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News

Indian government imposes 20% export tax on rice

(Source: [financialexpress.com](https://www.financialexpress.com))

In a significant move aimed at regulating rice exports and ensuring domestic food security, the Ministry of Finance has imposed a 20% export tax on parboiled rice and some varieties of milled rice.

The export tax came into effect on 1st May.

According to the circular issued by the Ministry, the export tax covers parboiled rice, both varieties recognised by the GI and other varieties, and “other rice” according to specific customs classifications, including semi-milled or milled rice, including polished or glazed rice.

Previously, in October last year, the government had lifted all restrictions on rice exports effective from September 2022.

Shaping the future of agriculture and the agri-food sector

(Source: agriculture.ec.europa.eu)

The Conference on the Vision of Agriculture and Food will be held on 8 May 2025 at The Square in Brussels.

It will focus on the theme ‘Shaping the Future of Agriculture and Agribusiness’.

The event aims to bring together key stakeholders - including European agrifood sectors, civil society, rural communities, consumers, think tanks, academics, Member States and MEPs - to contribute to the debate on shaping an attractive agriculture and agrifood sector for future generations.

The conference aims to:

- continue building consensus around the Vision and its roadmap
- discuss and gather feedback on the way forward, focusing on the key initiatives outlined in the Vision
- engage with stakeholders on the future direction of the CAP after 2027

Only the plenary sessions will be streamed online. Registration is not required to follow the event via streaming.

Food Safety

Rapid Alert System

- An information notification for attention was sent by Switzerland concerning Chlorpyrifos (0.012 mg/kg – ppm) in Basmati rice from Pakistan.
- An information notification for attention was sent by Germany concerning MOSH/MOAH in rice from India, via the Netherlands.
- A border rejection notification was sent by Belgium concerning Chlorpyrifos (0.17 mg/kg – ppm), Aflatoxin B1 (15.1 µg/kg - ppb) and Aflatoxin total (16.2 µg/kg - ppb) in rice from Pakistan.
- An alert notification was sent by Belgium concerning Aflatoxin B1 (0.40 µg/kg – ppb) in rice for babyfood from the Netherlands.
- An information notification for attention was sent by Netherlands concerning Ochratoxin A (3.5 µg/kg – ppb) in Basmati rice from Pakistan.



Italian market

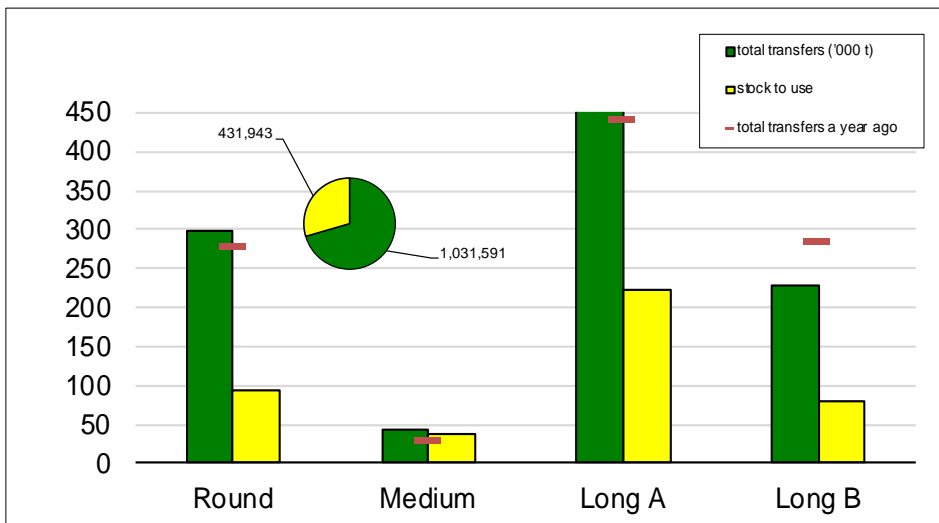
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Paddy rice transfers

(in tonnes)

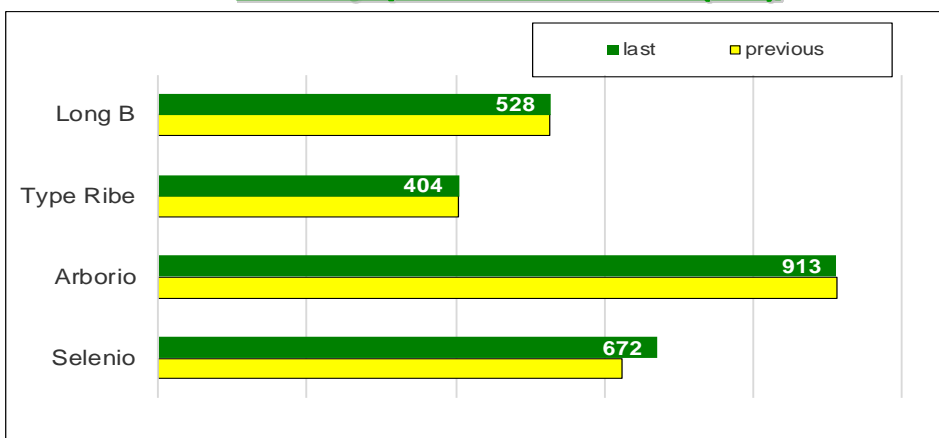


In the last week, paddy rice transfers amounted to 22,725 tonnes, broken down as follows: 10,756 tonnes of 'long A', 5,757 tonnes of 'round', 5,400 tonnes of 'long B' and 812 tonnes of 'medium'.

Total transfers amounted to 1,031,591 tonnes, accounting for 70.5% of saleable availability, and down by 4,893 tonnes (-0.5%) compared to last year.

431,943 tonnes remain to be placed.

Paddy prices Vercelli (€/t)



At the Vercelli Commodity Exchange there was an increase of €/t 48 in the price of Selenio.

The quotations for Leonardo, Arborio and Long B are nominal.

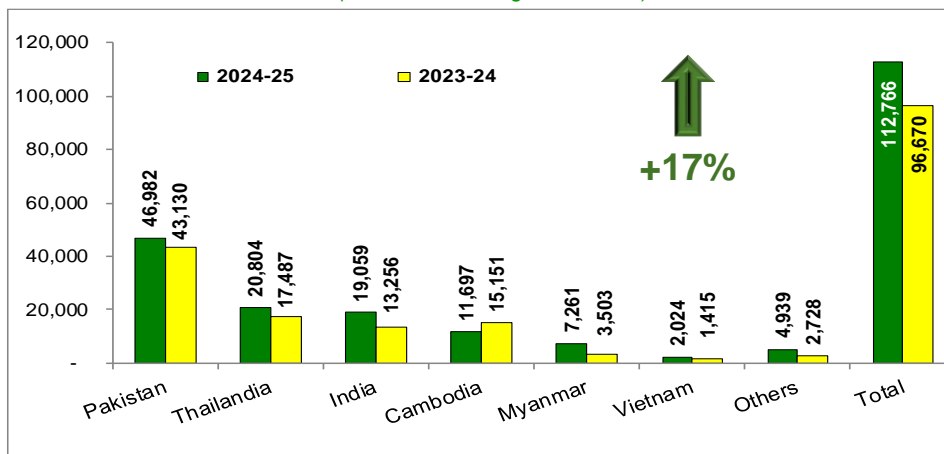
(*) weighted average of the maximum quotations for the varieties Diva PV, CL007, Dardo/Ronaldo and Leonardo



Import: husked + milled

tonnes in milled rice equivalent

(Source: MAECI Agrim Licences)



Imports rose from 96,670 tonnes a year ago to the current 112,766 tonnes, in milled equivalent, an increase of 16,096 tonnes (+17%).

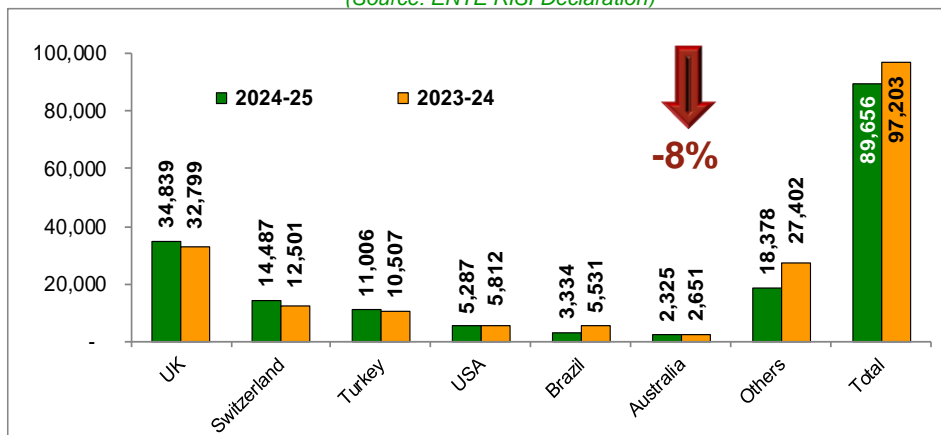
With 46,982 tonnes, of which 22,070 tonnes of Basmati rice, Pakistan is confirmed as Italy's main partner, followed by Thailand with 20,804 tonnes, India with 19,059 tonnes, of which 8,981 tonnes of Basmati rice, and Cambodia with 11,697 tonnes.

The total imports from these four countries of 98,542 tonnes represent 87% of the total imported volume. Indica rice made up 97% of the imports.

Export: husked + milled

tonnes in milled rice equivalent

(Source: ENTE RISI Declaration)



Exports to third countries amounted to 89,656 tonnes, in milled equivalent, down by 7,547 tonnes (-8%) compared to the previous marketing year.

Volumes exported to the main destinations - United Kingdom, Switzerland and Turkey - showed increases of 6%, 16% and 5% respectively.

Instead, sales to Brazil (-2,197 t, -40%), Australia (-326 t, -12%), Kosovo (-1,383 t, -44%) and Morocco (-1,342 t, -72%) were down.

The largest decreases in volume terms were in exports to Jordan (-3,229 t; -91%) and Lebanon (-2,515 t, -64%).



European Union market

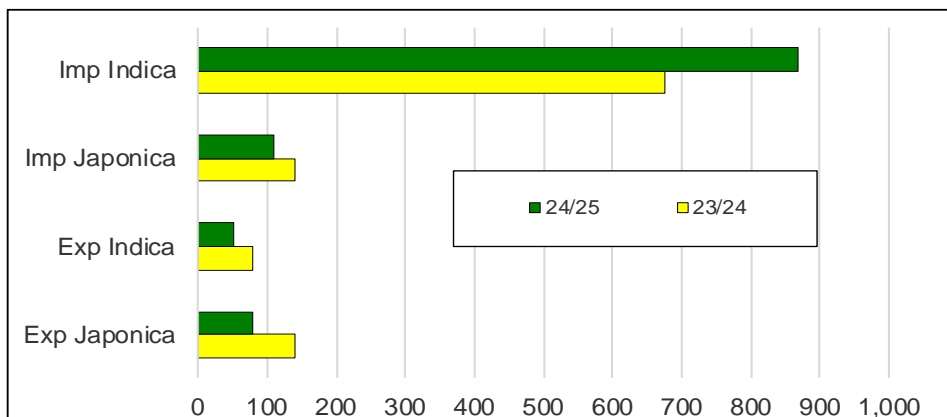
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Import Export EU

(^{'000 tonnes milled rice equivalent})



EU imports stood at over 977,900 tonnes, in milled rice equivalent, an increase of almost 161,500 tonnes (+20%) compared to the previous marketing year.

With around 80,500 tonnes, Pakistan is the leading supplier of husked rice, followed by Uruguay with over 62,000 tonnes.

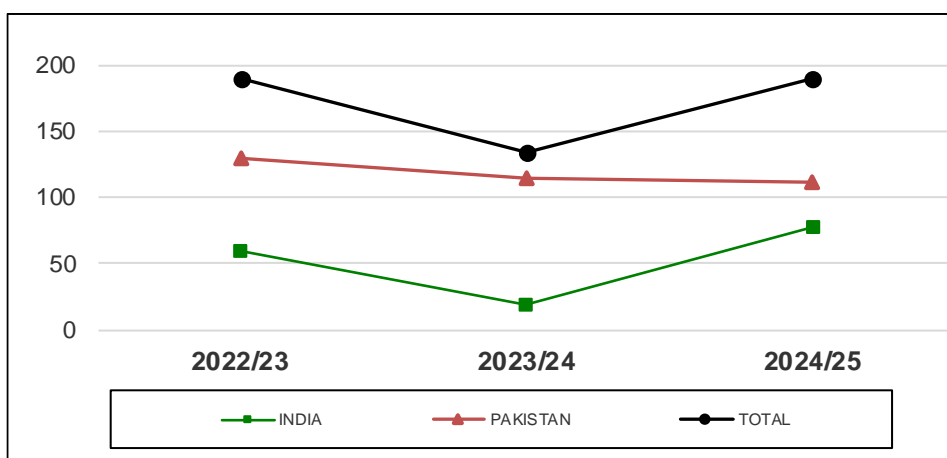
With about 178,300 tonnes of semi-milled/milled rice, Cambodia is the leading supplier country for this stage of processing, followed by Myanmar with almost 143,200 tonnes and Thailand with about 125,500 tonnes.

Imports from LDCs increased by 10% from 293,047 tonnes a year ago to 321,487 tonnes today.

Export figures are not yet reliable, so pending a final resolution of the statistical problem, any assessment is suspended.

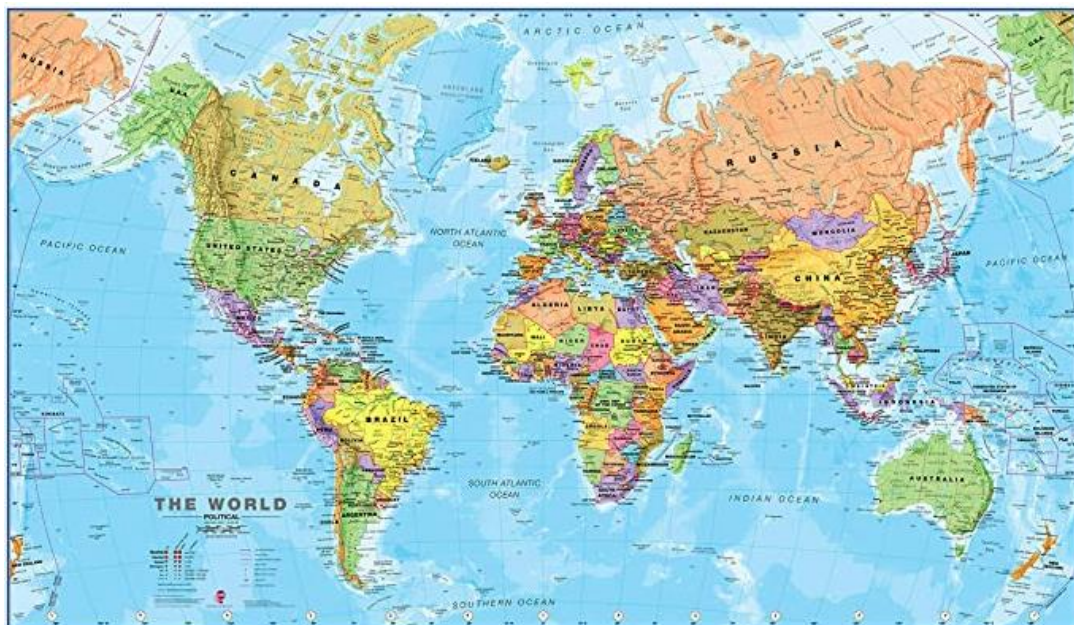
Basmati husked rice imports

(^{'000 tonnes})



Imports of Basmati husked rice, at around 189,600 tonnes, are up by almost 56,000 tonnes (+42%) compared to the previous marketing year.

Imports of Pakistani Basmati rice, at 111,610 tonnes, are down by about 2,600 tonnes (-2%), while those of Indian origin, at almost 78,000 tonnes, are up by about 58,500 tonnes (+302%).



International markets

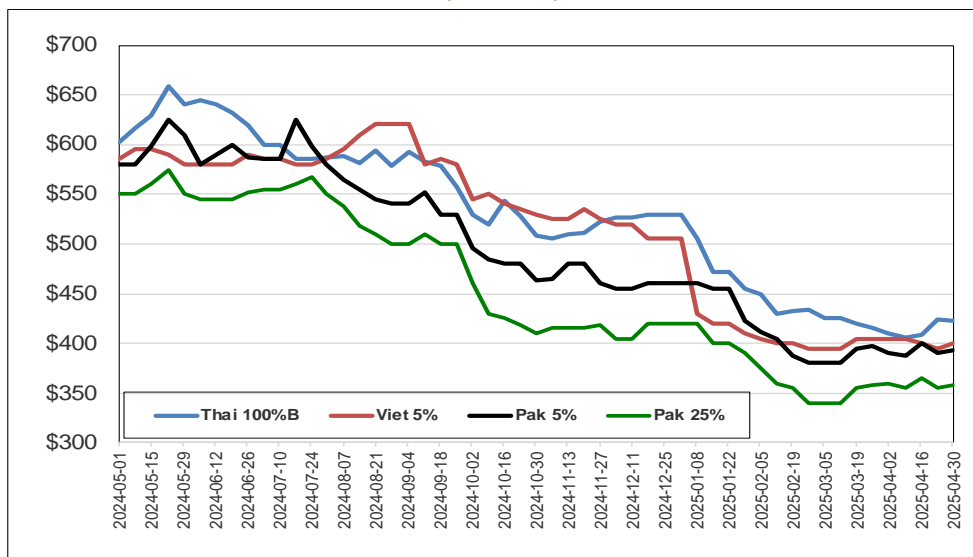
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International prices

(\$/tonnes)



Weekly prices

Milled rice international FOB quotes		
Exchange rate	€1 = \$1.1373	
Asian Markets	\$/t	€/t
Thai 100%B	422	371
Vietnam 5%	400	352
India 5%	390	343
Pakistan 5%	393	346
Pakistan 25%	358	315
Myanmar 5%	390	343
Pakistan Basmati S. Kernel	1,020	897
Pusa Basmati India	875	769
Other Markets	\$/t	€/t
Uruguay 5%	540	475
Argentina 5%	500	440
Brazil Type 1	570	501
USA LG 2/4% Fob US Gulf	675	594
California MG 1/4% - Med -	705	620