



## News

### UN condemns Myanmar for Rohingya abuses (Source: Ente Nazionale Risi Note)

On 27 December 2019 the United Nations General Assembly adopted a resolution condemning human rights violations perpetrated by Myanmar/Burma against the Rohingya Muslim minority. The resolution calls on the Burmese Government to combat all forms of incitement to hatred against all minorities. For the time being, the European Commission has not reacted to this news, but it will soon have to take it into account by means of the necessary and immediate opening of the procedure for temporary withdrawal of tariff preferences enjoyed by Myanmar as Least Developed Country (LDC). We recall that in February 2019 the European Commission had initiated similar proceedings against Cambodia for violations serious and systematic of the principles laid down in the UN/ILO conventions on human and labour rights (in any case, less serious than those found in Myanmar), for which the results are expected.

### Brexit, House of Commons ratifies the agreement. And now what? (Source: www.money.it)

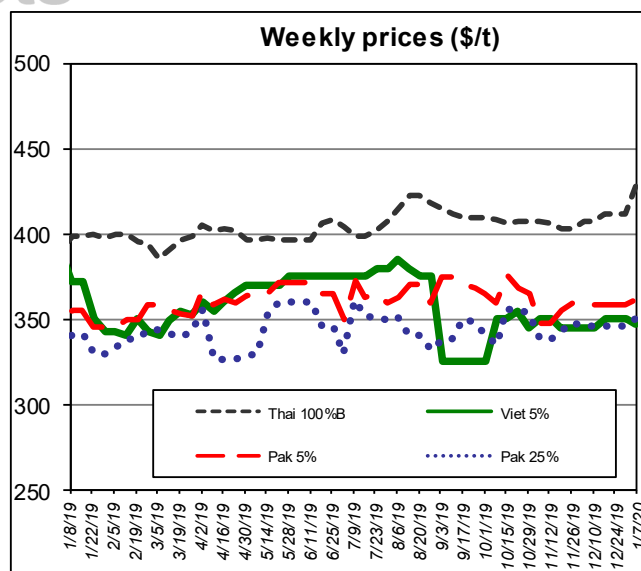
Thursday 9 January the House of Commons of the British Parliament approved the Brexit agreement designed by Boris Johnson. The ball will now pass to the House of Lords, which is expected to raise no objections to the project. The green light from both parliamentary branches, followed by the traditional Royal Assent, will allow the agreement to become effective and the United Kingdom to leave the European Union by 31 January. Of course, the Brexit agreement will also have to pass into the hands of the European Parliament, which will give its opinion on 29 January.

### New Delhi: India has tightened the review standards for rice exports into EU (Source: www.marketresearchvista.com)

The trade and industry ministry amended the export coverage for Basmati and non-Basmati rice from "free" to outbound shipments subject to certificates issued by Export Inspection Council (EIC). "Export to EU member countries and European nations specifically Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland allowed subject to issuance of certificate of review by EIC/Export Inspection Agency," the ministry said in a telling. India's rice export to Europe dropped around 40% in 2018-19 and it is very likely to shrink further this season since rice samples has neglected the testing. "There have been pesticide problems with rice exports. So, these extra checks are put in place," said an official at the know of these particulars. One parts per million (ppm) from 1 ppm for many plants in 2018. After 2018, the export of Basmati from India into EU diminished of 38% in 2018-19 and 35% in 2019-2020 (April-September) respectively, primarily because of the pesticide residue difficulty. According to the notification, the review by export will be compulsory for export to staying European nation but the official stated that exporters are resisting the transfer since the extra checks would raise costs.

## International Markets

Milled rice international FOB quotes		
Exchange rate 1 € = \$1.1115		
Asian Markets	\$/t	€/t
Thai 100%B	429	386
Vietnam 5%	347	312
India 5%	360	324
Pakistan 5%	362	326
Pakistan 25%	350	315
Cambodia 5%	405	364
Myanmar 5%	345	310
India Basmati trad.	1,217	1,094
Other Markets	\$/t	€/t
Uruguay 5%	515	463
Argentina 5%	475	427
Paraguay 5%	465	418
USA LG 2/5% sacked	570	513
California MG 1/4% Med	825	742



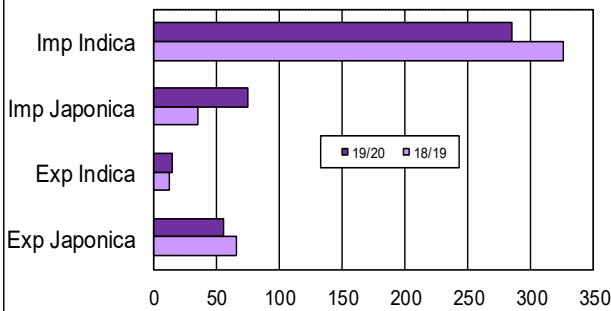
## Food Safety

### Rapid Alert System (Source: EFSA)

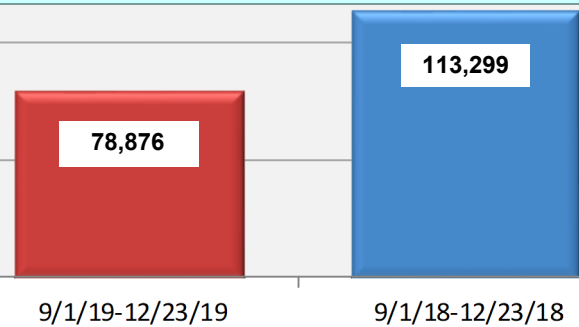
An information for follow-up notification was sent by Denmark concerning organic rice from Italy infested with insects (weevils).  
An information for attention was sent by Switzerland concerning aflatoxins (B1 = 6.8; Tot. = 8.2 µg/kg - ppb) in roasted red rice flour from Sri Lanka.  
A border rejection notification was sent by Finland concerning unauthorised substance tricyclazole (0.026 mg/kg - ppm) in puffed rice from Bangladesh.  
An information for follow-up notification was sent by Netherlands concerning short grain rice from Italy infested with insects (rice weevils).  
A border rejection was sent by Portugal concerning broken rice from Cambodia infested with moulds.  
An information for attention was sent by Switzerland concerning aflatoxins (B1 = 15.6; Tot. = 19.0 µg/kg - ppb) in roasted red rice flour from Sri Lanka.

# European Market

**Import Export EU** ('000 tonnes milled rice equivalent)



**Imports from Cambodia/Myanmar**  
(tonnes of semi-milled and milled rice)

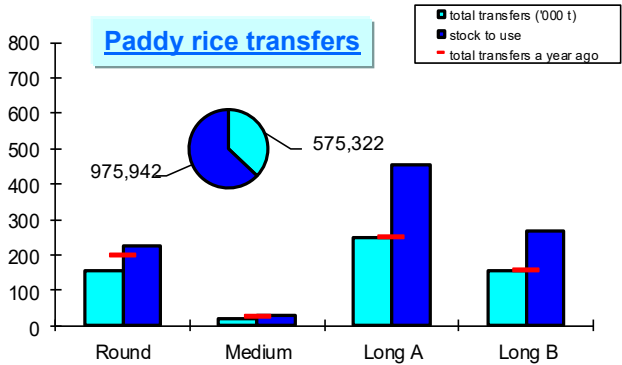


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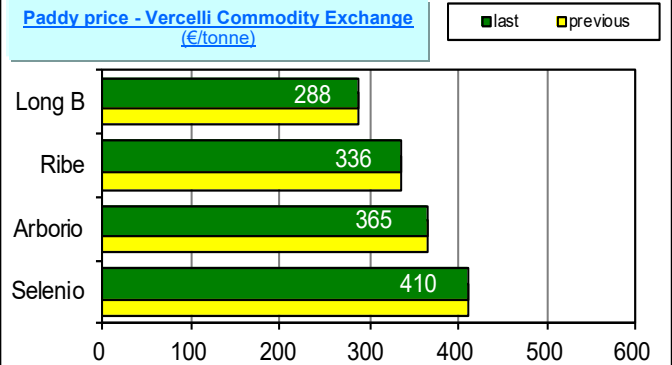
Imports into the EU, updated to 22/12/19, amounted to 389,223 tonnes, processed base, down 1% compared to a year ago. On January 7, 2020 exports amounted to about 71,000 tons compared to about 79,000 tons last year. The contraction of about 8,000 tons (-10%) is mainly due to lower exports of Greece, Portugal and Spain. Imports of milled rice from Cambodia and Myanmar totalled 78,876 tonnes, down 34,423 tonnes (-30%) compared to last year. Cambodian rice imports, amounting to 44,895 tons and those originating in Myanmar, amounting to 33,981 tonnes, fell by 18,807 tonnes (-30%) and 15,616 tonnes respectively tons (-31%).

# Italian Market

**Paddy rice transfers**



**Paddy price - Vercelli Commodity Exchange**  
(€/tonne)

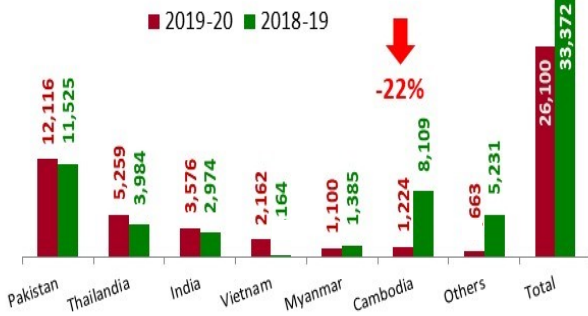


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This week's transfers of paddy rice involved 5,202 tonnes of "long A", 2,920 tonnes of "long B", 660 tonnes of "round" and 209 tonnes of "medium", for a total of 8,991 tons. Since the start of the campaign, the total volume transferred has stood at 575,322 tonnes, down by 43,251 tonnes (-7%) compared to last campaign. At the Vercelli Stock Exchange there is no change in the reference prices. During the first four months of the 2019/20 marketing year, import licences were issued for husked and milled rice amounting to 26,100 tons, processed base, down 7,272 tons (-22%) compared to a year ago. The licences concerned 23,011 tonnes of "long B", 1,485 of "long A", 1,359 tonnes of "round" and 245 tonnes of "medium". The table relating to the quantities actually cleared through customs refers to 22 December 2019, pending the publication of the new update by the Commission. The quantity cleared through customs fell by 10,575 tonnes (-29%), see table below. The volume exported are similar to the previous marketing year. With about 6,600 tons, Switzerland maintains its leadership as the first trading partner country for Italian operators, followed by Jordan, Lebanon and Turkey with 5,117, 4,022 and 3,710 tonnes respectively. Exports to these last three destinations cover the 36% of total volume.

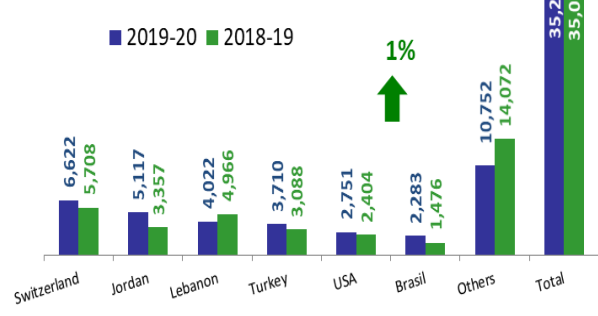
**Import: husked + milled - till 1/3/2020**

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



**Export: husked + milled - till 1/3/2020**

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



**Italian imports till 12/22/2019 - Customs declarations - Source: DG Agri** (tonnes in milled rice equivalent)

Campaig	Paddy			Brown rice			Semi-milled / Milled rice			TOTAL		
	Indica	Japonica	Total	Indica	Japonica	Total	Indica	Japonica	Total	Indica	Japonica	TOTAL
2019/2020	3,949	-	3,949	8,027	1,481	9,508	10,735	1,393	12,128	22,711	2,874	25,585
2018/2019	5,832	-	5,832	9,341	222	9,563	20,030	735	20,765	35,203	957	36,160