



## News

### Long A rice duty free imports from Myanmar on the rise (Source: Ente Risi Note)

The long B emergency, buffered by the safeguard clause applied from the beginning of the year to PMA for this type of milled and semi-milled rice, is present again for Long A milled rice from Myanmar. Actually, according to custom declarations, from the beginning of this campaign until 31 March 2019, EU imported 22,755 tonnes of milled Japonica rice from Myanmar, 54% of which was Long A rice, while in April alone imports amounted to 11,261 tonnes. Therefore, until 30 April 2019, about 34,000 tonnes of milled Japonica rice were imported, more than twice as much as a year ago (15,370 tonnes) and more than the volume recorded in the last campaign (27,332 tonnes). Ente Nazionale Risi reported its concern at Committee for Common Organisation of Agricultural Markets, in Brussels, on Friday 24 May, with the support of the Spanish and Portuguese delegations.

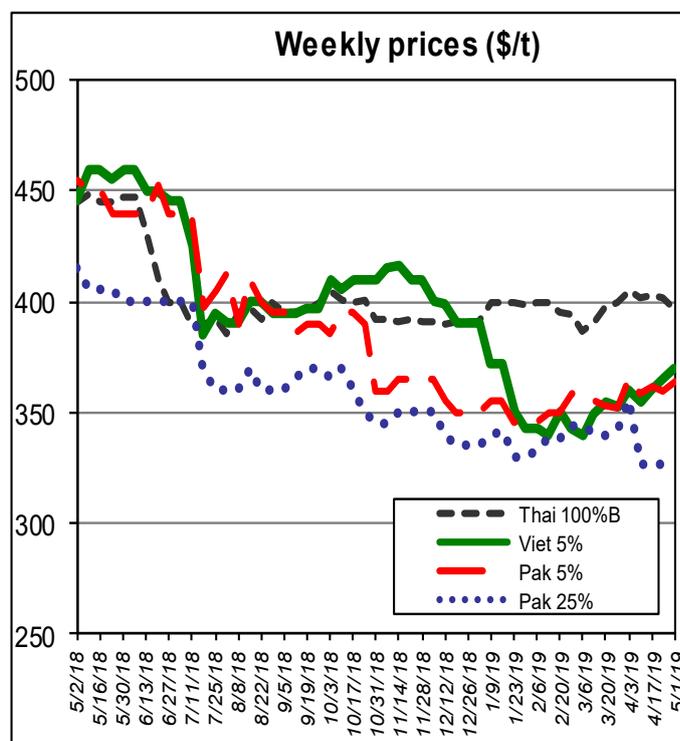
### News on rice markets (Source: <https://livericeindex.com>)

In **Bangladesh**, the government lifted its rice export ban, according to reports citing the Agriculture Minister. This follows an increase in the National Board of Revenue's regulatory duty on rice imports from 3% to 25% last week to support farmers and ease falling rice prices amid large domestic stocks. The government hopes to export 1 - 1.5 million MTS of milled rice this year, although it is not yet clear what varieties and prices will be offered. One trader thought that it would be difficult for Bangladesh to export such large quantities due to a lack of experience in exporting rice.

**Thailand** could export 9.5 million MTS of milled rice in 2019, 500,000 MTS less than the Commerce Ministry's forecast and 14.4% less than in 2018, according to the Thai Rice Exporters' Association (TREA) cited in local reports. This would make Thailand the world's second largest exporter behind India, which is forecast to export 10.5 million MTS and ahead of Vietnam (6.5 million MTS). TREA forecasts that Thailand will export 5.49 million MTS of white rice (+17.4% year-on-year), 2.71 million MTS of parboiled rice (-19.9%), 1.27 million MTS of Hom Mali rice (-22.1%), 390,000 MTS of 100% broken white rice (-43.2%), 260,000 MTS of other fragrant rice varieties (+18.6%), 200,000 MTS of 100% broken glutinous rice (-32.3%) and 180,000 MTS of whole grain glutinous rice (-15.7%).

## International Markets

Milled rice international FOB quotes		
Exchange rate 1 € = 1.1156		
Asian Markets	\$/t	€/t
Thai 100%B	397	356
Vietnam 5%	375	336
India 5%	375	336
Pakistan 5%	372	333
Pakistan 25%	360	323
Cambodia 5%	435	390
Myanmar 5%	345	309
India Basmati trad.	1,450	1,300
Other Markets	\$/t	€/t
Uruguay 5%	528	473
Argentina 5%	523	469
Paraguay 5%	497	446
USA LG 2/5% sacked	505	453
California MG 1/4% Med	825	740



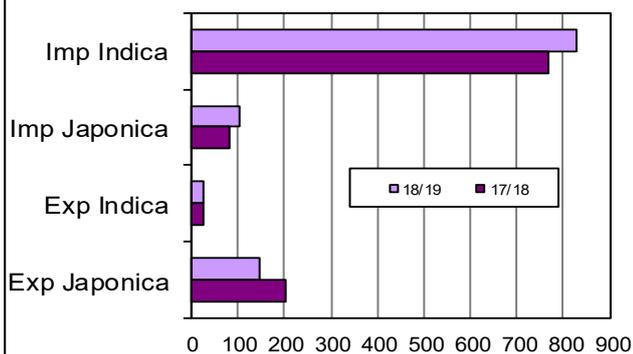
## Food Safety

### Rapid Alert System (Source: EFSA)

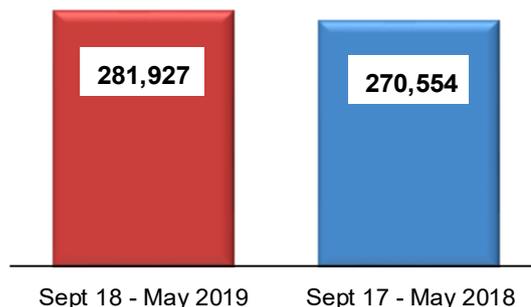
An alert notification was sent by Denmark concerning inorganic arsenic (up to 0.39 mg/kg - ppm) in rice cakes from Poland, with raw material from Italy.

# European Market

Import Export EU ('000 tonnes milled rice equivalent)



Imports from LDCs (tonnes of semi-milled and milled rice)

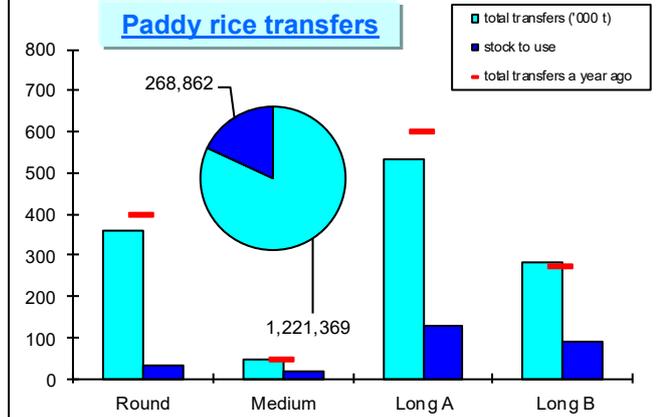


## In focus

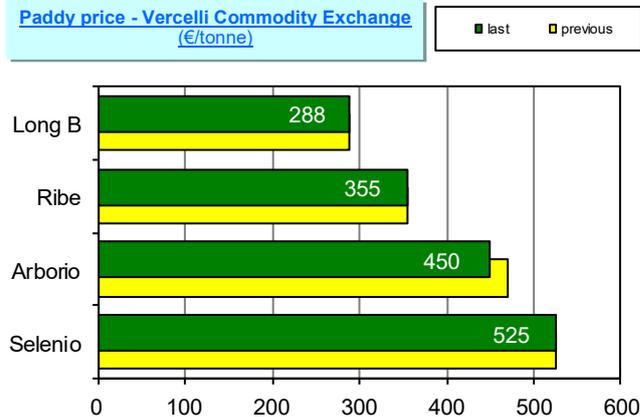
According to custom declarations, EU imports amount to 1,039,193 tonnes, in milled equivalent, 9% more than last year. Semi-milled and milled rice imports from LDCs amount to 281,927 tonnes, in milled equivalent, 11,373 tonnes (+4%) more than a year ago. Imports from Cambodia, which amount to 150,915 tonnes and account for 54% of imports from LDCs, decreased by 35,079 tonnes (-19%). On the contrary, imports from Myanmar, accounting for 46% of imports from LDCs, increased by 47,079 tonnes (+57%). EU exports amount to 196,180 tonnes, in milled equivalent, 21% less than in the previous campaign.

# Italian Market

Paddy rice transfers



Paddy price - Vercelli Commodity Exchange (€/tonne)



## In focus

In the last week paddy rice transfers by farmers reached 26,153 tonnes: 12,547 tonnes of long A grain, 6,360 tonnes of long B grain, 5,851 tonnes of round grain and 1,395 tonnes of medium grain. The total transfers, amounting to 1,221,369 tonnes, decreased by 91,412 tonnes (-7%) compared to last campaign, and account for 82% of the total supply. In particular, transfers reached 91.5% for round grain, 80% for long A grain, 76% for long B grain and 72% for medium grain.

At Commodity Exchange in Vercelli, the paddy prices decreased for Arborio (-€20).

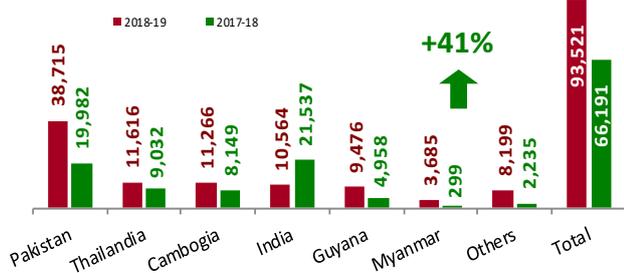
Italian imports amounting to 93,521 tonnes, in milled equivalent, of which 86,886 tonnes are Indica, increased by 27,329 tonnes (+41%) compared to last year.

According to customs declarations (see table at bottom) imports increased by 32,648 tonnes (+47%).

Italian exports amount to 97,923 tonnes, in milled equivalent, 11,628 tonnes (-11%) less than last year.

Import: husked + milled - till 24/05/2019

(tonnes in milled rice equivalent)  
(Source: Mises Agrim Licences)



Export: husked + milled - till 24/05/2019

(tonnes in milled rice equivalent)  
(Source: Mises Agrax Licences)



Italian imports till 26/05/2019 - Customs declarations - Source: DG Agri (tonnes in milled rice equivalent)

Campaing	Paddy			Brown rice			Semi-milled / Milled rice			TOTAL		
	Indica	Japonica	Total	Indica	Japonica	Total	Indica	Japonica	Total	Indica	Japonica	TOTAL
2018/2019	13,715	-	13,715	38,955	2,280	41,235	43,121	3,670	46,791	95,791	5,950	101,741
2017/2018	4,837	-	4,837	32,920	204	33,124	29,495	1,637	31,132	67,252	1,841	69,093