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Report Highlights:

BM4011. Myanmar exported 196,760 metric tons (MT) of beans and pulses in March 2014, up by 90 percent from a level in February and 58 percent as compared to a level in March 2013. Domestic wholesale prices for all beans and pulses firmed due to strong demand in both domestic and international markets, especially India.

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 totaled 170,803 MT in March which almost double over a level in February following sharply increased shipments to India. Exports to India both officially and unofficially rose significantly in March because a likelihood of dry conditions in India stimulated heavy buying of Myanmar's beans and pulses. Mung beans accounted for 45 percent in February followed by Matpe (black gram) at 35 percent and Toor Whole at 11 percent. By country, India accounted for 60 percent of total official exports followed by Vietnam at 11 percent, and Singapore at 10 percent. (Table1).

Unofficial exports through land borders to India and China also increased by 94 percent in March to 25,957 MT as compared to 13,382 MT in February.

Market Situation

According to the Bayintnaung Commodity Exchange Center in Yangon, domestic wholesale prices for Matpe, Mung bean and Toor Whole increased across the board in March. Trade sources reported that the price increase is attributed to strong demand in both domestic and international markets, especially India.

Domestic prices for Matpe in March increased by 7 percent, Mung bean by 8 percent and Toor whole by 11 percent, respectively.

Trade sources anticipate that demand from India, a regular and the largest buyer, should remain strong in April.

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

No	Designation	Unit	Butter	Matpe	Mung	Toor Whole (Pigeon Beans)	Others	Total
1	BELGIUM	TNE			110			110
2	CANADA	TNE		79	21		48	148
3	CHINA	TNE		168	1,288		463	1,919
4	FRANCE	TNE					24	24
5	INDIA	TNE	72	50,048	31,759	16,741	4,334	102,954
6	INDONESIA	TNE	100	337	8,379		1,203	10,019
7	IRAQ	TNE			120			120
8	IRELAND	TNE		120	125			245
9	ITALY	TNE					23	23
10	JAPAN	TNE	1,052	174	241		251	1,718
11	KOREA, REPUBLIC OF	TNE	42	72	94		369	577
12	KUWAIT	TNE			48			48
13	MALAYSIA	TNE		1,227	3,164	120	559	5,070
14	MYANMAR	TNE		240	266	240	12	758
15	NETHERLANDS	TNE					23	23
16	PAKISTAN	TNE		2,256	145		480	2,881
17	PHILIPPINES	TNE		120	1,199		200	1,519
18	PORTUGAL	TNE	125				230	355
19	RUSSIAN FEDERATION	TNE	48					48
20	SAUDI ARABIA	TNE		42			21	63
21	SINGAPORE	TNE	1,072	1,858	11,989	542	2,221	17,681
22	SOUTH AFRICA	TNE				120		120
23	SWEDEN	TNE					24	24
24	SWITZERLAND	TNE			600		240	839
25	TAIWAN	TNE			96			96
26	THAILAND	TNE		763	1,232		24	2,019
27	TURKEY	TNE					96	96
28	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	TNE		530	632	240	96	1,498
29	UNITED KINGDOM	TNE			360			360
30	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	TNE		54	261	82	64	461
31	VIET NAM	TNE	48	2,116	14,422		2,403	18,988
	TOTAL	TNE	2,559	60,203	76,549	18,085	13,408	170,803

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		
	Total	Total	Unofficial	Official	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			
May	209,040	85,802			
June	155,490	82,257			
July	267,010	90,434			
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	336,314	48,281	384,595

End of report.