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Report Highlights:

On December 1, 2021, Taiwan completed the last tender for approximately 12,000 MT of U.S. long grain brown rice, thus concluding tenders for 2021 country specific quota (CSQ) for U.S. rice. Despite a year of Covid-19 related supply and logistics challenges, Taiwan was able to full 99% of the U.S. CSQ. The U.S. rice market to Taiwan is valued at around \$35 million annually.

General Information:

On December 1, 2021, the Taiwan Council of Agriculture and Bank of Taiwan completed the last tender for U.S. rice in 2021. The contracts for long grain brown rice were separately awarded to three companies for a total amount of 12,000 MT over three rounds of bidding. With these sales, Taiwan fulfilled 99% of its 2021 country specific quota (CSQ) to purchase approximately 64,000 MT of table rice from the United States despite a year of Covid-19 related supply and logistics challenges. 28,800 MT were filled under the Simultaneous-Buy and Sell (SBS) regime for delivery till April 30, 2022, and 35,029 MT under the normal tender regime for delivery by December 31, 2022.

In March 2021, a tender for 1,000mt (1,150 on brown basis) of U.S. Glutinous Short Grain Milled Rice was only partially filled for 300mt (345mt on brown basis) after three rounds of bidding and the failed final global round. The short availability of supply coupled with uncertainty over Covid-19 impact on container shipping cost were the main reasons cited behind lack of acceptable bids.

Under its 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. rice market to Taiwan is valued at around \$35 million.

Summary of the 2021 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 GF4-110012	18,500	18,500	Brown	May. 12 2021	April. 30, 2022
SBS – 2 GF4-110086	10,300	10,300	Brown	Sep. 8 2021	April. 30, 2022
Normal GF4-110010	1,150	345	Glutinous S G Milled	May. 10 2021	Feb 25, 2022
Normal GF4-110096	12,000	12,000	M/S G Brown	Sep. 8 2021	Dec 30, 2022*
Normal GF4-110120	6,000	6,000	Long Grain Brown	Dec. 1 2021	April 30, 2022
Normal GF4-110125	16,684	16,684	M/S G Brown	Nov. 4 2021	April 30, 2022
63,829 tons out of Total U.S. Rice CSQ: 64,634 tons					

Source: Bank of Taiwan, Ministry of Finance

*12 batches deliver between Dec 30, 2021, to Dec 30, 2022

Taiwan's 2021 Rice Tender Allotments and Tenders in MT (brown basis)

Country	Status	SBS Tenders	Normal Tender	Global Tender	Completed	Total CSQ	Percent Filled
Egypt	Completed	-	-	-	0	2,500	0%
	Ongoing	-	-	2,500			
Thailand	Completed	1,150	7,150	-	8,300	8,300	100%
	Ongoing	-	-	-			
Australia	Completed	1,430	12,634	-	14,064	18,634	75%
	Ongoing	-	-	-			
USA	Completed	28,800	35,029	-	63,829	64,634	99%
	Ongoing	-	-	-			

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Attachments:

No Attachments.