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Report Highlights:

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Myanmar exported 81,408 metric tons (MT) of beans and pulses in August 2014, down 26 percent from last month's level following a sharp reduction in border shipments to China and India. Domestic wholesale prices were mixed in August.

General Information:

Trade:

Myanmar's bean and pulse exports are composed of two types of trade: official exports primarily through sea transportation and unofficial exports through land borders (mainly to India and China).

Official exports of beans and pulses in August were basically unchanged from the July at 69, 498 MT due to uncertainty about the new crop pulse production in India.

Matpe (Black gram) beans accounted for 51 percent of exports in August, followed by Toor Whole at 37 percent and Mung at 5 percent. By country, 77 percent of total official pulse exports were shipped to India, and 4 percent equally to Vietnam and Singapore (Table1).

Unofficial exports through land borders to India and China decreased by 71 percent in August to 11,910 MT as compared to 41,014 MT in July.

Market Situation

According to the Bayintnaung Commodity Exchange Center in Yangon, domestic wholesale prices for Matpe and Mung bean in August declined by 7 percent and 2 percent, respectively, due to inactive domestic trading. On the other hand, prices for Toor Whole beans increased by 5 percent in August because India found Myanmar as the only source for Toor Whole supplies.

Table 1 Official Export of Beans and Pulse by Types and Destination in August 2014 (MT)

No.	Country	Butter	Matpe	Mung	Toor Whole (Pigeon Beans)	Others	Total
1	AUSTRALIA			21	24		45
2	BRAZIL		120				120
3	BULGARIA			72			72
4	CHINA	120		97		73	290
5	ECUADOR			48			48
6	INDIA		27,249	147	24,283	1,905	53,584
7	INDONESIA		267	375	768	146	1,556
8	ISRAEL					23	23
9	JAPAN	163	604			101	868
10	KOREA		14	6		280	300
11	LAO PDR					48	48
12	MALAYSIA		980	277	22	50	1,329
13	MEXICO		265	98		25	388
14	NETHERLANDS		24				24
15	PAKISTAN		504				504
16	PHILIPPINES		480	398		220	1,098
17	SAUDI ARABIA					21	21
18	SINGAPORE		1,013	662	568	471	2,714
19	SOUTH AFRICA		240		168		408
20	SWEDEN		70	74		143	287
21	SWITZERLAND			24			24
22	THAILAND		1,469	225		75	1,769
23	UAE		642	48	120		810
24	UK		54	19		23	96
25	USA		121	90	22	11	244
26	VIET NAM		1,423	891		514	2,828
	TOTAL	283	35,539	3,572	25,975	4,129	69,498

Source: Ministry of Commerce (MOC)

Other categories include kidney, bamboo, black eye, sultani, chick pea, brown beans and various beans.

Table 2 Monthly Exports of Beans and Pulses in 2012-2014 (MT)

Month	2012	2013	2014		
	Non-border	Non-border	Non-border	Border	Total
January	92,621	105,240	75,197	8,942	84,139
February	141,008	107,369	90,314	13,382	103,696
March	158,944	124,895	170,803	25,957	196,760
April	98,910	84,278	88,852	9,706	98,558
May	209,040	85,802	142,999	24,242	167,241
June	155,490	82,257	68,893	28,892	97,785
July	267,010	90,434	69,229	41,014	110,243
August	71,098	83,030	69,498	11,910	81,408
September	79,215	71,274			
October	110,498	125,893			
November	80,369	70,074			
December	122,068	91,589			
Total	1,586,271	1,122,135	775,785	164,045	939,830

Source: Ministry of Commerce (MOC)

Note: exchange rate in August: US\$ 1.0 = 970 Kyat

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