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Bean and Pulses Monthly Trade -July

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Report Highlights:

Myanmar exported 110,239 metric tons (MT) of beans and pulses in July 2014, up 13 percent from last month. . Domestic wholesale prices for all beans and pulses increased due to information that indicated a reduction in Indian pulse production and strong demand from China

General Information:

Trade:

Myanmar is exporting beans and pulses through two channels, official non-border exports, primarily through sea transportation, and unofficial exports, overland borders between India and China.

Official exports of beans and pulses slightly increased to 69,225 MT in July from 68,893 MT in June. Matpe (black gram) beans accounted for 67 percent of official exports, followed by Toor Whole at 17 percent and Mung Bean at 5 percent. By country, India accounted for 71 percent of total official exports, followed by Singapore at 7 percent, and Vietnam at 4 percent (Table 1). 1,029 MT of pulses were also shipped to the United States.

Unofficial exports via land borders to India and China increased by 42 percent in July to 41,014 MT as compared to 28,892 MT in June.

Market Situation

Domestic wholesale prices for all types of pulses, especially Matpe beans, at the Bayintnaung Commodity Exchange Center in Yangon increased in July. This was due to expectations of a smaller crop in India driven by unfavorable weather conditions, low stocks of Matpe beans in Myanmar, and strong Chinese demand for Mung bean.

Domestic prices for Matpe beans in July increased by 8 percent from last month while prices for Mung and Toor Whole beans increased by 2 percent and 7 percent, respectively.

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

No.	Country	Butter	Matpe	Mung	Toor Whole (Pigeon Beans)	Others	Total
1	AUSTRALIA				24		24
2	BELGIUM			96			96
3	CANADA			40		5	45
4	CHINA	317	120	170		210	817
5	EGYPT			44			44
6	INDIA		35,690	441	10,853	2,112	49,095
7	INDONESIA	48	168		240	48	504
8	JAPAN	792	448	67		109	1,416
9	KENYA					144	144
10	KOREA	152			11	280	443
11	KUWAIT	43	33	10	5	120	211
12	MALAYSIA		1,168	360	11	172	1,711
13	MEXICO		549	42	23	96	710
14	NEW ZEALAND		13	15	21		48
15	PAKISTAN		480			72	552
16	PHILIPPINES	125	480	74		169	848
17	POLAND			48			48
18	RUSSIA					216	216
19	SAUDI ARABIA		82	11			93
20	SINGAPORE	465	2,256	1,354	274	747	5,095
21	SWEDEN		314	36		102	452
22	SWITZERLAND	96				144	240
23	THAILAND		1,136	99	3	31	1,269
24	TUNISIA		24				24
25	UAE		1,064	25		72	1,161
26	UK		48	36	24	79	187
27	USA	220	467	164	146	32	1,029
28	VIETNAM		1,912	497		294	2,703
29	TOTAL	2,258	46,450	3,629	11,634	5,255	69,225

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			
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	706,287	152,135	858,422

Source: Ministry of Commerce (MOC)

Note: exchange rate in July: US\$ 1.0 = 972 Kyat

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