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**Report Highlights:**

This report replaces the January Rice Trade - Monthly report published on January 21, 2022. Post corrected the figure for the second season rice crop area from 9.7 to 0.97 million hectares in the Burmese Rice Production Section. Post forecasts higher Burmese rice exports in January in anticipation of regular demand from China through official channels, increased broken rice demand from EU countries, and continued demand from the Philippines. Domestic prices for both Emata and Shwe Bo Pawsan in January will likely remain stable as supplies from the new crop enter the market.

## Burmese Rice Production

The Burmese Department of Agriculture (DOA) reported that farmers cultivated roughly 6.08 million hectares of monsoon main rice crop during the MY2021/22 monsoon season and have so far harvested about 91 percent of the total cultivated area. The Burmese DOA estimates that farmers will plant 9.7 million hectares for the second rice crop in MY2021/22 and are reporting that farmers have planted about 44 percent as of early January 2022.

## Non-border Trade

FAS Rangoon (Post) forecasts Burma's official rice and broken rice exports higher in January due to increased demand from African countries, China, the EU, and the Philippines. Post estimates Burma's non-border trade rice exports about 17 percent higher in December than in November (Table 4). Trade sources confirmed that rice exports via ocean freight to China increased while most border check points between China and Burma remained closed due to the pandemic.

Official rice and broken rice exports by country in October and November are shown in Table 1 and 2, respectively. According to the Myanmar Rice Federation, top rice buyers in December are China, the Ivory Coast, the Philippines, Vietnam, and Guinea, while top buyers for broken rice are China, Netherlands, Belgium, Spain, and France. Total rice exports by type in December are not available at the time of reporting. Post will include this data in the next report.

**Table 1. Official Rice Export by Type in October 2021 (Metric Tons)**

Destination	Parboiled	Parboiled Brown Rice	Emata 20%	5-Emata 25%	Ngasein 5-20%	Paw San	Rice Total	Broken Rice Total	Total
Belgium								19,475	19,475
Cameron				17,000			17,000		17,000
China			18,304		3,328	200	21,832	62,664	84,496
Croatia	98						98	2	100
Germany	70		2		4	2	78		78
Indonesia								520	520
Malaysia			500				500		500
Papua New Guinea			754				754		754
Philippines			3,120	24,002			27,122		27,122
Poland	1,200	3,500	11,250				15,950	5,500	21,450
Singapore				249			249	100	349
Spain			325		525		850		850
Taiwan					250		250		250
Vietnam			1,248	520			1,768		1,768
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,368</b>	<b>3,500</b>	<b>35,503</b>	<b>41,771</b>	<b>4,107</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>86,451</b>	<b>88,261</b>	<b>174,712</b>

Source: Ministry of Commerce

**Table 2. Official Rice Export by Type in November 2021 (Metric Tons)**

Destination	Parboiled	Parboiled Brown Rice	Emata 5-20%	Emata 25%	Ngasein 5-20%	Ngasein 25%	Brown rice	Paw San	Rice Total	Broken Rice Total	Total
Belgium	800		25				25		850	33,300	34,150
Cameron				28,000					28,000		28,000
China			35,619						35,619	28,566	64,185
Cote D'ivoire				24,011					24,011		24,011
Croatia			250						250		250
Ghana			10,000						10,000		10,000
Guinea				10,000					10,000		10,000
Hong Kong						541			541		541
Indonesia										1,270	1,270
Malaysia			1,250						1,250	500	1,750
Netherlands										500	500
Papua New Guinea			754						754		754
Philippines			3,380	17,628					21,008		21,008
Singapore			50	174				24	249	179	428
Spain	2,000	250	5,799	149	10,426				18,624	7,700	26,324
Sri Lanka				1,040		250			1,290		1,290
Togo			104						104		104
Vietnam			675						675		675
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,800</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>57,906</b>	<b>81,002</b>	<b>10,426</b>	<b>791</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>153,225</b>	<b>72,015</b>	<b>225,240</b>

Source: Ministry of Commerce

**Table 3: Monthly Rice Exports in 2021 (Metric Tons)**

Month	Rice Milled, 2021				Total
	Non-border trade		Border trade		
	Head Rice	Broken Rice	Head Rice	Broken Rice	
January	86,217	59,170	48,805	64,049	258,241
February	30,311	41,393	24,406	21,042	117,152
March	29,233	10,791	26,555	39,143	105,722
April	48,060	41,475	12,385	21,435	123,355
May	104,431	53,618	7,471	30,566	196,086
June	103,120	52,308	10,137	39,932	205,497
July	26,166	18,575	2,497	3,308	50,546
August	39,197	13,285	920	140	53,542
September	65,274	54,775	145	452	120,646
October	86,450	88,261	0	380	175,091
November	153,225	72,015	0	527	225,767
December	190000*	73000*	8000*	7000*	278,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>771,684</b>	<b>505,666</b>	<b>133,321</b>	<b>220,974</b>	<b>1,909,645</b>

Source: Ministry of Commerce, Custom Data, Myanmar Rice Federation.

\* denotes post's estimate

**Table 4: Monthly Rice Exports in 2022 (Metric Tons)**

Month	Rice Milled, 2021				Total
	Non-border trade		Border trade		
	Head Rice	Broken Rice	Head Rice	Broken Rice	
January	200,000*	85,000*	4,000*	3,000*	292,000*
February					
March					
April					
May					
June					
July					
August					
September					
October					
November					
December					
<b>Total</b>	<b>200,000</b>	<b>85,000</b>	<b>4,000</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>292,000</b>

Source: Post's estimate

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## Border Trade

Post forecasts Burma's rice and broken rice border trade in December higher due to the reopening of the Kyin San Kyawt Burma-China cross border gate on November 26, 2021. However, Posts anticipates lower rice and broken rice exports in January due to the Chinese New Year Holiday and the high cost of transportation under the new procedure to cross the border. Chinese traders usually cease doing business at the border one week before the Chinese New Year Holiday. Rice exports at the border usually slow down between the last week of January to mid-February during the long holiday (February 1-15). Traders in Muse expect that border trade will be halt on January 20, 2022. In addition, trade source confirmed that the short distance transportation cost per truck (50 MT of rice) increased from about 4,000,000 MMK (US\$2,000) in November to 10,000,000 MMK (US\$ 5,000) in December due to shortages of Chinese trucks and a high demand for trucks during the watermelon season.

China-Burma cross border gates have been closed since July 2021 due the pandemic. Several gates, however, have slowly started reopening. The Kyin San Kyawt and Chin Shwe Haw border gates in Muse, Shan State reopened on November 26, 2021. The Kanpite Tee gate and the Lwe Jel gate located in Kachin State reopened mid-December and on January 17, 2022, respectively.

## Market Overview

Domestic wholesale prices for both Emata 25 percent broken rice and superior quality Shwe Bo Pawsan remained unchanged due to increasing supply and new Shwe Bo Pawsan rice crop entering the market in December at 45,000 - 47,500 MMK per 108 lb rice bag.

**Table 5: Monthly Domestic Wholesale Price for Emata and Shwe Bo Pawsan Rice in Rangoon Market**

Type of Rice	Emata 25% (low grade)		Shwe Bo Pawsan	
	MMK/108lb	\$/MT	MMK/108lb	\$/MT
January (1-17)	22,500-23,000	253-259	42,000-48,000 (New)	472-540
December	22,500-23,000	253-282	52,000-60,000 (Old) 45,000-48,000 (New)	584-674 506-540
November	22,000-23,000	247-259	52,000-59,000	585-660
October	22,500-24,500	253-276	52,000-59,000	585-660

MMK: Myanmar Kyat

Source: Myanmar Rice Federation

Reference exchange rate in December 2021: One US\$ = Kyat 1,778 (Central Bank of Myanmar)

## Policy Updates

Burma signed a new bilateral agreement with the Government of Sri Lanka to export 150,000 MT of rice on January 7, 2022. The Sri Lanka State Trading (General) Cooperation will buy 100,000 MT of Myanmar white rice and 50,000 MT of parboiled rice in 2022 and 2023.

The Central Bank of Myanmar's currency exchange rate was flat at 1,780 Myanmar Kyats (MMK) per USD in December; however, the market rate increased from 1,885 MMK per USD in mid-

December to 2,000 MMK per USD on January 12. The Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) sold out about \$35 million between January 12 and 14 at the exchange rate of 1,780 Myanmar Kyats (MMK) per USD to stabilize the foreign currency exchange rate.

**Attachments:**

No Attachments