



News

This Commission does not care about European rice (Source: Ente Nazionale Risi Note)

The decision that the European Commission is taking in these days with regard to the temporary withdrawal of EBA concessions to Cambodia due to the violation of human rights **is seriously damaging to respect for European rice production and its chain.**

Having established repeated violations of human, civil and labour rights in Cambodia, the European Commission is now preparing to revoke EBA concessions products by means of a delegated act proposed in Brussels in recent days.

The Commission has drawn up a list of products that will have to pay duties for their entry into the EU by including low value-added garments, sugar, shoes, travel products and **NOT including rice** because the safeguard clause is already applied to it.

The delegated act could be adopted collectively by the Commission on **12 February 2020** and, after obtaining the opinions of the European Parliament and the Council, which should be delivered by next April 2020, the act should be applied from August 2020.

The Commission's absurd decision is unjustified, having to consider that the safeguard clause for milled Indica rice will be applied until 18/01/2022 and that an action brought by the Cambodian authorities to annul the regulation establishing the clause is pending before the EU Court.

The inclusion of rice in the measure temporarily withdrawing the EBA concessions to Cambodia, that has already been the subject of criticism and positions taken by the Minister Bellanova, could have represented an opportunity for the sector to curb imports of rice from that Country which, despite the reduction in flows in the last year of marketing, remains the first supplier of milled rice to the European Union.

The President of the Ente Nazionale Risi Paolo Carrà said, "Once again the Commission shows a dull short-sightedness, entrenched behind rigid technicalities. How is it possible that in the face of blatant and recognised violations of human rights, both by the Commission itself and by the UN, the Commission wants to take an incomplete decision with regard to Cambodia by excluding rice from the list of products that will no longer benefit from tariff exemption? In addition, how much longer will we have to wait for a strong position on Myanmar?".

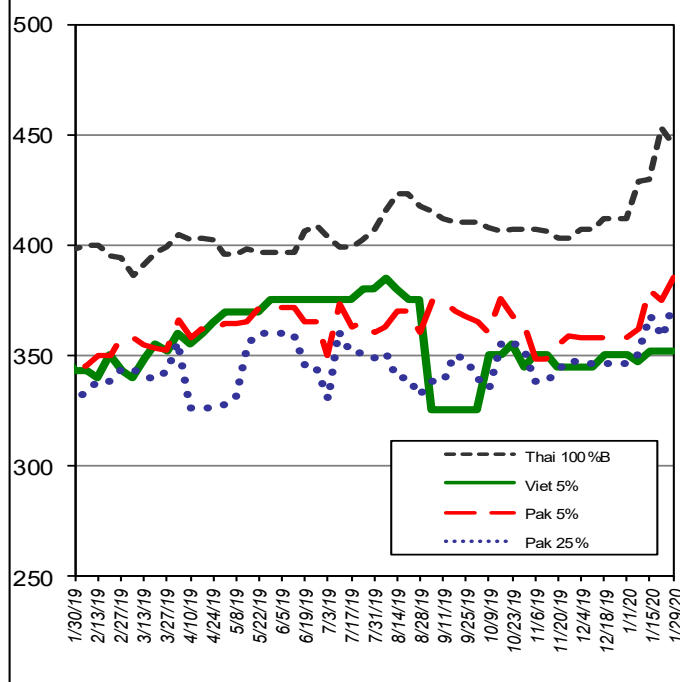
International Markets

Milled rice international FOB quotes

Exchange rate 1 € = 1.1105

Asian Markets	\$/t	€/t
Thai 100%B	445	404
Vietnam 5%	352	320
India 5%	360	327
Pakistan 5%	385	350
Pakistan 25%	373	339
Cambodia 5%	460	418
Myanmar 5%	350	318
India Basmati trad.	1200	1090
Other Markets	\$/t	€/t
Uruguay 5%	515	468
Argentina 5%	475	432
Paraguay 5%	465	423
USA LG 2/5% sacked	595	541
California MG 1/4% Med	825	750

Weekly prices (\$/t)



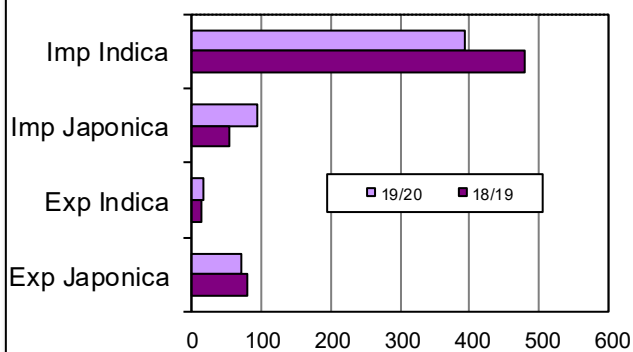
Food Safety

Rapid Alert System (Source: EFSA)

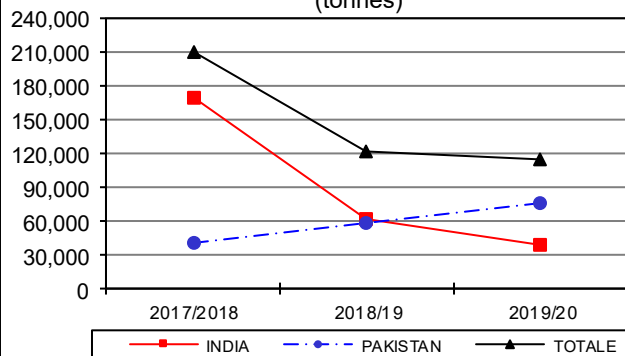
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European Market

Import Export EU ('000 tonnes milled rice equivalent)



Basmati husked rice imports (tonnes)

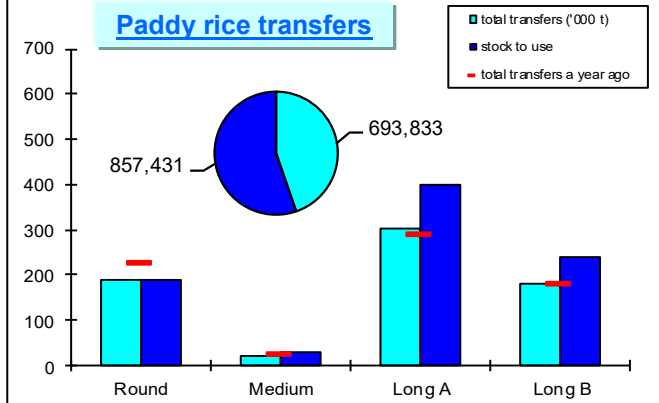


In focus

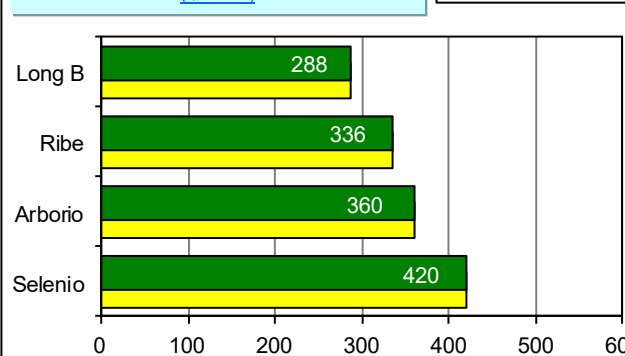
EU imports amount to 487,600 tonnes, in milled equivalent, 45,590 tonnes (-9%) less than last year. Indica rice imports amount to 391,761 tonnes, accounting for 80% of the total volume cleared through customs, the remaining 20% (95,839 tonnes) being Japonica rice imports. Brown rice Basmati imports, amounting to 115,400 tonnes, decreased by 5,852 tonnes (-5%) compared to the campaign 2018/2019. Basmati imports from Pakistan increased by 30%, whereas these from India decreased by 37%. According to Agrex licences, EU exports amount to 89,196 tonnes, in milled equivalent, 5,534 tonnes, (-6%) less than last year.

Italian Market

Paddy rice transfers



Paddy price - Vercelli Commodity Exchange (€/tonne)



In focus

In the last week paddy rice transfers by farmers reached 38,913 tonnes: 16,948 tonnes of long A grain, 13,816 tonnes of round grain, 7,253 tonnes of long B grain and 896 tonnes of medium grain. The total transfers decreased by 33,090 tonnes (-5%) compared to last campaign: round and medium grain decreased by 40,221 and 5,650 tonnes respectively, whereas long A and long B grain increased by 11,519 and 1,262 tonnes respectively.

At Commodity Exchange in Vercelli, the paddy prices did not change.

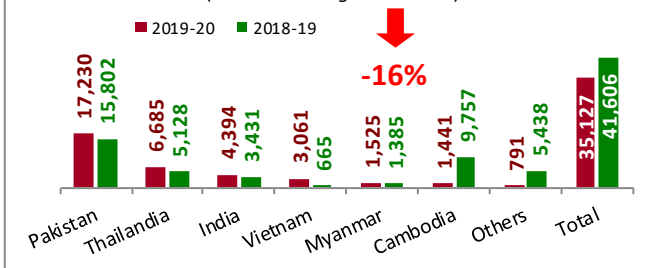
Italian imports, amounting to 35,127 tonnes, in milled equivalent, decreased by about 6,400 tonnes (-16%) compared to last year. Imports from Pakistan, Thailand, India and Vietnam amounting to 31,370 tonnes, account for 89% of the total volume, whereas imports from Cambodia and Myanmar, amounting to about 3,000 tonnes account for 8%.

According to customs declarations, imports amount to about 34,000 tonnes, decreasing by 12,320 tonnes (-27%) year-on-year.

Italian exports amount to 42,706 tonnes, in milled equivalent, 1,700 tonnes (-4%) less than last year, when amounted to 44,467 tonnes.

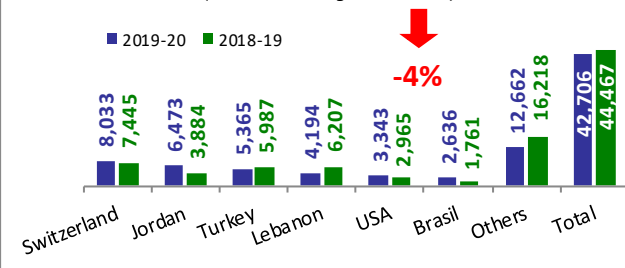
Import: husked + milled - till 24/01/2020

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



Export: husked + milled - till 24/01/2020

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



Italian imports till 26/01/2020 - 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
2019/2020	3.949	-	3.949	11.577	1.495	13.072	15.304	1.726	17.030	30.830	3.221	34.051
2018/2019	5.832	-	5.832	11.883	401	12.284	27.297	958	28.255	45.012	1.359	46.371