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Report Highlights:

On December 22, 2023, Taiwan completed the last tender for 6,000 MT of U.S. long grain brown rice. This purchase concludes the tenders for the 2023 country specific quota (CSQ) for U.S. rice. Taiwan fulfilled 100 percent of its CSQ commitment to purchase 64,634 MT of U.S. rice.

General Information:

On December 22, 2023, the Taiwan Ministry of Agriculture (MOA) and Bank of Taiwan (BOT) completed the last tender for U.S. rice in 2023. The contracts for long grain brown rice were awarded to one company for a total amount of 6,000 MT. With these sales, Taiwan fulfilled 100 percent of its 2023 country specific quota (CSQ) to purchase 64,634 MT of table rice from the United States. Of the CSQ, 28,800 MT were filled under the Simultaneous-Buy and Sell (SBS) regime for delivery by April 30, 2024 and 35,834 MT under the normal tender regime for delivery by December 31, 2024. This is a return to filling at or near 100 percent of the CSQ obligations, which saw a significant shortfall the previous year.

In November 2023, a tender for 1,000 MT (1,150 MT on brown basis) of U.S. Glutinous Short Grain Milled Rice was successfully filled after three rounds of bidding. This marked the first time since 2019 that a tender for glutinous short grain milled rice was concluded successfully in full.

Under the 2002 accession agreement to the WTO, Taiwan agreed to import 144,720 MT (brown basis) of rice annually, including 64,634 MT from the United States. The U.S. exported almost \$43 million of rice to Taiwan in 2022.

Table 1: Recent Annual U.S. Rice CSQ Tender Fulfillments (MT)

Year	SBS Tender Completed	Normal Tender Completed	Total Completed	Total CSQ	Percent Filled
2023	28,800	35,834	64,634	64,634	100%
2022	20,250	19,105	39,355	64,634	61%
2021	28,800	35,029	63,829	64,634	99%
2020	28,800	35,834	64,634	64,634	100%
2019	28,800	35,834	64,634	64,634	100%
2018	21,500	40,000	61,500	64,634	95%
2017	31,600	33,034	64,634	64,634	100%

Source: Bank of Taiwan, Ministry of Finance

Table 2: Summary of the 2023 U.S. Rice CSQ Tender Results

Tender Regime	Quota (MT) Brown basis	Filled (MT) Brown basis	Type of Rice	Tender Completion Date	Delivery Due Date
SBS – 1 GF4-112019	18,500	18,500	Brown	Apr. 21 2023	Apr. 30, 2024
SBS – 2 GF4-112080	10,300	10,300	Brown	Aug. 22 2023	Apr. 30, 2024
Normal GF4-112022	1,150	1,150	Glutinous S G Milled	Nov. 9 2023	Apr. 30, 2024
Normal GF4-112083	12,000	12,000	M/S G Brown	Sep. 13 2023	*
Normal GF4-112088	3,105	3,105	M/S G Milled	Sep. 19 2023	**
Normal GF4-112114	6,000	6,000	Long Grain Brown	Dec. 22 2023	May 31, 2024
Normal GF4-112121	13,579	13,579	M/S G Brown	Dec. 20 2023	Apr. 30, 2024
64,634 tons out of Total U.S. Rice CSQ: 64,634 tons					

Source: Bank of Taiwan, Ministry of Finance

*12 monthly batches to be delivered before December 31, 2024

** 9 batches for 2,700 MT milled rice (3,105 MT on brown basis)

Table 3: Taiwan 2023 Rice Tender Allotments and Tenders in MT (brown basis)

Country	Status	SBS Tenders	Normal Tender	Global Tender	Completed	Total CSQ	Percent Filled
Egypt	Completed	-	-	1,150	0	2,500	0%
	Ongoing	-	-	-			
Thailand	Completed	1,150	7,150	-	8,300	8,300	100%
	Ongoing	-	-	-			
Australia	Completed	3,400	12,634	-	16,034	18,634	86%
	Ongoing	-	-	-			
USA	Completed	28,800	35,834	-	64,634	64,634	100%
	Ongoing	-	-	-			

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Attachments:

No Attachments.