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## **Burma - Union of**

**Post:** Rangoon

### **Success Story-Bulk Wheat to Burma (Myanmar)**

**Report Categories:**

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**Report Highlights:**

FAS Rangoon successfully intervened to ensure the smooth arrival of the first bulk shipment of an agricultural commodity to Myanmar.

**General Information:**

As Myanmar's first terminal capable of unloading bulk commodities was about to open, FAS learned that a shipment of U.S. wheat would be the first item to be received at the port. The importers as well as the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, and Irrigation's (MOALI) Plant Protection Division (PPD) asked for USDA assistance setting up procedures for inspecting bulk vessels. FAS staff held a series of meetings with MOALI and the importers and port operators, and worked with the U.S. Federal Grains Inspection Service (FGIS), the U.S. Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), U.S. Wheat Associates, and the U.S. Grains Council to understand Myanmar's needs and to offer guidance on international best practices.

The shipment left the U.S. port of Longview, Washington in April 2019 and arrived in Yangon on May 9 with almost 22,000 metric tons (MT) of U.S. wheat from Itochu International Inc., worth over US\$ 6,900,000. Post relayed information about the shipment between PPD and the importer, in order to coordinate the inspection logistics. PPD was able to inspect and clear the shipment the morning after it arrived. FAS continues to work with USG and cooperator partners to provide additional capacity building to MOALI officials as they adjust their procedures to accommodate these larger shipments. Importers report an interest in bringing additional shipments of U.S bulk wheat later this year.