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## **Results of the First SBS Rice Tender**

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### **Report Highlights:**

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#### **Executive Summary**

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On May 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Food Agency of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries conducted its first Simultaneous Buy and Sell (SBS) rice tender under the Uruguay Round minimum access agreement for Japan Fiscal Year 2000 (April 2000 - March 2001). A total of 30,000 metric tons of foreign rice was contracted (26,970 tons for table rice and 3,030 tons of broken rice for processing). China and the United States were the largest suppliers with China securing 11,460 metric tons, or 38.2 percent market share, and the United States accounting for 11,328 metric tons, or 37.8 percent market share. Australia offered its 2000 crop but only secured 6,800 metric tons, or 22.7 percent of the total.

Overall, the results were, in metric tons (percent): U.S. - 11,328 (37.8); Australia - 6,800 (22.7); China - 11,460 (38.2); Thailand - 266 (0.9); Vietnam - 414 (0.1); Pakistan - 76 (0.3), and Italy - 34 (0.1).

Results of 1<sup>st</sup> JFY'2000 SBS Tender (Metric Tons, Yen/Metric Ton)

Country	Quantity Applied (MT)	Туре	Quantity Awarded (MT)	Food Agency's Purchase Price (YEN/MT)	Food Agency's Selling Price (YEN/MT)
U.S.A.	1,096 13,650 116 5,968 4,801 25,631	Short/Brown Short/Milled Medium/Milled Glut./Short/Milled Broken/Milled TOTAL	108 6,120 98 3,096 1,906 11,328	59,900 69,280 67,367 68,458 50,984	264,500 261,348 264,000 259,247 108,778
China	992 41,960 1,170 2,788 46,910	Short/Brown Short/Milled Glut./Short/Milled Broken/Milled TOTAL	492 9,548 642 778 11,460	50,598 60,742 71,711 53,663	248,683 250,471 258,271 112,199

Australia	2,338 7,535 1,497 11,370	Short/Brown Short/Milled Broken/Milled TOTAL	1,915 4,723 162 6,800	72,191 78,966 58,505	263,681 268,932 113,956
Thailand	154 17 2,660 2,831	Long/Milled Glut./Long/Milled Broken/Milled TOTAL	118 0 148 266	70,305 - 33,189	259,364 - 92,878 -
Uruguay	486	Short/brown	0	-	-
Vietnam	414	Broken/Milled	36	35,700	90,700
Pakistan	130	Long/Milled	76	125,211	320,053
India	18	Long/Milled	0	0	0
Italy	34	Medium/Milled	34	185,650	384,000
GRAND TOTAL	87,824	-	30,000	-	-