



Rice sector and trade News



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News

Press release on LDCs (Source: *Ente Nazionale Risi Note*)

The issue of automatic safeguards on rice imports from Cambodia and Myanmar under the Everything But Arms (EBA) preferential trade scheme has taken a worrying turn. The Danish Presidency of the Council of the European Union has expressed its intention to close the dossier quickly, linking the conclusion of the negotiations to the issue of 'readmission' (agreements on migrants) and proposing an automatic safeguard that, in practice, would risk not being operational.

According to internal sources, the proposal under discussion aims to establish a protection mechanism which, although nominally automatic, would have loopholes and activation thresholds close to current zero-duty import levels, rendering it ineffective in actually protecting the European rice market.

There are signs of growing political will, even within the European Parliament, to conclude negotiations quickly. This pressure is putting a strain on the European Parliament's position of absolute firmness in protecting its rice industry. 'We are facing the real risk that the political need to reach an agreement will prevail over the protection of a strategic sector such as rice cultivation,' says Natalia Bobba, President of the Ente Nazionale Risi. 'Automatic protection cannot be a mere exercise in window dressing. If it is not really capable of protecting Italian and European producers from excessive and distorted competition, it is useless.'

Italy, the undisputed leader in quality rice production in Europe, would suffer the most serious consequences of an ineffective mechanism, seeing its market share further eroded and the economic sustainability of rice farms and the processing industry jeopardised. It is imperative to take urgent action in all negotiating forums (Council and Parliament) to prevent a harmful agreement from being signed.

We call for the safeguard to be a real protection mechanism, not a smokescreen for the Italian and EU rice supply chain.

Food Safety

Rapid Alert System

- A border rejection notification was sent by Netherlands concerning Chlorpyrifos (0.024 mg/kg – ppm) in brown basmati rice from India.
- A border rejection notification was sent by Spain concerning unauthorised-genetically modified in rice cake.
- A border rejection notification was sent by Finland concerning Thiamethoxam (0.012 mg/kg – ppm) in rice from India.



Italian market

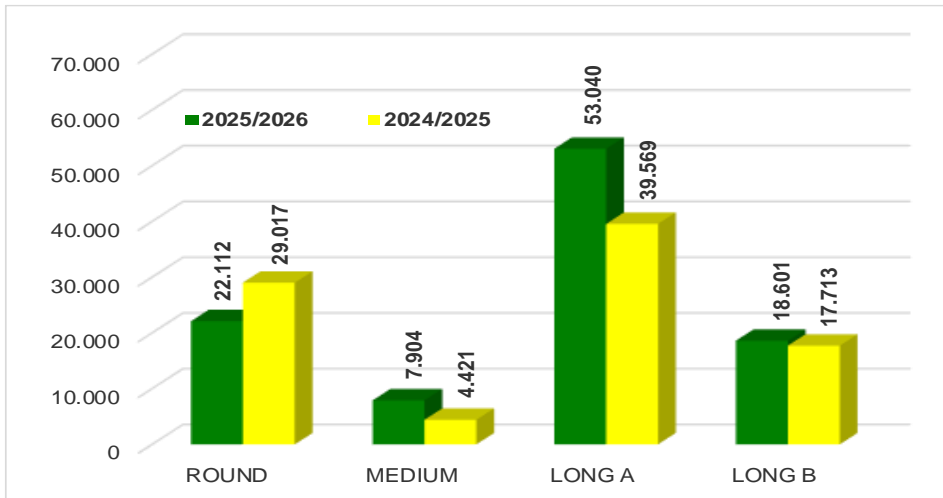
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Paddy rice transfers

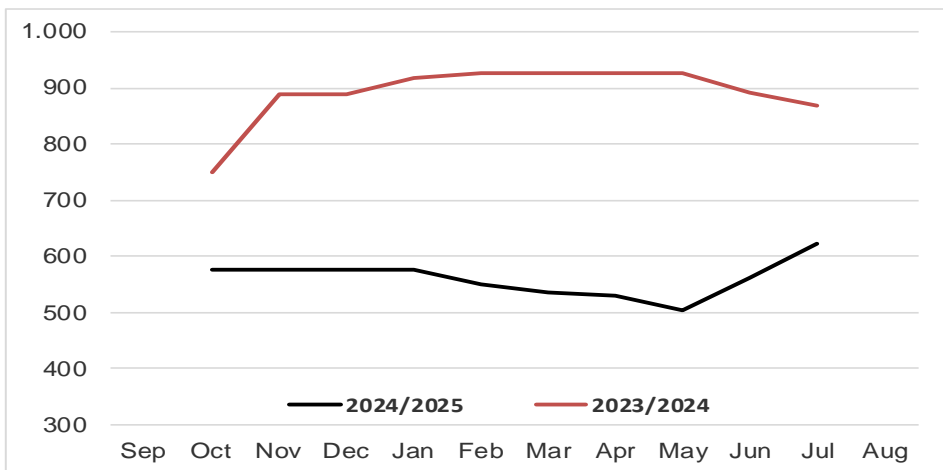
(in tonnes)



This week, producers transferred 16,079 tonnes of “long A”, 7,929 tonnes of “long B”, 7,708 tonnes of “round” and 1,911 tonnes of “medium”, bringing the total for the season to 101,657 tonnes.

Compared to a year ago, transfers are up by 10,937 tonnes (+12%).

Paddy prices Vercelli (€/t)



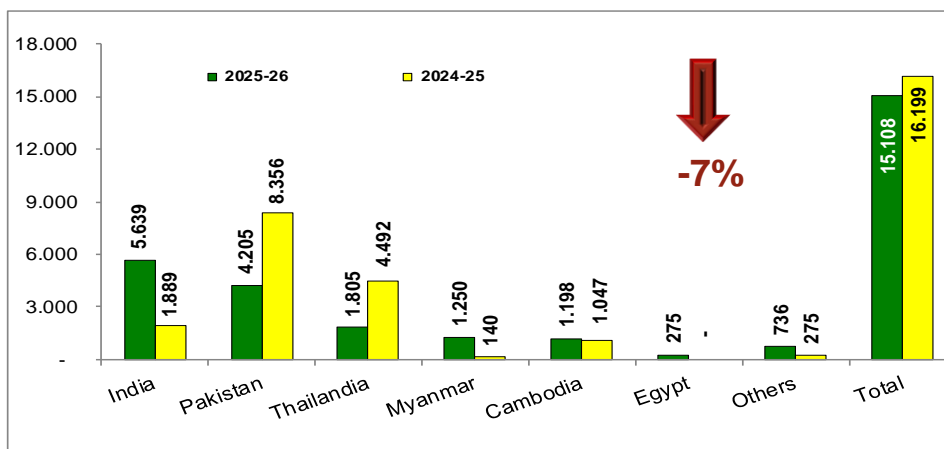
Pending new quotations, below is a graph showing the monthly averages for Carnaroli rice recorded at the Vercelli Commodity Exchange over the last two campaigns.



Import: husked + milled

tonnes in milled rice equivalent

(Source: MAECI Agrim Licences)



Import licences were issued for 15,108 tonnes, in milled rice equivalent, down 1,091 tonnes (-7%) compared to a year ago.

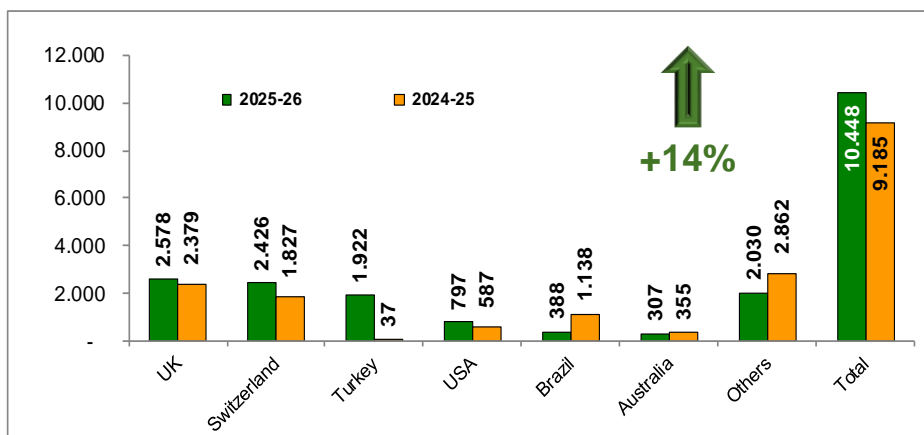
Imports of husked rice amounted to 7,539 tonnes, of which 4,727 tonnes were Basmati rice originating in India and 1,604 tonnes were Basmati rice from Pakistan.

Imports of milled rice amounted to 7,569 tonnes, of which 3,013 tonnes were parboiled milled rice.

Export: husked + milled

tonnes in milled rice equivalent

(Source: ENTE RISI Declaration)



This week's exports amounted to approximately 2,600 tonnes, in milled rice equivalent, bringing the total for the season to 10,448 tonnes, up 1,263 tonnes (+14%) compared to a year ago.

Exports of "medium/long A" and "long B" rice amounted to 6,231 and 1,958 tonnes respectively, representing increases of 29% and 67%, while there was a decline for "round" rice (-29%).



European Union market

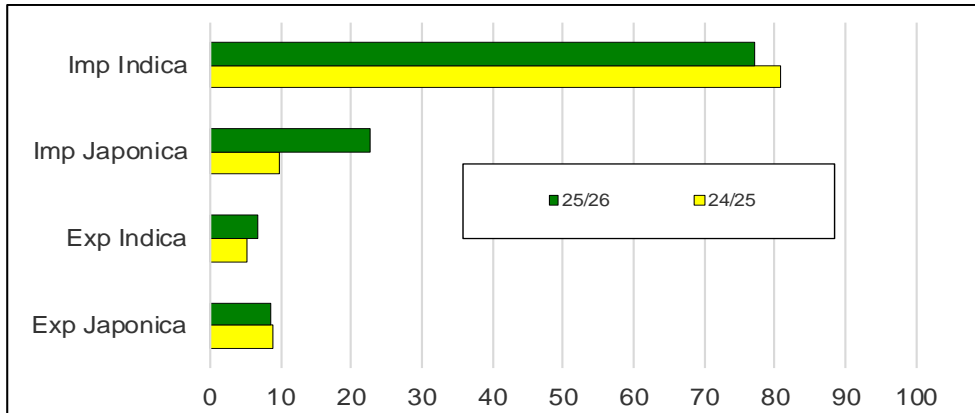
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Import Export EU

(*'000 tonnes milled rice equivalent*)



Data provided by the European Commission show that imports, in milled rice equivalent, increased by 9,341 tonnes (+10%) compared to last season. In fact, volumes rose from 90,336 tonnes a year ago to the current 99,707 tonnes.

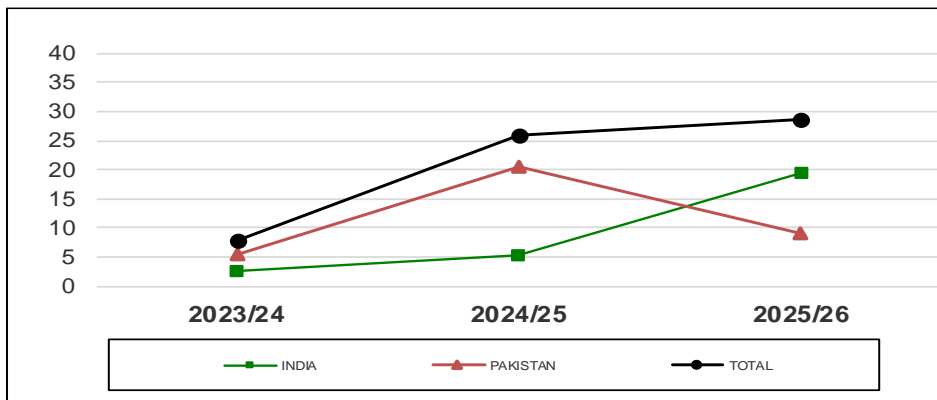
Imports of husked rice, at 41,339 tonnes, show an increase of 37%, while imports of semi-milled/milled rice, at 58,368 tonnes, show a decrease of 3%.

Overall, imports of Japonica rice, amounting to 22,523 tonnes, increased by 133%, while imports of Indica rice, amounting to 77,184 tonnes, decreased by 4%.

Exports recorded an increase in volume. Total exports, amounting to 15,448 tonnes, were up by 1,553 tonnes (+11%) compared to the previous season.

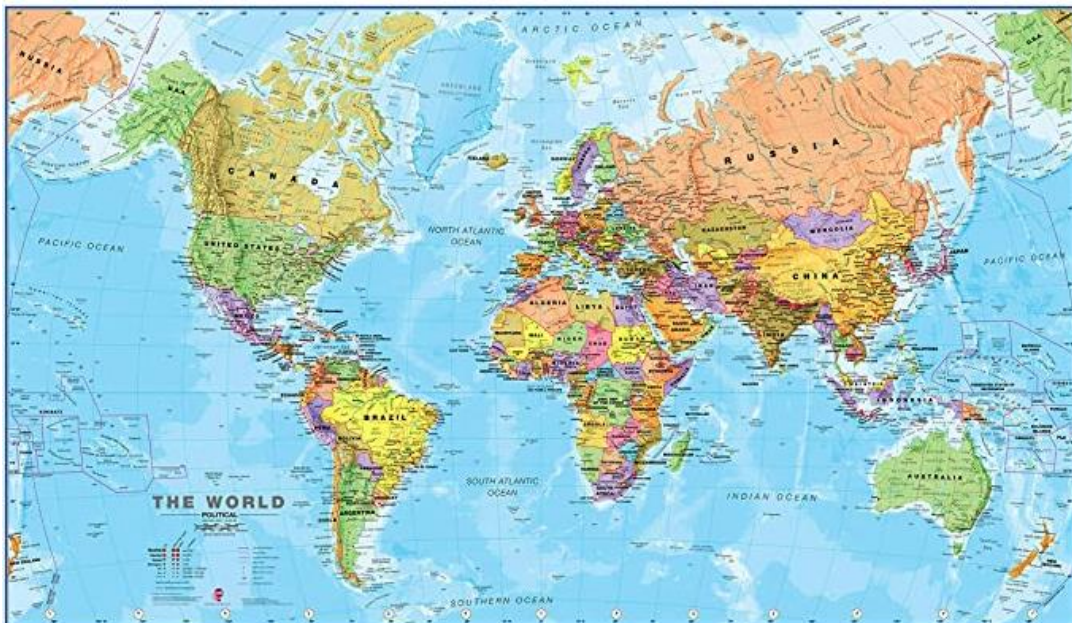
Basmati husked rice imports

(*'000 tonnes*)



Overall, 28,771 tonnes of husked Basmati rice were imported, an increase of 2,889 tonnes (+11%) compared to last year.

Pakistani Basmati rice amounted to 9,213 tonnes, down of 11,430 tonnes (-55%), while Indian Basmati amounted to 19,558 tonnes, up 14,319 tonnes (+273%).



International markets

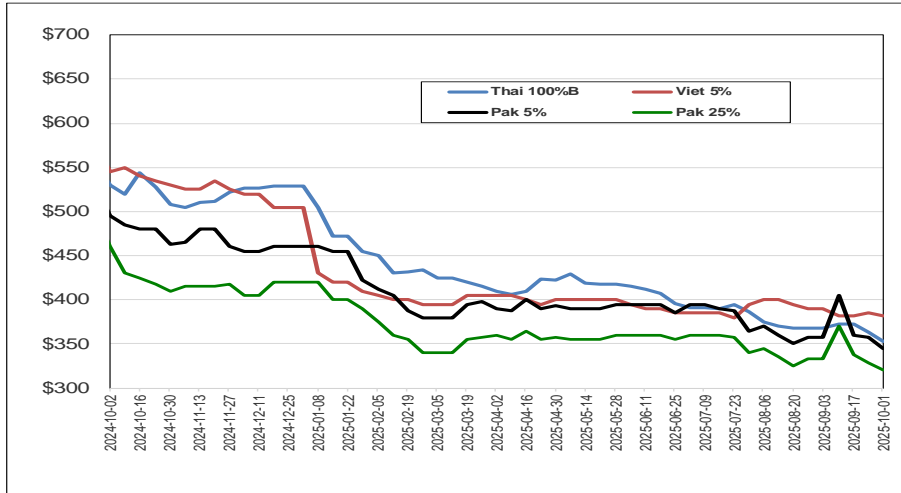
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International prices

(\$/tonnes)



Weekly prices

Milled rice international FOB quotes		
Exchange rate	€1 = \$1,1724	
Asian Markets	\$/t	€/t
Thai 100%B	353	301
Vietnam 5%	382	326
India 5%	380	324
Pakistan 5%	345	294
Pakistan 25%	320	273
Myanmar 5%	330	281
Pakistan Basmati S. Kernel	1.148	979
Pusa Basmati India	925	789
Other Markets	\$/t	€/t
Uruguay 5%	490	418
Argentina 5%	470	401
Brazil Type 1	520	444
USA LG 2/4% Fob Laredo TX	620	529
California MG 1/4% - Med -	850	725