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Results of the Fourth SBS Rice Tender 1998

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Report Highlights:

On December 9th the Food Agency of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries conducted its fourth SBS rice tender. A total of 30,000 metric tons of foreign rice was contracted with China accounting for 17,081 metric tons, or 56.9 percent of the total. The United States followed with 6,508 metric tons, or 21.7 percent of the total.

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On December 9th, the Food Agency of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries conducted its fourth Simultaneous Buy and Sell (SBS) rice tender under the Uruguay Round minimum access agreement for the Japanese Fiscal Year 1998 (April 1998 - March 1999). A total of 30,000 metric tons of foreign rice was contracted (24,090 tons for table rice and 5,910 tons of broken rice for processing). China accounted for 17,081 metric tons, or 56.9 percent of the total. China's market share for table use (excluding broken rice) reached 69.1 percent due to its strong price competitiveness and ease in blending for institutional uses. The United States followed with 6,508 metric tons, or 21.7 percent market share.

Overall, the results were, in metric tons (percent): U.S. - 6,508 (21.7); China - 17,081 (56.9); Australia - 2,022 (6.7); Thailand - 4,277 (14.1); Uruguay - 144 (-), and India - 18 (-).

Results of 4th JFY'98 SBS Tender
(Metric Tons, Yen/Metric Ton)

Country	Quantity Applied (MT)	Type	Quantity Awarded (MT)	Food Purchase Price (YEN/MT)	Agency's Selling Price (YEN/MT)
U.S.A.	9,304	Short/Brown	2,944	102,782	271,353
	234	Glut./Short/Brown	126	85,286	263,857
	4,176	Short/Milled	1,314	105,458	272,946
	334	Medium/Milled	54	100,001	273,600
	5,907	Glut./Short/Milled	1,980	100,960	268,259
	6,438	Broken/Milled	90	80,001	131,600
	26,393	TOTAL	6,508	-	-
China	6,721	Short/Brown	1,980	78,839	246,914
	50,440	Short/Milled	14,669	79,886	247,080
	198	Glut./Short/Milled	0	-	-
	1,926	Broken/Milled	432	68,200	120,925
	59,285	TOTAL	17,081	-	-
Australia	798	Short/Brown	583	100,004	270,011
	518	Short/Milled	125	112,010	282,020
	215	Medium/Milled	0	-	-
	3,778	Broken/Milled	1,314	71,494	119,771
	5,682	TOTAL	2,073	-	-
Thailand	299	Long/Milled	95	83,179	252,642
	163	Glut./Long/Milled	58	85,000	255,000
	6,920	Broken/Milled	4,074	45,520	96,866
	7,382	TOTAL	4,227	-	-
Uruguay	144	Short/brown	144	80,000	247,000

India	18 54 72	Long/Milled Broken/Milled TOTAL	18 0 18	180,000 - -	347,000 - -
Vietnam	612	Broken/Milled	0	-	-
Pakistan	52	Long/Milled	0	-	-
GRAND TOTAL	100,101	-	30,000	-	-