

Directions for the Administration of the Country-Specific-Quotas of Centralized Imported Rice

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1. These directions have been established to manage the Country-Specific Quotas of Centralized Imported Rice by Council of Agriculture, Executive Yuan (hereinafter referred to as “the Council”).
2. According to the country’s notification G/MA/TAR/RS/88/Corr.2, dated 16 March 2007 to World Trade Organization (WTO) on Rectification and Modification of schedules, the total quotas for Centralized Imported Rice shall be 94,068 Metric tons calculated on a brown rice basis and allocated under the following Country-Specific-Quotas:
 - (1) United States: 64,634 Metric Tons
 - (2) Australia: 18,634 Metric Tons
 - (3) Thailand: 8,300 Metric Tons
 - (4) Egypt: 2,500 Metric Tons
3. The Country-Specific-Quotas for Centralized Imported Rice will be purchased by the Council’s Agriculture and Food Agency under the following methods in batches according to the related regulations in Government Procurement Act, the purchases could also be done by authorizing professional agencies and organizations:
 - (1) General Procurement: The award will be made to the bidder whose after tax per ton price to the warehouse designated by Agriculture and Food Agency under DDP term for international trade is the lowest and meets the requirements set forth in the tender

documentation and within the ceiling price.

- (2) Simultaneous Buy and Sell tendering procedures: Use the price differences between per ton importation price with shipment to a designated domestic delivery (pick up) warehouse on a brown rice basis and purchase price as the basis for comparing bids, and a contract will be awarded to whichever complies with the regulation in invitation to bid and has the highest price above the ceiling price.

The procurement method, origin, quantity and time for each batch will be announced by the Council's Agriculture and Food Agency.

4. If Country-Specific-Quotas for Centralized Imported Rice Procurement tenders unable to award a contract through inviting public bidding for three consecutive times, the quantity not awarded shall be subject to tendering on an MFN basis, and shall be tendered with the same specifications of the earlier failed tenders.
5. The participants in the bidding of Country-Specific-Quotas for Centralized Imported Rice Procurement tenders are limited to companies which have been registered as an exporter/importer according to Foreign Trade Act, and as a Food Dealers pursuant to Food Administration Act.
6. The contractor can use the quota contract awarded by the Council's Agriculture and Food Agency to apply for using applicable in-quota custom tariff rate according to related regulations when goods are imported.
7. Matters that are not covered by these directions shall be conducted in accordance with the tender documentation and other applicable regulations.