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2011 Taiwan U.S. Rice CSQ Tender Implementation Update

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Report Highlights:

As of September 20, 2011, Taiwan has awarded or contracted for 29,200 tons of the 2011 U.S. rice CSQ, of which 3,700 tons was awarded under the 1st tranche of SBS tender, 5,500 tons under the 2nd tranche of SBS tender, and 20,000 tons under the 1st batch of the normal tender. This made a tender completion rate of 45%. As a result, 35,434 tons of the 2011 U.S. rice CSQ remains to be tendered by the end of the 2011 quota year.

General Information:

On September 20, Taiwan completed two normal tenders during the 1st tender process for 20,000 tons of U.S. origin and 6,000 tons of Australian-origin medium/short grain brown rice.

GF4-100-131 for 20,000 tons US-origin Short/Medium Grain Brown Rice for Delivery by 02/29/2012:

Taiwan successfully awarded and contracted 20,000 tons of U.S. origin medium/short brown rice to three U.S. rice handlers. The contracted prices were 17,000 tons at NT\$23,490/mt (\$788.78/mt) and 3,000 tons at NT\$23,936/mt (\$803.76/mt). The U.S. rice is contracted for delivery to designated COA warehouses by February 29, 2012.

GF4-100-132 for 6,000 tons of Australian-origin Short/Medium Grain Brown Rice for Delivery by 02/29/2012:

Taiwan also awarded and contracted on September 20 a tender for 6,000 tons of Australian origin medium/short brown rice to one Australian rice handler at NT\$23,989/mt (\$805.50/mt) for delivery by February 29, 2012.

Quoted exchange rate is \$1 to NT\$29.78 on September 20.

On August 31, Taiwan completed the 2nd tranche of SBS tender at the first tender process for 5,500 tons of US-origin, 4,000 tons Thai-origin and 2,500 tons of Egypt-origin rice

GF4-100-119 for 5,500 tons of US-origin:

Sixteen bidders participated in the bid, of which five bidders were successful, one bidder was awarded 1,000 tons at NT\$4,509/kg (\$155.26/mt) and four bidders were awarded a total of 4,500 tons at NT\$3,846/kg (\$132.43/mt).

GF4-100-120 for 4,000 tons of Thai-origin:

Twenty bidders participated in the bid, of which five were successful, three bidders were awarded 1,000 tons while two bidders were awarded 700 tons and one bidder was awarded 300 tons, respectively. All 4,000 tons were awarded at the same markup price level of NT\$8.019/kg (\$276.13/mt).

GF4-100-121 for 2,500 tons Egypt-origin:

Seven bidders participated in the bid, of which three were successful; two bidders were awarded 500 tons and 1,000 tons, respectively at the same markup price level of NT\$4,388/kg (\$151.10/mt), while another bidder was awarded 1,000 tons at NT\$3,501/kg (\$120.55/mt).

Quoted exchange rate is \$1 to NT\$29.02 on August 31.

Below are summary tables for Taiwan's 2011 rice Country Specific Quota (CSQ) allotments and tender results.

Table: Allotments of Taiwan's 2011 Rice Country Specific Quota (CSQ) for Public Sector Imports in metric tons on a brown rice basis

Country	SBS Tender		Normal Tender	Total Rice CSQ allotment
	1 st Tranche for delivery by 12/31/2011	2 nd Tranche for delivery by 4/31/2012		
Egypt	0	2,500 (completed on the 1 st tender on 08/31/2011)	0	2,500
Thailand	2,000 (completed 12/30/2010)	4,000 (completed on the 1 st tender on 08/31/2011)	2,300 (completed 12/30/2010)	8,300
Australia	6,500 (completed 2/17/2011; 890 tons awarded & 5,610 tons globalized)		6,134 (completed 06/21/2011) 6,000 (switched from SBS to normal tender, completed at the 1 st tender on 09/20/2011)	18,634
USA	3,700 (completed 12/30/2010)	5,500 (completed on the 1 st tender on 08/31/2011)	55,434 (20,000 tons successfully tendered on 09/20/2011. The remaining 35,434 tons of this quota to be tendered at a later date.	64,634
Subtotal	12,200	12,000	69,868	94,068
<p>Note: Taiwan has contracted a total of 58,634 tons (24,200 tons under SBS and 34,434 tons under normal tender) of its 2011 rice CSQ commitment marking a 62% of tender completion rate.</p>				