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### Public Rice Tender for 2007 Imports

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**Report Highlights:**

Taiwan commenced the Country Specific Quota (SCQ) import regime for public sector import quotas after it received World Trade Organization (WTO) certification of modifications and rectifications to the existing rice TRQ import regime on 22 June 2007. In 2007, the total quota for public sector imports under CSQ regime amounted to 84,068 tons, of which 10,900 tons will be tendered under SBS (Simultaneous Buy-and-Sell) scheme and 74,068 tons under normal tender scheme. To date, Taiwan has completed 10,440 tons of SBS quotas thru three tender processes and the remaining 460 tons will be opened for global quota.

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## Public Rice Tender for 2007 Import Quotas

Taiwan commenced the Country Specific Quota (SCQ) import regime for public sector import quotas after it received World Trade Organization (WTO) certification of modifications and rectifications to the existing rice TRQ import regime on 22 June 2007. The total quota for public sector imports amounted to 94,068 tons, of which 20,000 tons will be tendered under SBS (Simultaneous Buy-and-Sell) scheme and 74,068 tons under normal tender scheme.

As this is the first year that Taiwan has implemented the CSQ import regime 9,100 tons of the 20,000 tons SBS quotas had already been tendered before Taiwan's CSQ was certified by the WTO. As a result, only 84,968 tons instead of 94,068 tons will be tendered under CSQ regime for 2007 imports. To date, Taiwan has conducted three tenders for the SBS quotas totaled 10,900 tons. Of the 10,900 tons, 460 tons is going to be opened for global quota because Austrian couldn't fill the quota after three tender failures. Of the 74,068 tons of normal tender, 21,000 tons have been scheduled for October 24 for technical tender and October 26 for price tender.

Table 1 – Summary Tender Schedule

Tender Type	Tendering Process	Tender Number and Country Origin
SBS-1	March 28 May 9	GF4-960-291 for 9,100 tons-Global
SBS-2	September 27 October 5 October 17	GF4-960-102 for 6,347 tons-Thailand GF4-960-139 for 2,258 tons-Egypt GF4-960-140 for 1,795 tons-USA GF4-960-141 for 500 tons-Australia
<b>Total SBS Quota: 20,000 tons</b>		
Normal-1	October 26	GF4-960-165 for 11,000 tons medium/short-USA GF4-960-165 for 10,000 tons medium/short-Australia
Normal-2	TBD	15,000 tons-USA
Normal-3	TBD	15,000 tons-USA
Normal-4	TBD	1,150 tons-Thailand 15,587 tons-USA 6,331 tons-Thailand
<b>Total Normal Quota: 74,068 tons</b>		
<b>Total Public Rice Quota: 94,068 tons</b>		

### Tender Details

#### SBS Tenders

1. Global Quota: GF4-960-291 for 9,100 tons

On March 28, Taiwan awarded 1,500 tons SBS quota to one importer at NT\$7.501/kg and 7,600 tons to seven importers at weighted average price NT\$7.056/kg, with highest NT\$7,218/kg and lowest NT\$7.010/kg.

2. CSQ Quota

a. GF4-960-102 for 6,347 tons for Thai rice was successfully completed at the first tender scheduled for September 27.

On September 27, twelve rice importers participated in the tender bidding for Thai rice import quota rights. The tender was successfully completed thru competitive bidding

process. Taiwan awarded 120 tons SBS Thai rice quota to one rice importer at NT\$7.500/kg and the rest 6,227 tons were awarded to six importers at NT\$7.400/kg.

b. GF4-960-139 for 2,258 tons for Egyptian Rice was completed at the second tender scheduled for October 5

The first tender scheduled for September 27 failed because only two importers participated in the bidding. It requires three participants at minimum at the first tender to claim the tender process an eligible and competitive process for Non-selective Tender according to Taiwan Government Procurement Law.

The tender was successfully completed at the second tender on October 5. Taiwan awarded 2,258 tons SBS import quota rights for Egyptian rice at NT\$5.700/kg to three importers, 1,040 tons to two importers and 178 tons to one importer.

c. GF4-960-140 for 1,795 tons for US Rice was completed at the third tender scheduled for October 17

The first tender scheduled for September 27 failed because the offered bidding prices were too low, with the highest NT\$4.500/kg and lowest NT\$3.003/kg offered by among five bidding participants.

At the second tender on October 5, only 500 tons were awarded to one importer at NT\$4.600/kg.

The remaining 1,295 tons was completed at the third tender scheduled for October 17, of which 520 tons were awarded to one importer at NT\$4.250/kg and 775 tons to another importer at NT\$4.210/kg

d. GF4-960-141 for 500 tons for Australian Rice,

The tender failed on September 27<sup>th</sup> first tender due to insufficient participants.

Although there was sole participant Taiwan was able to award 40 tons at the second tender at NT\$5,010/kg.

The rest 460 tons failed at the third tender and is opened for global quota.

## 2. Normal Tender

Taiwan has announced a normal tender for 11,000 tons of U.S. medium or short brown rice and 10,000 tons of Australian medium or short brown rice. Technical tender is scheduled for October 24 and price tender October 26.