical negotiation that has been going on for years with the involvement of the National Phytosanitary Service, conducted together with Ente Nazionale Risi and the representatives of rice growers and Italian rice millers. "It is an important agreement that we particularly cared about," emphasizes Minister Teresa Bellanova, "which establishes the phytosanitary requirements to be met to export Italian risotto rice to China and allows, in fact, the opening of this very important market for a leading product of our agriculture.

With the agreement, the qualities of Italian risotto rice are further recognized and will increasingly be appreciated by Chinese citizens, the world's largest consumers of this food.

President of Ente Nazionale Risi, Paolo Carrà, underlines the importance of the long-awaited agreement on a market that is now of primary importance for the Italian agri-food sector and also for quality rice. "The Ente Nazionale Risi, from the origin of the dossier, has contributed, through its Rice Research Centre, to overcome the phytopathological problems highlighted by the Chinese delegation during their visits to Italy. This is a success that sees the institutions and the national rice supply chain united not only in actions to defend Italian rice, but also in actions to attack the conquest of new market shares".

Myanmar suspended the issuing of export certificates for rice (Source: www.rfa.org)

Myanmar has stopped issuing rice export licenses following the declaration of the coronavirus as a pandemic, but will honor existing licenses, the head of an industry group said Wednesday, as local merchants warned that hoarding could threaten domestic supply.

Cambodia prohibits exports of non-aromatic long rice (Source: Livericeindex)

According to a statement issued by Prime Minister Hun Sen, Cambodia will ban IR 504 and 5451 long grain and paddy exports from 5 April to ensure domestic food security amid the coronavirus pandemic.

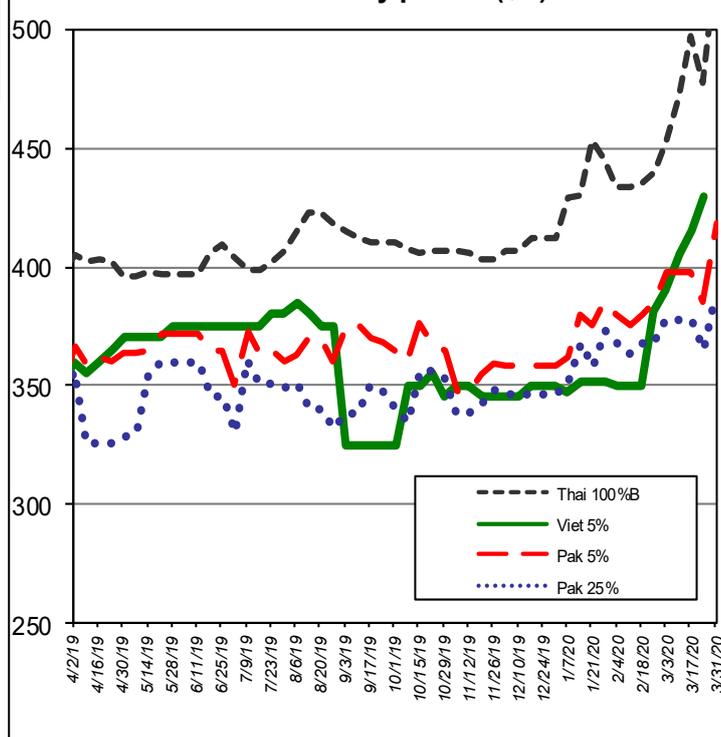
International Markets

Milled rice international FOB quotes

Exchange rate 1 € = 1.0956

Asian Markets	\$/t	€/t
Thai 100%B	530	484
Vietnam 5%	N.Q.	N.Q.
India 5%	N.Q.	N.Q.
Pakistan 5%	418	382
Pakistan 25%	388	354
Cambodia 5%	494	451
Myanmar 5%	445	406
India Basmati trad.	1,080	986
Other Markets	\$/t	€/t
Uruguay 5%	515	470
Argentina 5%	475	434
Paraguay 5%	465	424
USA LG 2/5% sacked	660	602
California MG 1/4% Med	860	785

Weekly prices (\$/t)



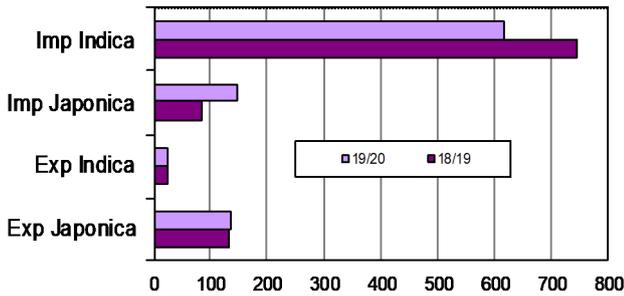
Food Safety

Rapid Alert System (Source: EFSA)

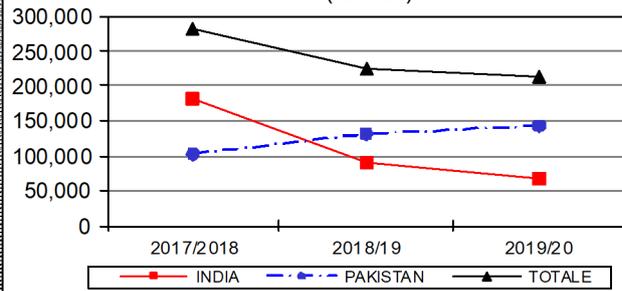
No alert concerning rice.

European Market

Import Export EU ('000 tonnes milled rice equivalent)



Basmati husked rice imports (tonnes)



In focus

The volumes imported into the EU amounted to 762,443 tonnes, milled equivalent, down by 66,762 tonnes (-8%) compared to the previous campaign.

The Indica rice imports fell by 128,867 tonnes (-17%), while Japonica rice imports increased of 62,075 tons (+73%) compared to a year ago.

The Basmati husked rice imports stood at 212,732 tonnes, down by 10,159 tonnes (-5%).

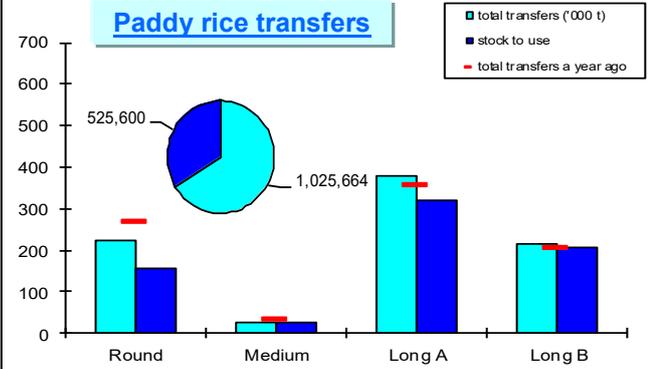
The quantities actually cleared through customs amounted to 157,694 tonnes, milled equivalent, in line with last year's figure.

Indica rice exports fell by 2,692 (-11%), while Japonica exports increased by 2,585 tonnes (+2%).

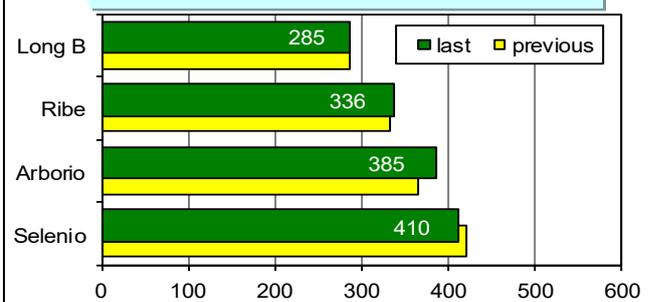
Italy covers 41% of total export volume with 64,758 tonnes, milled equivalent, including paddy rice.

Italian Market

Paddy rice transfers



Paddy price - Vercelli Commodity Exchange (€/tonne)



In focus

During the last week, farmers transferred 41,059 tonnes of paddy rice, of which 19,009 of "Long A", 11,785 of "Long B", 9,282 of "Round" and 983 of "Medium", bringing the total for the campaign to 1,025,664 tonnes.

Since the beginning of the campaign, transfers have affected 66% of the saleable availability, with a decrease of 6,874 tons (-1%) compared to last year. The quantity of paddy rice still to be placed is equal to 525,600 tons.

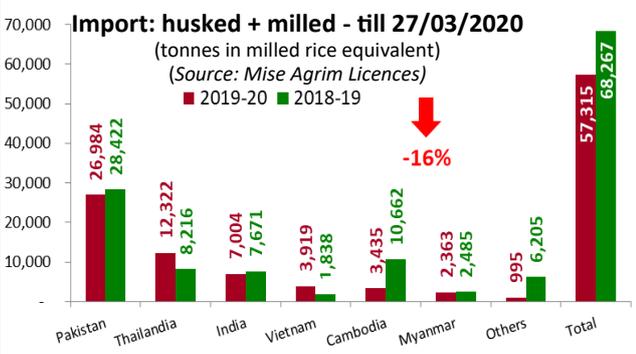
At the Vercelli Stock Exchange there was a drop in the price of the Selenio variety (-€10) and an increase in the price of the Arborio variety (+€20) and Ribe variety (+€5).

Since the beginning of the campaign, operators have requested import licences for a volume of 57,315 tonnes, milled equivalent, excluding paddy rice, down by about 11,000 tonnes (-16%) compared to last year.

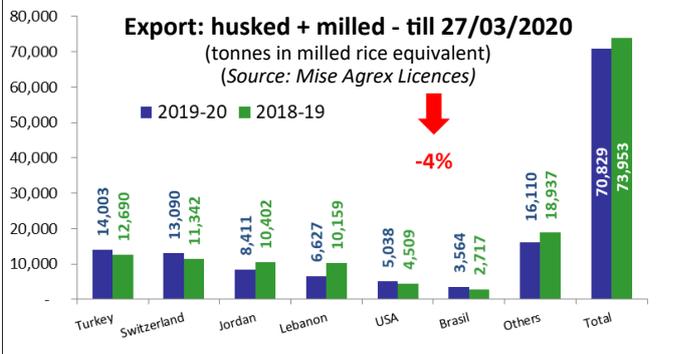
The quantities actually cleared through customs stood at 56,732 tonnes, down by 16,945 tonnes (-23%), as shown in the table at the bottom of the page.

During the last week export licences were issued for 4,290 tonnes, milled equivalent, of which about 1,700 tonnes with destination Turkey, bringing the total of the campaign to 70,829 tonnes, down by 3,124 tonnes (-4%) compared to a year ago.

Import: husked + milled - till 27/03/2020



Export: husked + milled - till 27/03/2020



Italian imports till 29/03/2020 - 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	3,949	-	3,949	21,565	1,584	23,149	26,320	3,314	29,634	51,834	4,898	56,732
2018/2019	8,024	-	8,024	27,748	1,066	28,814	35,195	1,644	36,839	70,967	2,710	73,677