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CRF Voice Concern Over EU Rice Tax Cambodia

Phnom Penh Post : 03 December 2018



The president of the Cambodia Rice Federation (CRF) has expressed concern over an impending EU tariff on Cambodian rice imports, saying that it is factors within EU states that are harming European farmers most. "Difficulties faced by European farmers are largely due to the lack of collaboration between them, millers and traders," CRF president Sok Puthyvuth told the press on Friday. He said the "high cost of milling in [EU] member states" was the main obstacle to improving European rice industries, not imports of Cambodian rice. [Read more...](#)

NFA to ease rice importation process for private sector



Business Inquirer: 16 November 2018

The National Food Authority (NFA) will finally make easier the rice importation process in the country more than a month after President Duterte gave the go-ahead to open the program to more players. [Read more...](#)

Oxfam Formally Launches Blockchain Platform for Rice Farmers in Cambodia



CCN: 17 November 2018

Oxfam has launched a blockchain project for farmers dubbed BloCRice, which seeks to increase the bargaining power of farmers by digitally connecting every player in the supply chain on one platform, local Cambodian news outlet reports. [Read more...](#)

EU tariffs on Myanmar, Cambodia rice unclear after EU countries vote



Euronews : 04 December 2018

European Union countries failed on Tuesday to determine whether to impose tariffs on rice coming from Cambodia and Myanmar from the start of next year to curb a surge in imports, leaving the European Commission to take the final decision. A majority of EU countries backed the introduction of "safeguard" measures for three years, but not the sufficient "qualified majority" formally required to clear them. [Read more...](#)

India rice rates slip; tough Chinese rules dent Vietnam exports



VN Express : 07 December 2018

India's 5 percent broken parboiled variety was quoted around \$364-\$368 per tonne this week, from \$366-\$370 the last week. "Prices are down as traders are adjusting to the drop in the rupee. Demand is still weak," said an exporter based at Kakinada in the southern state of Andhra Pradesh. The Indian rupee fell nearly 1 percent on Thursday to the lowest level in two weeks, increasing exporters margin from the overseas sales. [Read more...](#)

Government allows more traders to import rice



Business Mirror : 22 November 2018

Manila will allow rice imports beyond the country's minimum access volume (MAV) after the National Food Authority Council (NFAC) approved the out-quota guidelines on Wednesday to further boost the Philippines's stockpile. [Read more...](#)

Chinese rice importers visit Việt Nam to find new partners



Vietnam News : 20 November 2018

The Chinese delegation of 22 enterprises included rice import companies from Guangdong Province, China. This was the second time this year the Chinese business delegation visited Việt Nam to promote co-operation between the two countries in the rice sector. China is a major importer of Vietnamese rice, accounting for about 25 per cent of Việt Nam's total rice exports. In the first 10 months this year, export volume to China reached 1.24 million tonnes, worth US\$640 million. [Read more...](#)

Vietnamese rice exports up, China biggest market



Bangkok Post : 29 November 2018

China remains Vietnam's largest rice export market this year, accounting for 24.1% of the total shipments in the January-October period, the ministry said. However, rice exports to China fell 39.1% in the 10-month period, the ministry said, without elaborating. Traders said China has been imposing stricter conditions for rice from Vietnam. The ministry said exports to Indonesia, the Philippines, Hong Kong and Iraq saw the biggest growth in the period. [Read more...](#)

Vietnam, Thailand won't sell rice to PH at cheaper price



Manila Bulletin : 13 November 2018

The National Food Authority (NFA) has failed for the third time to secure supply for bulk of the 250,000 metric tons (MT) of rice it has been ordered to import for the remainder of the year as Vietnam and Thailand — the only countries with existing rice trade agreement with the Philippines — won't sell their rice at cheaper price. [Read more...](#)

Good news for farmers as rice export deals clinched



Bangkok Post : 29 November 2018

Thai rice traders are enjoying robust sales at a better price driven by higher demand in the world market, after the the country struck deals to export 324,000 tonnes of rice grain to China and the Philippines. [Read more...](#)

Positive sign in EU rice tariff saga

KhmerTimes : 06 December 2018



The European Union yesterday failed to come to a consensus on taxing Cambodia fragrant and white rice, giving leaders of the local rice sector more time to plan the next step in their fight to stop the EU from imposing tariffs.

Yesterday's vote, hailed as a positive sign for Cambodia, failed to deliver a decision on the regressive rice tariff imposition that is expected to start from Jan 1 next year, with 15 of 28 member states either rejecting the proposal or abstaining from the vote. [Read more...](#)

Thailand wins deals to export tonnes of rice to Philippines



Vietnam Plus: 28 November 2018

Department of Foreign Trade (DFT) Director-General Adul Chotinisakorn said Thailand has won the auction to export 80,000 tonnes of 25 percent white rice to the Philippines' National Food Authority, with shipment scheduled for December 2018. Meanwhile, two exporters have also won auctions to export another 144,000 tons of the 25 percent white rice to the Philippines, which are to be shipped in December 2018 and January 2019. [Read more...](#)

China 'to lift import ban' on Niigata rice



NKH World : 29 November 2018

China has decided to resume imports of rice from Niigata Prefecture. Japanese government sources say China has notified Tokyo of its decision. China suspended imports of all agricultural and fisheries products as well as animal feed produced in Fukushima, Miyagi, Tokyo and 7 other Japanese prefectures, following the 2011 accident at the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant. [Read more...](#)

Thailand secures orders for another 300,000 tons of rice



Thai Visa News : 03 December 2018

Department of Foreign Trade (DFT) Director-General Adul Chotinisakorn says that 100,000 tons of newly grown 5% white rice will be sent to COFCO in China, which previously purchased six batches of Thai rice. Another 80,000 tons of 25% white rice is to be delivered to the Philippines' government in December. Another 144,000 tons of rice is being sold via two Thai exporters that won an auction held by the Philippines government. Shipment is to take place in December 2018 and January 2019. [Read more...](#)

A rice revolution is underway in Asia



Asia Time : 23 November 2018

advances reminiscent of the "Green Revolution" of four decades ago, agricultural scientists have quietly made important breakthroughs in the cultivation of Asia's prime staple food, developing so-called "scuba rice" that survives long periods of flooding and an alkaline-resistant "sea rice" farmers are already growing along China's northern coast. [Read more...](#)

Hybrid rice to feed rising population: analysts



Daily Star : 25 November 2018

The cultivation area of hybrid rice—which offers higher yield than conventional inbred varieties—did not see a significant change since 1998-99 when the government granted permission for its farming. Hybrid rice cultivation area has remained unchanged at 8 lakh hectares for the last few years and it is yet to cross the 10-lakh-hectare mark, the highest recorded in 2009-10. [Read more...](#)

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Reuter : 22 November 2018

All Indian rice samples offered in Egypt's first international rice buying tender for 2018 have failed a cooking test required for approval of purchases, three trade sources with direct knowledge of the matter said on Thursday.

All Chinese rice samples were accepted, while one Vietnamese rice sample was accepted and the other rejected, they said. [Read more...](#)

Rice production slows



Daily Star : 19 November 2018

The growth of rice production has slowed to only 0.4 percent since 2010, making it tough to feed the growing population amid a continuous fall in arable land, the chief of International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) said yesterday. [Read more...](#)



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Meeting with His Excellency Dr. Ingo Karsten, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany about EU impose tax on rice imports from Cambodia.

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