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#### **Weekly rice report, Brussels, September 18, 2000**

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#### **Report Highlights:**

**This weekly report contains data on rice prices in the U.S., Thailand and the EU. It also lists current import duties and export subsidies in the EU. All information will be published as such in the weekly USDA publication "Rice Market News".**

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Includes PSD changes: No

Includes Trade Matrix: No

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### (1) MARKET SUMMARY

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U.S. rice prices have strengthened again owing to both the lowering in estimated stocks and the uncertainty about the quality of the new rice crop in the Mississippi delta. Export prices for milled rice, both long grain and medium grain, have increased by \$0.25/100 lbs compared to last week. Reduced supplies of long grain rice in MY 2000/01, in addition to strong demand for rice under food aid programs are expected to keep U.S. rice prices from decreasing in the next couple of months.

Thai rice prices have improved a little after several weeks of weakening due to lack of export demand. Activity in export ports is still minimal but heavy rains in northern parts of the country threaten to damage the rice crop, resulting in price rises.

With no free market tenders open for EU rice, representative EU export prices are not yet available. On August 31, 2000, about 700,000 MT of paddy rice was stored in intervention. The majority of intervention rice is stored in Italy (52 percent of the total EU volume), the remainder in Spain (22 percent), Greece (18 percent), and France (8 percent).

### COMMISSION AWARDS UNDER OPEN MARKET EXPORT TENDERS

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No awards, as open market tenders for rice expired on June 29, 2000.

### (2) LOWEST OFFERING PRICES BASIS C&F ARAG (UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED)

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#### (A) WHOLE LONG-GRAIN

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	US\$/MT	US\$/100 LBS
	Bulk	Bulk
<b>UNITED STATES:</b>		
2 Milled 4 pct *	259.03	11.75
2 Brown 4/73 pct	242.50	11.00
1 Brown parb 4/88 **	281.07	12.75
Medium Milled 2/4 *	242.50	11.00

\* F.A.S. basis

\*\* While nominal price quotes are for 1 BROWN PARB 4/88, these quotes in reality refer to rice that meets all U.S.

No.1 requirements except for one or two categories. Current and historical trade practice is for rice shipped to the EU to be graded only as No.2 and to be further processed upon arrival.

	US\$/MT	US\$/100 LBS
	Bulk-Rotterdam	Bulk
<b>THAILAND:</b>		
TWR 100% B	235.00 C&F	10.66
Parb LZ 4-88%	280.00 C&F	12.70
Loonzain 100% B	220.00 C&F	9.98
A1 Super	198.00 C&F	8.98
Fragrant WR 100%	560.00 C&F	25.40
Fragrant LZ Super	500.00 C&F	22.68
Fragrant LZ Supreme	520.00 C&F	23.59

	Lira/kg	US\$/MT	US\$/100 LBS
	Bulk	Bulk	Bulk
<b>EUROPEAN UNION *:</b>			
Milled LG 5 Pct **	910	403.24	18.29
Milled parb LG **	1200	531.75	24.12

(B) WHOLE RMG

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	Lira/kg	US\$/MT	US\$/100 LBS
	Bulk	Bulk	Bulk
<b>ITALY*:</b>			
Milled Medium ***	930	412.10	18.69
Camolino 5 Pct (FOB)	N/A	N/A	N/A

\*U.S / Lira exchange 09/18/00 \$1= 2256.72

\*\* Domestic prices, converted into \$ from quotations in ITL/kg

\*\*\* export prices, FOT basis

(3) IMPORT LEVIES ARE CHANGED SINCE 09/14/00

	EUR/MT	EUR/MT	US\$/MT	US\$/MT
	General	ACP	General	ACP
Brown RG+MG Regul + Parb	119.76	37.58	103.17	32.38
Brown LG Regul + Parb	209.84	69.10	180.78	59.53
Milled RG Regul + Parb	416.00	133.21	358.38	114.76
Milled MG + LG Regul + Parb	416.00	133.21	358.38	114.76
Brokens	128.00	41.18	110.27	35.48

EURO/US\$ exchange rate 09/18/00 0.8615

(4) EXPORT SUBSIDIES ON RICE, effective 09/01/2000

	EUR/MT	US\$/MT
Brown RG+MG+LG Reg, RG+MG+LG Parb, to Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Livigno and Campione d'Italia (R01)	79.00	68.06
Semi-milled RG+MG+LG Reg, RG+MG+LG Parb to Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Livigno and Campione d'Italia (R01)	79.00	68.06
Milled RG+MG+LG Reg, RG+MG+LG Parb, to Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Livigno and Campione d'Italia (R01)	99.00	85.29
Milled RG+MG+LG Reg, RG+MG+LG Parb, to destinations R02 (see below)	105.00	90.46
Milled RG+MG+LG Reg, RG+MG+LG Parb, to destinations R03 (see below)	110.00	94.77
Wholly milled rice RG+MG+LG, to Ceuta and Melilla (Destinat. 021 and 023)	105.00	90.46
Milled RG+MG+LG Reg, RG+MG+LG Parb, to destinations mentioned in Art. 34 of amended Comm. Reg. 3665/87 (=Supplies to internat. organiz. established in the EU, supplies to armed forces etc.) (Destination A97)	105.00	90.46

The issue of export licenses with advance fixing of the refund is suspended except for:

Destination R01: 5,000 MT

Destinations R02, R03: 5,000 MT

Destinations 021 and 023: 1,000 MT

Destination A97: 300 MT.

R01: Switzerland, Liechtenstein, communes of Livigno and Campione d'Italia

R02: Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Malta, Egypt, Israel, Lebanon, Syria, Ex-Spanish Sahara, Cyprus, Jordan, Iraq, Iran, Yemen, Kuwait, United Arab Emirates, Oman, Bahrain, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, West Bank/Gaza Strip, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Czech Republic, Slovenia, Slovakia, Norway, Faroe Island, Iceland, Russia, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Yugoslavia, former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Albania, Romania, Bulgaria, Georgia, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Moldova, Ukraine, Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan.

R03: Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia, Chile, Argentina, Uruguay, Paraguay, Brazil, Venezuela, Canada, Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Panama, Cuba, Bermuda, South Africa, Australia, New Zealand, Hong Kong SAR, A40, A11 except Suriname, Guyana and Madagascar.