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**Report Highlights:**

Post forecasts that Burmese rice exports will continue to rise in February in anticipation of regular demand from China through official channels, increased broken rice demand from EU countries, continued demand from regional countries, and a rebound in demand from African countries. Domestic prices for both Emata and Shwe Bo Pawsan in February will likely increase as there are less supplies entering the market and strong export demand.

## **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 as of January. The Burmese DOA expects farmers will plant 0.97 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 February in anticipation of a rebound in demand from African countries, regular demand from China and the EU, and active demand from the Philippines and regional countries. Post revised the rice export data in December (Table 2) and added official rice exports by type in December in Table 1. Burmese rice exporters have started exporting more rice through maritime trade due to delays at border check points with China. There was strong demand for Burmese rice from Benin, Niger and Burkina Faso in December. Total rice exports by type in January 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 December 2021 (Metric Tons)**

Destination	Parboiled	Emata 5-20%	Emata 25%	Ngasein 5-20%	Ngasein 25%	Glutinous Rice	Brown Rice	Rice Total	Broken Rice Total	Total
Australia		50						50		50
Benin			31,000					31,000		31,000
Burkina Faso			5,000					5,000		5,000
Belgium							5,100	5,100	51,280	56,380
China		55,423		650				56,073	16,501	72,574
Cote d'Ivoire			30,000					30,000		30,000
Croatia	50							50		50
Cyprus	25							25		25
France		50						50		50
Germany	350							350		
Hong Kong					153			153		153
Italy	4,654	8,500		2,300				15,454		15,454
Latvia		100						100		100
Malaysia		1,625						1,625		1,625
Netherland									1,000	1,000
New Zealand		23						23		23
Niger		12,000						12,000		12,000
Papua New Guinea		1,586						1,586		1,586
Philippines		520	26,396					26,916		26,916
Poland		125						125		125
Romania	250	1,500						1,750		1,750
Singapore		100						100	254	354
Sri Lanka				260				260		260
Spain	750	6,700					250	7,700	175	7,875
Taiwan				498				498		498
United Arab Emirates	52	104	52	52		25		285	104	389
Vietnam		2,500						2,500		2,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,131</b>	<b>90,906</b>	<b>92,448</b>	<b>3,760</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>5,350</b>	<b>198,773</b>	<b>69,314</b>	<b>268,087</b>

Source: Ministry of Commerce

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

Month	Rice Milled, 2021				
	Non-border trade		Border trade		Total
	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	198,773	69,314	425	1,269	269,781
<b>Total</b>	<b>970,457</b>	<b>574,980</b>	<b>133,746</b>	<b>222,243</b>	<b>1,901,426</b>

Source: Ministry of Commerce, Myanmar Rice Federation.

\* denotes post's estimate

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

Month	Rice Milled, 2021				
	Non-border trade		Border trade		Total
	Head Rice	Broken Rice	Head Rice	Broken Rice	
January	190,000*	60,000*	5,000*	10,000*	265,000*
February	170,000*	70,000*	5,000*	10,000*	260,000*
March					
April					
May					
June					
July					
August					
September					
October					
November					
December					
<b>Total</b>	<b>360,000</b>	<b>130,000</b>	<b>15,000</b>	<b>20,000</b>	<b>525,000</b>

Source: Myanmar Rice Federation; Post's estimate

\* denotes Post's estimate

## Border Trade

Burma's rice and broken rice border trade is still slow due to procedures aimed at preventing the spread of COVID-19 at the Chinese border and reduced trading during the long holiday for the Chinese New Year. Rice exports at the border usually slowdown in last week of January to mid-February during the long holiday (February 1-15). High costs for short distance transportation at the border is still a major challenge for exporters due to a shortage of Chinese trucks. Burmese goods must use Chinese short distant transportation trucks to cross the Kyin San Kyawt border as a COVID-19 precaution. About 140 trucks, including 100 trucks of melons, are shipping across the Kyin San Kyawt check point daily. Roughly 400 trucks were crossing that gate before COVID-19. The Burmese government reported that Burma's export to China through the Muse border between October 2021 and March 2022 declined to about \$1.5 billion compared to \$1.9 billion during the same period last year.

## Market Overview

Domestic wholesale prices for both Emata 25 percent broken rice and superior quality Shwe Bo Pawsan increased in February due to lower supply in the domestic market and strong export demand.

**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
February (1-15)	23,000-24,000	258-270	49,000-55,000 (New)	551-619
January	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 January 2021: One US\$ = Kyat 1,778 (Central Bank of Myanmar)

## Attachments:

No Attachments