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Report Highlights:

BM9015. Burma's bean and pulse exports in May declined sharply by 65 percent from the same period of 2008 to 74,501 tons following decreased sales to India.

General Information:

Trade

Following decreased sales to India, Burma's bean and pulse exports in May declined sharply by 65 percent from the same period of 2008 to 74,501 tons. Toor Whole (Pigeon pea) accounted for 45 percent of the total exports in May, followed by Matpe (33 percent) and mung beans (11 percent). India remains the largest buyer of Burmese beans and pulses, accounting for 81 percent of the total exports.

May Beans and Pulses Exports by Destination (MT)

	Butter	Matpe	Mung	Toor Whole	Other	Total
Australia		35	28	24		87
Belgium			427	46	69	542
China		120	408			528
Egypt					527	527
Germany					71	71
India		22,183	6,160	30,646	1,550	60,539
Indonesia		24				24
Italy					23	23
Korea	84				300	384
Kuwait			72			72
Latvia					46	46
Lithuania					22	22
Malaysia		96			24	120
Pakistan		718			2,755	3,473
Philippines					48	48
Russia					46	46
Saudi Arabia			96			96
Singapore		698	240	638	641	2,217
Thailand		48				48
UAE		813	552	2,421	1,079	4,865
United Kingdom		69	514		71	654
Uruguay	69					69
Total	153	24,804	8,497	33,775	7,272	74,501

Other category includes kidney, bamboo, black eye, sultani, gram, chickpea and brown beans

Beans and Pulses Exports (mt)	2008	2009
January	91,596	192,619
February	138,477	169,236
March	288,839	206,703
April	415,895	82,743
May	209,967	74,501
June	211,582	
July	165,710	
August	112,897	
September	89,437	
October	44,184	

November	93,283	
December	134319	
TOTAL	1,861,867	725,802
Others not included		
Grand Total	1,861,867	725,802

Prices

Export prices set for beans and pulses by the Price Appraisal Committee that met in May 2009 are:

Matpe (FAQ)	US\$ 530-580
Matpe (SQ)	US\$ 630-680
Butter beans (Lima beans) (FAQ)	US\$ 400-450
Mung beans (FAQ)(Pokkoku)	US\$ 600-650
Toor Whole red (Pigeon pea)	US\$ 680-730
Toor Whole white/red (Pigeon pea) (FAQ)	US\$ 600-650
Black eye beans (FAQ)	US\$ 450-500

Note: 1) FAQ= Fair Average Quality; SQ= Superior Quality

2) Average exchange rate in May is US \$1= Kyat 1,078

3) RC = Ready Cargo

Export prospects

Trading activities were active following strong domestic purchase to fill export commitment, and accordingly prices strengthened. Trade sources reported that an Indian government-owned corporate called a tender to import 8,000 tons of Matpes and mung beans.

Trade sources also reported that 6,000 tons of Matpe (raw), 3,900 tons of Matpe (special quality ready cargo), 5,400 tons of Matpe (ready cargo), 1,400 tons of mung beans and 500 tons of Toor Whole were traded at the Bayint Naung wholesale market in Rangoon.

End of Report.