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U.S. Captures 47.1 % Share in JFY 2003 Rice Tenders

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Report Highlights:

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The percentage of broken rice was kept at a normal 13.0%.

The following tables show the results of all six OMA tenders as well as the total of both Simultaneous Buy and Sell (SBS) tenders and OMA tenders in JFY 2003.

Results of JFY 2003 OMA Rice Tenders

Source: MAFF

First OMA Tender (June 4, 2003)

Unit: MT

	U.S.	China	Australia	Thailand	Vietnam	Total
Long/Milled				1,500		1,500
Glut/Milled				200		200
Broken/Milled				5,300		5,300
Total				7,000		7,000
Share				100.0%		100.0%

Second OMA Tender (October 17, 2003)

	U.S.	China	Australia	Thailand	Vietnam	Total
Medium/Milled	29,450		18,720			48,170
Long/Milled				9,700	10,000	19,700
Glut/Milled						
Broken/Milled	4,550	700	3,280	15,600		24,130
Glut/Broken/Milled				9,000		9,000
Total	34,000	700	22,000	34,300	10,000	101,000
Share	33.7%	0.7%	21.8%	34.0%	9.9%	100.0%

Third OMA Tender (November 21, 2003)

	U.S.	China	Australia	Thailand	Vietnam	Total
Medium/Milled	52,200		10,440			62,640
Long/Milled				10,500	20,000	30,500
Glut/Milled		5,000				5,000
Broken/Milled	7,800	1,800	1,560	2,500		13,660
Glut/Broken/Milled				10,000		10,000
Total	60,000	6,800	12,000	23,000	20,000	121,800
Share	49.3%	5.6%	9.9%	18.9%	16.4%	100.0%

Fourth OMA Tender (December 19, 2003)

	U.S.	China	Australia	Thailand	Vietnam	Total
Medium/Milled	83,520		20,010			103,530
Long/Milled				28,300	5,000	33,300
Glut/Milled		5,000				5,000
Broken/Milled	12,480	1,000	2,990	3,700		20,170
Glut/Broken/Milled						0
Total	96,000	6,000	23,000	32,000	5,000	162,000
Share	59.3%	3.7%	14.2%	19.8%	3.1%	100.0%

Fifth OMA Tender (February 20, 2004)

	U.S.	China	Australia	Thailand	Vietnam	Total
Medium/Milled	63,075		8,700			71,775
Long/Milled		5,000		17,500		22,500
Glut/Milled						0
Broken/Milled	9,425	1,000	1,300	9,500		21,225
Glut/Broken/Milled						0
Total	72,500	6,000	10,000	27,000	0	115,500
Share	62.8%	5.2%	8.7%	23.4%	0.0%	100.0%

Sixth OMA Tender (March 19, 2004)

	U.S.	China	Australia	Thailand	Vietnam	Total
Medium/Milled	30,885		9,918			40,803
Long/Milled				11,400	5,500	16,900
Glut/Milled						0
Broken/Milled	4,615		1,482			6,097
Glut/Broken/Milled						0
Total	35,500	0	11,400	11,400	5,500	63,800
Share	55.6%	0.0%	17.9%	17.9%	8.6%	100.0%

FY 2003 OMA Tenders (First - Sixth)

	U.S.	China	Australia	Thailand	Vietnam	Total
Medium/Milled	259,130		67,788			326,918
Long/Milled		5,000		78,900	40,500	124,400
Glut/Milled		10,000		200		10,200
Broken/Milled	38,870	4,500	10,612	36,600		90,582
Glut/Broken/Milled				19,000		19,000
Total	298,000	19,500	78,400	134,700	40,500	571,100
Share	52.2%	3.4%	13.7%	23.6%	7.1%	100.0%

Broken/Total 13.0%

Overall Results of JFY 2003 Rice Tenders (SBS and OMA combined)

Source: MAFF

	U.S.	China	Australia	Thailand	Vietnam	Others	Total
SBS	18,216	78,803	1,570	1,145	20	246	100,000
OMA	298,000	19,500	78,400	134,700	40,500	0	571,100
Total	316,216	98,303	79,970	135,845	40,520	246	671,100
Share	47.1%	14.6%	11.9%	20.2%	6.0%	0.0%	100.0%