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Report Highlights:

Myanmar exported 57,721 metric tons of beans and pulses in October 2014, down 13 percent from last month's level due to the new crop season in India. Domestic wholesale prices for Matpe and Toor Whole beans increased due to lower stocks while the price for Mung beans remained strong in response to a steady demand from China.

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 October dropped to 48,900 metric tons (MT) from 57,217 MT in September due to weak demand from India especially for Matpe beans (Black Gram). Matpe and Toor Whole beans equally accounted for 42 percent of exports in October followed by Mung Beans at 11 percent. By country, 69 percent of total official pulse exports were shipped to India, and 4 percent equally to Singapore, Malaysia and Pakistan (Table 1).

Unofficial exports through land borders to India and China decreased by 3 percent in October to 8,821 MT as compared to 9,065 MT in September.

Market Situation

According to the Bayintnaung Commodity Exchange Center in Yangon, domestic wholesale prices for Matpe and Toor Whole beans in October increased by 13 percent and 11 percent respectively. The lower prices are due to lower stocks and expectations of a smaller domestic crop which has been affected by late rainfall in 2014. Domestic prices for Mung beans were still strong due to smaller stocks and demand from China.

In order to deal with increasing fraud involving futures contracts and informal agreements, the Yangon Regional Chamber of Commerce Industry (YRCCI) established new rule for pulse and bean trading on October 9, 2014. Under the new system, both buyers and sellers are required to deposit 10 percent of the total value of the sale at the Myanmar Citizen Bank before any trade can take place.

Table 1- October 2014 Official Export of Beans and Pulses by Type and Destination (MT)

No.	Country	Matpe	Mung	Toor Whole (Pigeon Beans)	Others	Total
1	AUSTRALIA				48	48
2	BELGIUM		48			48
3	BRAZIL	24				24
4	BULGARIA		48			48
5	CAMBODIA	24	96			120
6	CANADA	81	3			84
7	CHINA		50			50
8	COLOMBIA	99	6		13	118
9	GERMANY				24	24
10	GREECE				24	24
11	INDIA	12,519	1,330	19,416	476	33,741
12	INDONESIA	146	266	480		892
13	JAPAN	205	20		103	328
14	KENYA				24	24
15	KOREA				441	441
16	LAO PDR		24			24
17	MALAYSIA	1,251	388	8	147	1,794
18	MEXICO				24	24
19	NETHERLANDS	118	85		40	243
20	PAKISTAN	1,848				1,848
21	PHILIPPINES		550		170	720
22	RUSSIA				24	24
23	SAUDI ARABIA	48			96	144
24	SINGAPORE	849	621	280	351	2,101
25	SWEDEN	24	6	3	87	120
26	SWITZERLAND				288	288
27	TAIWAN		47			47
28	THAILAND	626	120		55	801
29	UAE	552	125		48	725
30	UK	114	95			209
31	USA	45	85	160	27	317
32	VENEZUELA	216	100			316
33	VIET NAM	1,831	1,310			3,141
	TOTAL	20,620	5,423	20,347	2,510	48,900

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	57,217	9,065	66,282
October	110,498	125,893	48,900	8,821	57,721
November	80,369	70,074			
December	122,068	91,589			
Total	1,586,271	1,122,135	881,902	181,931	1,063,833

Source: Ministry of Commerce (MOC)

Note : Include Border trade since April , 2012.

: Exchange rate in October: US\$ 1.0 = 997 Kyat

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