



WEEKLY UPDATE ON ASEAN PLUS THREE RICE SITUATIONS

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Indonesia

Indonesia's government will clear old rice stocks by the end of this year.

According to the Minister of Agriculture, the government will distribute 1.7 million tonnes of old rice stockpiles by the end of 2025 to prevent losses due to quality degradation. 360,000 tonnes of old rice will be distributed as social assistance. At the same time, the rest will be allocated to the Food Supply and Price Stabilisation (SPHP) programme. The government will carefully manage SPHP rice distribution by avoiding regions where rice is already selling at low prices to prevent disruptions to local markets. Moreover, lower-quality rice will be used as livestock feed to prevent rogue business actors from reselling it as high-quality rice.

Source: ANTARA News. (2025, July 2). *Govt to clear old rice stocks by year-end : Agriculture Minister.*

Philippines

Maximum suggest retail prices for imported rice cut to 43 PHP (0.76 USD) per kilogramme.

Starting July 16 2025, the maximum suggest retail price (MSRP) for imported rice will be lowered to 43 PHP (0.76 USD) per kilogramme from 45 PHP (0.80 USD) per kilogramme. According to the Department of Agriculture, the decision to lower the ceiling price of 5 percent broken imported rice is driven by easing tensions following the ceasefire between Israel and Iran, the decline in global rice prices, soft

oil prices and positive projections for record harvests from key producers such as India, Pakistan and Thailand.

*1 USD = 56.27 PHP

Source: Philippine Daily Inquirer. (2025, July 3). *Maximum retail price for imported rice cut to P43/kg.*

Thailand

The National Rice Policy and Management Committee (NRPMC) endorses 4 rice projects worth over 50 billion THB (1.54 billion USD). NRPMC has approved 4 projects worth more than 50 billion THB (1.54 billion USD) to maintain price stability and strengthen security for rice farmers. The first project is a paddy rice sales postponement loan programme for the main 2025/2026 crop. Farmers will receive a storage support payment of 1,500 THB (46.15 USD) per tonne. The maximum budget allocation is 9.3 billion THB (0.29 billion USD). The second project will be supported by the Bank for Agriculture and Agriculture Cooperatives (BAAC). BAAC will provide low-interest loans with a supportive budget of more than 656 million THB (20.18 million USD). The third project is an interest compensation programme for rice traders who stockpile for 2 to 6 months in the 2025/2026 season and offers government interest compensation of 3 percent annually with a supporting budget of 642 million THB (19.75 million USD). The final project is a support programme for farmers that promotes suitable cultivation practices. The scheme offers farmers 500 THB (15.38 USD) per rai (0.16 hectares), with a maximum of 10 rai (1.6 hectares), and a budget of 18.9 billion THB (0.58 billion USD).

*1 USD = 32.50 THB

**1 rai = 0.16 hectare

Source: Bangkok Post. (2025, July 2). *Committee endorses 4 rice projects worth over B50bn.*

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