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Report Highlights:

Council of Agriculture (COA) announced on November 3 the first two tenders for the 2008 public sector quota for U.S. origin medium/short grain rice. Both tenders are for 10,000 mt and are scheduled for November 18. Taiwan also scheduled a re-tender for 1,000 tons of short grain milled glutinous rice on a global basis for November 11. COA plans to announce and issue tenders for all the 2008 quotas under the traditional tender regime by the end of the year.

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Rice Tender Announcements for 2007 & 2008 Public Sector Imports

I. Announcement of the 2008 Quota for Public Sector Imports

COA announced on November 3 the first two tenders (GF4-970244 for milled rice and GF4-970245 for brown rice) for 2008 public sector quota for U.S. origin medium or short grain rice. Both tenders are for 10,000 mt and are scheduled for November 18. Both tenders are for new U.S. rice crop. The remaining quotas under traditional tender, 38,934 tons US origin and 8,634 tons Australia origin, will be announced soon, according to COA.

All 2008 rice tenders quota under the Simultaneous-Buy-Sell (SBS) regime are completed. On October 27, Taiwan awarded the pending 500 tons of U.S. SBS quota to one U.S. rice importer/supplier at the floor price NT\$0.501/kg, the lowest markup in the record reflecting the current high rice price. The U.S. quota under SBS is 4,200 tons in 2008.

Table 1 – Taiwan's import progress on the 2008 quota for public sector imports

Country	SBS	Traditional	Total
Egypt	2,500 (2,500)*	0	2,500
Thailand	8,300(8,300)*	0	8,300
Australia	10,000 (290; 9,711)**	8,634	18,634
USA	4,200(4,200)*	60,434	64,634
Total	25,000	69,068	94,068

II. Tender announced for unfilled 2007 Quota for Public Sector Imports

COA has recently scheduled the Tender GF4-960-245-5 for 1,000 tons (1,150 tons brown equivalent) of short grain milled glutinous rice on a global basis for November 11. At the last tendering session only one bidder participated and met the new technical bidding requirements. Taiwan modified the broken kernel specification to 10 percent from previous 5 percent aiming to have more than one participant enter the price bidding.

Table 2 – Taiwan unfilled 2007 quota for public sector imports

Country	SBS	Traditional	Total
Global (before CSQ)	9,100 (9,100)	NA	9,100
Egypt	2,258(2,258)	0	2,258
Thailand	6,347(6,347)	1,150	7,497
Australia	500(40;460)	16,331 (0; 16,331)	16,831
USA	1,795(1,795)	56,587 (24,550; NA)	58,382
Total	20,000	74,068	94,068

* Filled CSQ quota

** For Australia the numbers in parenthesis reflect CSQ transferred to global quota because of supply problems.