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### **Beans and Pulses Monthly Trade Report - May 2011**

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**Report Highlights:**

BM1013 Burma exported 156,987 metric tons (MT) of beans and pulses in May, an increase of 127 percent from the same period in 2010, with 64 percent going to India or 101,119 MT followed by 12 percent to Singapore or 20,165 MT and 6 percent to China or 9,109 MT. Additionally, 23 percent or 6,064 MT of mung beans (green gram) were traded with China through border trade.

**General Information:  
Trade**

Burma's beans and pulses exports in May 2011 totaled 156,987MT, up 127 percent from 69,025 MT in May 2010. Most of the shipments were destined to India and matpe (black gram) accounted for 54 percent of the total exports, followed by mung bean (green gram) 17 percent and other 14 percent. India and Singapore were the largest buyers accounting for 101,119 MT or 64 percent and 20,165 MT or 12 percent of total exports respectively.

**Table 1. Beans and Pulses Exports by Types and Destination in May, 2011 (MT)**

Country	Butter	Matpe	Mung	Toor	Whole	Other	Total
India		67,079	1,912		18,068	14,060	101,119
Singapore	225	10,885	5,196		943	2,916	20,165
China	545	269	7,880			415	9,109
Philippines	312	48	3,831			170	4,361
Japan	2,667	922	90			243	3,922
Indonesia		240	3,302		4	166	3,712
Vietnam		1,284	1,932			44	3,260
Malaysia	290	1,175	1,076		48	282	2,871
Pakistan						2,690	2,690
UAE		1,725	138		20	480	2,363
Thailand		1,177	431		50	62	1,720
UK			551			0	551
Korea	63					432	495
Russia						158	158
Netherland			72			69	141
Egypt						75	75
Saudi Arabia		48			24	0	72
Honking	48					0	48
Poland			46			0	46
Chad						45	45
Sibilance		24				0	24
Italy		10	4			6	20
Newzealand		3	8		9	0	20
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,150</b>	<b>84,889</b>	<b>26,469</b>		<b>19,166</b>	<b>22,313</b>	<b>156,987</b>

Other category includes kidney, bamboo, black eye, sultani, gram, chickpea and brown beans

**Table 2. Monthly Export of Pulses and Beans for 2010-2011**

Months	2010		2011	
	Monthly	Cumulative Total	Monthly	Cumulative Total
January	64,576	64,576	81,145	81,145
February	125,428	190,004	87,418	168,563
March	133,315	323,319	87,129	255,692

April	57,379	380,698	81,307	336,999
May	69,025	449,723	156,987	493,986
June	79,447	529,170		
July	72,910	602,080		
August	72,791	674,871		
September	70,381	745,252		
October	63,587	808,839		
November	46,277	855,116		
December	117,453	972,569		
<b>Total</b>	972,569		493,986	

Average exchange rate in May: one US\$= Kyat 826

### **Export prospects**

The kyat continues to strengthen with a 2.6 percent increase in May from ks 848/dollar in April to ks 826/ dollar in May, however exports increased 93 percent from the previous month as speculation that the kyat, Burmese currency, would strengthen up to ks 700/ dollar. As such, traders who have accumulated stocks from the February and March harvest are no longer taking the risk of holding on to stocks. Year to date export of pulses and beans of the country increased 10 percent from 449,723 MT in MY 2009-2010 to 493,986 MT in MY 2010-2011.

Due to the total exports during initial five months of 2011 has reached 0.49 million metric tons, the annual export for the whole year on 2011 is expected to be 1 million, however it remains to see how the kyat behaves with respect to the dollar in order for Burmese beans and pulses to remain competitive.

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