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Taiwan completes Second 2018 U.S. Rice Specific Country Quota Tender

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Report Highlights:

On September 27, 2018, Taiwan completed a normal rice tender for 6,000 tons of U.S.-origin milled medium/short grain rice at \$717.65 per ton for delivery in 2019. Taiwan will hold a Simultaneous-Buy and Sell (SBS) tender for 3,000 tons of U.S. rice on October 9, 2018.

General Information:

Taiwan Council of Agriculture's Agriculture and Food Agency (AFA) conducted the second tranche of 2018 rice tenders on September 27, 2018. Taiwan successfully completed tenders for 6,000 tons of U.S. origin medium/short grain rice (6,900 tons brown equivalent). To date, Taiwan has completed tenders for 39 percent of the U.S. 2018 CSQ. AFA plans to hold an additional tender for U.S. rice on October 9, 2018. Details of September 27, 2018 tenders are as follows. Information on the first tranche of 2018 tenders is available in [GAIN Report TW18014](#).

Normal Tenders:***GF4-107-118 for 6,000 tons of U.S. milled medium/short grain rice (6,900 brown equivalent):***

AFA awarded the tender to one out of five bidders at NT\$21,933/ton (US \$717.65/ton). The rice is to be delivered in 12 monthly 500 ton shipments packaged in 30 kilogram bags between January 1 and December 31, 2019.

GF4-107-124 for 2,174 tons of Egyptian high amylose content milled rice (2,500 tons brown equivalent): The tender specifications require a minimum 25 percent amylose content. The tender failed twice on September 18 and September 27 due to a lack of bids. The third tendering is scheduled for October 9.

SBS Tenders:

Taiwan has scheduled the following two SBS tenders for October 9, 2018:

- ***GF4-107-138 for 3,000 tons of U.S. rice***
- ***GF4-107-139 for 1,000 tons of Australian rice***

Retenders:***GF4-107-032 for 4,000 tons of Australian rice***

The first and second tender failed on April 10 and April 18, 2018 respectively. On May 3, 2018, AFA awarded 3,000 tons at NT\$4.615/kg (US\$155/MT). After three tenders, the remaining 1,000 tons was tendered on May 30 on a global basis.

GF4-107-033 for 8,300 tons of Thai rice

AFA awarded 6,000 tons on April 10, 2018 at NT\$10.601/kg (US \$363/ton). AFA awarded an additional 800 tons at NT\$10.501/kg (US \$358/MT) on April 18, and the remaining 1,500 tons was awarded at NT\$10.501/kg (US\$353/ton) on May 3, 2018.

Taiwan's 2018 Public Sector Rice Tender Allotments and Tenders in Tons (brown basis)

| Country | SBS Tender | | Normal Tender | Total CSQ |
|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------|
| | 1 st Tranche | 2 nd Tranche | | |
| Egypt | 0 | 0 | 2,500 | 2,500 |
| Thailand | 8,300 (completed) | 0 | 0 | 8,300 |
| Australia | 4,000 (completed) | 2,500 | 12,134 | 18,634 |
| USA | 18,500 (completed) | 13,100 | 33,034 (6,900 on 09/27/2018) | 64,634 |
| Total | 30,800 | 18,100 | 45,168 | 94,068 |
| Source: Council of Agriculture (COA) announcements | | | | |

Exchange Rate:

US\$1 to NT\$30.562 on 09/27/2018

US\$1 to NT\$29.707 on 05/03/2018

US\$1 to NT\$29.316 on 04/18/2018