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Government Issues Wheat Export Levies

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Report Highlights:

On January 19, the Government of Hungary (GOH) issued an order to impose export levies on wheat and wheat flour until May 1, 2004, the date Hungary joins the EU. The GOH also plans to release 120,000 MT of wheat from its strategic reserves for flour milling and has opened duty-free import quotas for wheat and rye (400,000 MT each) for the period of January- May 1, 2004. Commercial interest for duty free import quota shares is high, but no purchases have been reported yet.

Includes PSD Changes: No
Includes Trade Matrix: No
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On January 19, the Hungarian Ministry of Agriculture and Regional Development (MOA) issued an order to impose export levies of HUF 11,000/MT (USD 52/MT) on wheat, wheat flour and like products (under HS 1001 and 1101) from January 20 to April 30, 2004. The Government of Hungary (GOH) would like to reduce actual spot prices (currently at HUF 38,000-42,000/MT, US\$181-200/MT) and March futures (at HUF 49,000/MT, US\$ 233) by the measure. The Government of Hungary also plans to release 120,000 MT of wheat from its strategic reserves for flour milling.

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The FAS/Budapest office has received requests for U.S. wheat export contacts.