



## WEEKLY UPDATE ON ASEAN PLUS THREE RICE SITUATIONS

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### **Cambodia**

#### ***Local rice producers sell rice at the discount price amid the lockdown period.***

A number of the Cambodia Rice Federation (CRF) members companies have reduced the retail prices of milled-rice by 10,000-20,000 riel (2.50-5 USD) per 50 kilogrammes sack, as aiming to participate in the government's efforts to improve people's livelihoods during the ongoing two-week lockdown caused by the Covid-19 pandemic in Phnom Penh and adjacent Takhmao town in Kandal. According to the CRF, the current discounts in the seven retail depots depend on the type and quality of rice in the stocks and the discount rate will be last until the situation ease.

**Source:** Phnom Penh Post. (2021, Apr 19). *Local rice producers sell at discount.*

#### ***The Cambodia Rice Federation (CRF) call on Phnom Penh authorities to ease the restrictions of the rice movement.***

The Cambodia Rice Federation (CRF) asked the Phnom Penh authorities to loosen the restrictions on the transportation of milled-rice within the restricted areas in the capital city and adjacent Takhmao town amid a two-week lockdown. If the travelling constraints are eased, the CRF can supply about 40,000

tonnes of milled-rice to the residents in the blocked-off areas. Besides, the federation's members have plenty of paddies to mill if the demand surges during the lockdown period.

**Source:** Phnom Penh Post. (2021, Apr 19). *CRF head ask city hall to ease market circulation of rice.*

### **Philippines**

***The Philippines distributes 10,000 bags of rice contributed by the Republic of Korea.*** The National Food Authority (NFA) South Cotabato Branch Office started the distribution of the 10,000 bags of rice, which was contributed by the Republic of Korea through the ASEAN Plus Three Emergency Rice Reserve programme, to help people affected by the Covid-19 pandemic in the southern Mindanao. The rice was released in two clusters as the first 5,000 bags was handed to Davao region and the remaining 5,000 bags was handed to Region XII, particularly Sultan Kudarat province, North Cotabato and South Cotabato.

**Source:** National Food Authority. (2021, Apr 14).

### **Thailand**

#### ***Thailand will export one million tonnes of rice to Bangladesh under the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).***

On 20 April 2020, Bangladesh signed an MOU with Thailand to import up to one million tonnes of Thai rice annually until 2026 under the government-to-government agreement. Also, the rice price will be fixed after considering the international market price and negotiation between the two countries.

**Source:** Dhaka Tribune. (2021, Apr 20). *Bangladesh signs MoU to import rice from Thailand.*

## Viet Nam

### ***The government will support businesses to expand the rice export market.***

The Ministry of Industry and Trade (MOIT) will cooperate with branches, relevant ministries, and the Viet Nam Food Association to help local businesses effectively implement the deals and gain the most benefit from the markets, especially in the Republic of Korea and the European Union. In relating this, the MOIT would implement mechanisms and policies as remove some technical and trade barriers, focus on international commitments, customs procedures, logistics and credit, as well as build and develop the rice brands.

**Source:** Viet Nam News. (2021, Apr 19). *Firms to get help to expand rice export markets.*

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