



## WEEKLY UPDATE ON ASEAN PLUS THREE RICE SITUATIONS

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### Cambodia

**Cambodia exported 421,966 tonnes of milled rice in the first nine months of 2017, 16.7 percent rise compared with the same period of 2016.**

During January to September 2017, Cambodian rice has been exported to nearly 70 countries while China remains the largest buyer with the amount of 124,700 tonnes, followed by France and Poland with the amount of 53,900 tonnes and 35,400 tonnes, respectively. Cambodia set to meet the quota of exporting 200,000 tonnes of milled rice to China by the end of 2017, while the Chinese government plans to import 300,000 tonnes of rice from Cambodia in 2018. Furthermore, based on current growth, Cambodian rice shipments are projected to reach the total of 600,000 tonnes for 2017, said the government.

**Source:** KHMER TIMES. (2017, Oct 6). *Cambodia's rice exports keep growing.*

**Source:** Phnom Penh Post. (2017, Oct 6). *Rice exports grow on strength of China quota.*

### Indonesia

**Trade Minister and Agriculture Minister started the distribution of 75,000 tonnes of rice in the market operation to overcome the scarcity of medium rice.**

The scarcity occurred after the government imposed the rice ceiling price which the medium rice is sold at 8,100 Rupiah (0.6 USD) per kilogram. According this, traders who had an adequate stock of medium rice were reluctant to distribute the commodity to the market due to significant reduction in profit. The market operation, which uses the government rice reserve, will be held in Jakarta and run from October 2017 to March 2019, said the trade minister.

\* 1 USD = 13,514 Rupiah

**Source:** The Jakarta Post. (2017, Oct 10). *Trade Ministry distributes 75,000 tons of rice in market operation.*

### Myanmar

**Demand for Myanmar rice production from overseas is rising.**

In the third week of September 2017, Myanmar exported 26,825 tonnes of white rice and parboiled rice, worth 8.1 million USD, and also exported 34,835 tonnes of broken rice, worth 8.5 million USD, up by 5,579 tonnes of white rice and parboiled rice and 27,145 tonnes of broken rice compared to the previous week, said the government. Myanmar exports rice mainly to Bangladesh and China, and also exports to other countries including Singapore, Sri Lanka, Indonesia, Senegal, South Africa, Russia, and Afghanistan.

**Source:** THE MYANMAR TIMES. (2017, Oct 6). *Myanmar diesel imports rise as rice exports improve.*

## **Thailand**

### ***Thailand will export 150,000 tonnes of parboiled rice to Bangladesh.***

This intergovernmental deal is to shore up depleted stocks of the staple food in Bangladesh, according to high domestic prices when its crops were ruined by floods. The price was agreed at 465 USD per tonne, including shipping, insurance, and discharge costs, said the procurement agency of Bangladesh.

**Source:** Bangkok Post. (2017, Oct 9). *Bangladesh to buy rice from Thailand, India.*

## **Viet Nam**

### ***The local government of Can Tho, the southern province in Mekong Delta, has signed a deal to export 100,000 tonnes of Can Tho rice to Iran***

According to the Deputy Director of Can Tho Department of Industry and Trade, in August, an Iranian partner arrived in Can Tho in order to sign a deal with a local rice trader to export approximately 100,000 tonnes of Can Tho rice to Iran by the end of 2017. This is the first time that Can Tho rice has reached this market. If rice exports to Iran gain favourable results, with a stable quality of rice, a long term deal could be reached next year. In the first nine months of 2017, the city's total rice export reached over 638,000 tonnes, worth 262 million USD, up 22 percent in volume and nearly 20 percent in value year on year. With the positive export contracts as mentioned above, Vietnam Food Association (VFA) forecasts that the country's rice exports will reach approximately 5.6 million tonnes for the whole year of 2017.

**Source:** Nhan Dan Online. (2017, Oct 5). *Can Tho exports rice to Iran for the first time.*

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