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Report Highlights:

Due to Chile's smaller rice plantings in MY2004, imports are expected to keep expending.

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Executive Summary

As a result of a significant fall in rice plantings in MY2004, a smaller total output is expected and imports will expand further to meet expanding domestic consumption

Production General

Rice plantings in Chile have varied between 25 and 30 thousand hectares during the last 4 years. Yields have varied depending on weather conditions during the growing season between 4.9 to 5.1 Metric Tons per Hectare. For MY2004 plantings fell significantly when compared to the previous year. Officials at the Ministry of Agriculture have indicated that, since there is not enough snow accumulation in the high mountains, there may not be sufficient water available for rice production, so farmers have reduced their plantings significantly.

Trade

Chile imports rice mainly from Thailand. Trade sources have indicated that Thailand's lower prices are the main reason for buying Thai rice. Imports from Argentina and Uruguay correspond normally to higher quality rice (parboiled). Trade sources indicated that they are presently importing parboiled Thai rice for lower prices than the prices quoted from Argentina and Uruguay.

Table 1: Average Prices Paid for Rice Imports (US\$/M.T. CIF)

Country of Origin	CY2002	CY2003
U.S.	253.47	250.60
Thailand	232.78	236.29
Argentina	263.41	292.79
Uruguay	298.93	335.36
Source: Central Bank		

Table 2: Average Price for Thai Rice (FOB Bangkok, long grain, 5% broken)

Year	Average Price (US\$/Ton)	Index
2001	175.34	100.0
2002	192.31	109.7
2003 (Jan-Oct)	198.20	113.0
Source: Odepa (Ministry of Agriculture)		

As rice production is expected to fall due to a smaller planted area, imports are expected to expand further in MY2004.

PS&D Table – Rice, Milled

Country Commodity	Chile Rice, Milled						UOM
	(1000 HA)		(1000 MT)				
Market Year Begin	2002 USDA Official [Estimate]	Revised [Estimate]	2003 DA Official [Estimate]	Estimate [Estimate]	2004 DA Official [Estimate]	Forecast [Estimate]	MM/YYYY
Area Harvested	30	28	30	28	0	24	(1000 HA)
Beginning Stocks	49	49	57	29	82	32	(1000 MT)
Milled Production	80	91	80	90	0	80	(1000 MT)
Rough Production	125	142	125	141	0	125	(1000 MT)
MILLING RATE (.9999)	6400	6400	6400	6400	0	6400	(1000 MT)
TOTAL Imports	98	59	125	85	0	95	(1000 MT)
Jan-Dec Imports	150	64	200	80	0	0	(1000 MT)
Jan-Dec Import U.S.	0	17	0	9	0	0	(1000 MT)
TOTAL SUPPLY	227	199	262	204	82	207	(1000 MT)
TOTAL Exports	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
Jan-Dec Exports	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
TOTAL Dom. Consumption	170	170	180	172	0	174	(1000 MT)
Ending Stocks	57	29	82	32	0	33	(1000 MT)
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	227	199	262	204	0	207	(1000 MT)

Import Trade Matrix – Rice, Milled

In the Matrix Below, data for 2002 are for January – December and for 2003 are for January – September only.

Country Commodity	Chile Rice, Milled		
Time Period	Jan-Dec	Units: M.T.	
Imports for:	2002	2003	
U.S.	16594	7131	
Others	Others		
Thailand	20397	Thailand	56049
Argentina	17724	Uruguay	3131
Uruguay	6798	Argentina	1757
Brazil	2224	China	749
Pakistan	233	Brazil	398
So. Korea	9	Egypt	325
Italy	8	Vietnam	150
India	5	Sri Lanka	40
		So. Korea	27
		Italy	15
Total for Others	47398		62641
Others not Listed	23		303
Grand Total	64015		70075