

Survey 3:

Agricultural

Trade Policies

Thailand

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LIST OF TRADE POLICIES ON SELECTED COMMODITIES

1.1 RICE

Tariff rates

Rice (HS 1006) can be grouped into to 4 main categories: rice in husk or paddy (HS 100610), husked or brown rice (HS 100620), semi-milled or wholly milled rice (HS100630), and broken rice (HS100640). Specific duty of Baht2.75 /kg is applied for these four categories in general.

For WTO (World Trade Organization) members, Cambodia and Laos ad valorem duty of 30% is applied for the import in quota while off-quota ad valorem duty rate is 52%.

For AFTA (ASEAN Free Trade Area) members, under CEPT (Common Effective Preferential Tariff) scheme, specific duty rate is Baht2.75/kg while the ad valorem duty rate is 5%.

Import duty is exempted for imports from Australia and New Zealand under FTAs. Ad valorem duty of 27.27% is applied for imports from Japan according to JTEPA (Japan Thai Economic Partnership Agreement).

Non-tariff measures

There are two non-tariff measures applied for rice import, quota and licensing. These non-tariff measures are applied for all four categories of rice.

- **Import quota.** To apply for the import quota, the importer must be a juristic person. This quota, subjected to lower import duty, is limited only for import from WTO members and Laos. In 2007 the import quota was 249,757 ton for ad valorem duty of 30% while it is 52% for off-quota import.
- **Import licensing.** In principle, rice import from non-WTO member countries is not allowed. For WTO members, including Laos, import licensing is required. Nevertheless there is no restriction on import quantity but that off-quota has to pay higher import duty (52% as compared to 30% in-quota rate).

1.2 SUGAR

Tariff rates

Included in this commodity are cane or beet sugar and chemically pure sucrose in solid form (HS 1701) and molasses resulting from the extraction or refining of sugar (HS 1703). Sugar (HS 1701) consists of cane sugar (HS 170111), beet sugar (HS 170112), coloring matter

(HS 170191), and other (HS 170199). Molasses consist of cane molasses containing added flavoring or coloring matter (HS 1703101) and other (HS 1701109) and other molasses containing added flavoring or coloring matter (HS 1703901) and other (HS 1701909).

For cane sugar (HS 170111), beet sugar (HS 170112), coloring matter (HS 170191), and other (HS 170199) specific duty in general is Baht3.50/kg. For WTO members, Cambodia and Laos; there is ad valorem duty 65% under import quota and 94% for off-quota. For AFTA specific duty is Baht3.50/kg while ad valorem duty is 5%. For Australia the ad valorem duty is 52% according the bi-lateral trade agreement. Import duty is exempted for Japan and New Zealand under FTAs.

For cane molasses containing added flavoring or coloring matter (HS 17031010) and other (HS 17011090) and other molasses (HS 17019090) specific duty in general is Baht0.08/kg while for WTO members, Cambodia and Laos there is 30% ad valorem duty. Import duty is exempted for imports from AFTA. Import from China is subjected to 12% ad valorem duty according to ASEAN – China FTA, as well as imports from Australia and New Zealand under bi-lateral FTAs. Import from Japan is subjected to 26.67% ad valorem duty under JTEPA. Import duty is exempted for import from Myanmar through Mae Sai and Chiang Dao Custom Houses.

There is ad valorem duty of 65% in general for other molasses containing added flavoring or coloring matter (HS 1703901). For WTO members, Cambodia and Laos there is 40% ad valorem duty and exemption for AFTA. Imports from Australia and New Zealand are subjected to 12% ad valorem duty under FTAs. Import from Japan is subjected to 36.36% ad valorem duty under JTEPA.

Non-tariff measures

- **Import quota.** For sugar (HS 1701) there is import quota in getting lower duty rate (65% compared to 94% off-quota). The quota is for sugar with origin from WTO members and Laos only. Import quota application must be submitted to Department of Foreign Trade. Importers are processing plants in demand of sugar for raw materials, they must submit a copy of letter to certify their being juristic persons and Form 4 for industrial plants. For importers who are cooperatives/ farmer groups/ or associations, a copy of registration of the establishment, regulations, and minutes on committee election must be submitted.

1.3 MAIZE

Tariff rates

Maize (HS 1005) consists of seed (HS 100510) and others (HS 100590) for human consumption/ animal feed/ other.

For maize in general there is specific duty of Baht2.75/ kg. For WTO members there is ad valorem duty of 20% for maize in import quota and 73% for off-quota.

For maize seed (HS 100510) import duty is exempted for imports from AFTA, Cambodia, Laos, Japan, Australia, and New Zealand. For Myanmar there is 5% ad valorem duty. For China there is Baht1.38/kg specific duty.

For feed maize (HS 100590) import duty is 16% for import from Australia. For import from AFTA there is 5% ad valorem duty and Baht2.75/kg specific duty. Import from ACMECS (Ayeyawady-Chao Phraya-Mekhong Economic Cooperation Strategy) including Cambodia, Laos, and Myanmar the import duty is exempted, providing that the certification on origin is submitted at the Custom. Import duty is also exempted for Japan New Zealand,

Non-tariff measures

Non-tariff measures for maize are found for feed maize. They are import quota for lower duty rate, licensing, and surcharge.

- **Import quota.** Import quota is imposed on feed maize (HS 100590). Public Warehouse Organization (PWO), Ministry of Commerce is the sole importer. In-quota import is subject to an ad valorem duty of 20%. Off-quota duty is 73%. The import in quota must be from WTO members and Laos. Off-quota imports from non-WTO members and Laos are subject to specific duty of Baht2.75/kg plus an extra charge 10.22% of the import duty. Off-quota import from Australia is subject to 65.70% duty according to FTA Thai-Australia. In quota import must be during 1 March – 30 June, time range can be adjusted annually.
- **Import licensing.** The license is required for specific agreement. Imports from ACMECS (including Cambodia, Laos and Myanmar) must submit origin certification (Form AIS) to the Custom to be eligible for the duty exemption. Imports from AFTA are not subject to import quota volume and time range and they are subject to 5% duty, surcharge is exempted; but they must submit origin certification (Form D) to the Custom.
- **Surcharges.** Off quota imports from non-WTO members, except Laos, are subjected to surcharge (varies annually depending on domestic demand and supply).

1.4 CASSAVA

Tariff rates

Cassava (HS 071410) can be imported as roots, pellet and others. All are subjected to 60% ad valorem duty in general. Nevertheless for frozen, the rate is discounted to 30%. For WTO members the duty is lower to 40%. Import duty is exempted for AFTA, China, Australia, and New Zealand according to FTAs as well as import from Myanmar through Mae sai and Chiang Dao Custom Houses. For import from Japan there is 30% ad valorem duty under JTEPA.

Non-tariff measures

There is not any non-tariff measure for cassava. The emphasis is more on quality control for export, especially to European Union.

1.5 COCONUT

Tariff rates

Relevant commodities in this group are coconuts (HS0801) and coconut oil and its fraction (HS 1513). Coconuts include desiccated (HS 080111), other (HS 080119), in shell (HS 080121), and shelled (HS 080122). Coconut oil and its fractions include crude oil (HS 151311).

For all coconuts in general there is a 60% ad valorem duty.

For desiccated (HS 080111) and other (HS 080119) coconuts imported from WTO members, Cambodia and Laos are subjected to 20% ad valorem duty for those in-quota and increase to 54% for off-quota. Import duty is exempted for AFTA, China, Japan, Australia, and New Zealand under FTAs and also Myanmar imported through Mae Sai and Chiang Dao Customs Houses in the North under AIS – ACMECS.

Beside 60% ad valorem duty, in shelled (HS 080121) and shelled (HS 080122) coconuts are also subjected to specific duty of 50 Baht/kg. For WTO members and Laos, ad valorem duty is lower to 40% while specific duty is Baht33.50/kg. Import duty is exempted for AFTA, China, Japan, Australia and New Zealand under FTAs and also Myanmar imported through Mae Sai and Chiang Dao Customs Houses in the North under AIS – ACMECS.

For crude coconut oil (HS 151311), in general there is Baht2.5/litre specific duty. Those in-quota imports from WTO members and Laos are subjected to 20% ad valorem duty and increases to 52% for off-quota. For AFTA there is 5% ad valorem duty while specific duty is Baht2.50/litre. Import duty is exempted for imports from Japan, Australia, New Zealand, under FTAs.

Non-tariff measures

- **Import quota.** Import quota (about 110 ton for HS 08011100 and 2,317 ton for HS 08011900) is applied for a lower import duty 20%.
- **Import licensing.** Importers must be processors who imported for raw material and be juristic persons. The license is approved by Minister of Commerce.

1.6 OIL PALM

Tariff rates

Import duty is imposed on palm oil and its fraction whether or not refined but not chemically modified (HS 1511) which is divided in to crude oil (HS 151110) and other (HS 151190).

In general specific duty Baht2.50/litre is imposed on palm oil both f HS 151110 and HS 151190. For imports from WTO members, Cambodia and Laos ad valorem duty of 20% is applied for in-quota import and 143% for off-quota. For imports from AFTA there is 5% ad valorem duty and Baht2.50/litre specific duty. For import from Japan, under JTEPA there is 18.18% ad valorem duty. Under FTAs import duty is exempted for imports from Australia and New Zealand.

Non-tariff measures

- **Import quota.** Import quota for about 4,840 ton, adjusted annually is given for 20%

ad valorem duty, for WTO members, Cambodia and Laos only. Public Warehouse Organization is the sole importer.

- **Import licensing.** For countries other than WTO members, Cambodia and Laos, import licensing is required. It has to be applied with Ministry of Commerce and approved by the Cabinet.

1.7 BEANS

Tariff rates

- Beans (*Vigna spp.* and *Phaseolus spp.*) (HS 07082000). In general there is 60% ad valorem duty and reduced to 40% for imports from WTO members and 12% from Australia. Import duty is exempted for imports from AFTA, Myanmar, China and Japan.
- Groundnuts for sowing (HS 12021000). In general there is 35% ad valorem duty which is reduced to 30% for WTO members and 12% for Australia, 20.44% for Japan, 6% for New Zealand, and 5% for Laos. Import duty is exempted for imports from AFTA.
- Edible and other groundnuts (HS 12021090). In general there is 35% ad valorem duty which is reduced to 30% for WTO members, 26.67% for Japan, 12% for Australia and New Zealand, and 5% for AFTA.
- Crude groundnut oil (HS 15081000). In general there is Baht2.50/litre specific duty. For imports from WTO members, there is 37% ad valorem duty. For AFTA, there is 5% ad valorem or Baht2.50/litre specific duty. For import from China, there is Baht0.66/litre specific duty. Import duty is exempted for Japan, Australia, and New Zealand.
- Groundnut oil cake (HS 23050000). In general there is 10% ad valorem duty and reduced to 9% for WTO members, 6% for Australia and New Zealand, 5% for China. Import duty is exempted for AFTA and Japan.
- Cocoa bean whole or broken, raw or roasted (HS 18010000). In general there is 30% ad valorem duty and reduced to 27% for WTO members, and 12% for China. Import duty is exempted for AFTA, Japan, Australia, and New Zealand.

Non-tariff measures

There is not any non-tariff measure for beans.

1.8 WHEAT

Tariff rates

Included in this item are durum wheat (HS 100110), other wheat and meslin (HS 100190), wheat and meslin flour (HS 110100), and wheat gluten whether or not dried (HS 110900).

Specific import duty Baht2.75/kg is imposed on durum wheat (HS 100110) and other wheat and meslin (HS 100190). For WTO members there is 27% ad valorem duty. For import from AFTA, Myanmar through Mae Sai and Chiang Dao Custom Houses, Australia, and New Zealand; import duty is exempted. Import from China is subjected to Baht0.50/kg specific duty while it is Baht0.09 for Japan.

For wheat and meslin flour (HS 110100), in general there are 40% ad valorem duty or Baht2.75/kg specific duty. For WTO members, the rates are reduced to 30% and Baht2.06/kg accordingly. For AFTA there is 5% specific duty. Import from China is subjected to 40% ad valorem while specific duty is Baht2.75/kg. Ad valorem duty is 20% for Japan; 12% for Australia and New Zealand. Import duty is exempted for import from Myanmar through Mae Sai and Chiang Dao Custom Houses.

For wheat gluten whether or not dried (HS 110900), in general there are 40% ad valorem duty or Baht2.75/kg specific duty. For WTO members, the rates are reduced to 30% and Baht2.06/kg accordingly. For AFTA there is 5% specific duty. Import from China is subjected to 12% ad valorem while specific duty is Baht0.82/kg. Ad valorem duty is 4.17% for Japan; 3% for New Zealand. Import duty is exempted for import from Australia.

Non-tariff measures

There is not any non-tariff measure on wheat.

1.9 SOYBEAN

Tariff rates

Included in this item are soybean whether or not broken (HS 1201) which can be categorized into those for sowing (HS 12010010) and other soybean (HS 12010090), crude soybean oil (HS 15071000), soybean oil and its fraction whether or not refined but not chemically modified (HS 15079000) Also included in this item is soybean cake (HS 23040000).

For sowing soybean (HS 12010010), there is 35% ad valorem duty in general which is exempted for in-quota imports from WTO members and AFTA while those off-quotas from these countries are subjected to 80% ad valorem duty. Import duty is exempted for in-quota imports from Myanmar, Cambodia, and Laos. Import duty is exempted for Japan, Australia, and New Zealand.

For other soybean (HS 12010090), there is 60% ad valorem duty in general which is exempted for in-quota imports from WTO members while those off-quotas are subjected to 80% ad valorem duty. Import from AFTA is subjected to 5% ad valorem duty. Import duty is exempted for imports from Myanmar, Cambodia, Laos, Japan, Australia, and New Zealand.

For crude soybean oil (HS 15071000) and soybean oil and its fraction whether or not refined but not chemically modified (HS 15079000), there is Baht2.5/litre specific duty in general. For imports from WTO members as well as Cambodia and Laos, there are 20% ad valorem duty for those in-quota and 146% for off-quota. For AFTA there is 5% ad valorem duty while specific duty is Baht2.50/litre. Import duty is exempted for imports from Japan, Australia, and New Zealand.

For soybean cake (HS 23040000), there is Baht2.50/kg specific duty in general. For imports from WTO members as well as Cambodia and Laos, there are 20% ad valorem duty for those in-quota and 119% for off-quota. For AFTA there is 5% ad valorem duty. Import duty is exempted for imports from Japan, Australia, and New Zealand.

Non-tariff measures

■ Import quota

For soybean (HS 12010010 and HS 12010090) import duty is exempted for in-quota import and is 80% for off-quota import from WTO members including Lao. Quota varies annually.

For soybean oil (HS 15071000 and HS 15079000) import duty is 20% for in-quota import and is 146% for off-quota import from WTO members including Lao. Food Processing Association is the importer. Quota varies annually.

For soybean cake (HS 23040000) import duty is 4% for in-quota import and is 119% for off-quota import from WTO members including Lao. Quota varies annually.

■ Import Licensing

For soybean (HS 12010010 and HS 12010090) imports from non - WTO member countries must be approved by the Minister of Commerce. The approval depends on domestic demand and supply. For soybean seed upon approval from Department of Agriculture, import duty can be exempted.

For soybean oil (HS 15071000 and HS 15079000) imports from non - WTO member countries must be approved by the Minister of Commerce. The approval depends on domestic demand and supply.

For soybean cake (HS 23040000) imports from AFTA must submit origin certificate (Form D) for the import duty 5%

■ Surcharge

For soybean cake (HS 23040000), surcharge as determined by Ministry of Commerce must be paid (about Baht2,519/ton).

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Table 1
Tariff rates on selected agricultural commodities

HS code	Description	General	WTO	AFTA	Myanmar	Cambodia	Laos	China	Japan	Australia	New Zealand
100610	Rice in Husk or paddy	฿2.75/kg	30%* 52%	฿2.75/kg 5%		30%* 52%	30%* 52%		27.27%	0	0
100620	Husked or brown rice	฿2.75/kg	30%* 52%	฿2.75/kg 5%		30%* 52%	30%* 52%		27.27%	0	0
100630	Semi-milled or wholly milled rice	฿2.75/kg	30%* 52%	฿2.75/kg 5%		30%* 52%	30%* 52%		27.27%	0	0
100640	Broken rice	฿2.75/kg	30%* 52%	฿2.75/kg 5%		30%* 52%	30%* 52%		27.27%	0	0
170111	Cane sugar	฿3.50/kg	65%* 94%	฿3.50/kg 5%		65%* 94%	65%* 94%		0	52%	0
170112	Beet sugar	฿3.50/kg	65%* 94%	฿3.50/kg 5%		65%* 94%	65%* 94%		0	52%	0
170191	Coloring matter	฿3.50/kg	65%* 94%	฿3.50/kg 5%		65%* 94%	65%* 94%		0	52%	0
170199	Other cane or beet sugar and chemically pure sucrose in solid form	฿3.50/kg	65%* 94%	฿3.50/kg 5%		65%* 94%	65%* 94%		0	52%	0
17031010	Cane molasses containing added flavouring/ coloring	฿0.08/kg	30%	0	0	30%	30%	12%	26.67%	12%	12%
17011090	Other cane molasses	฿0.08/kg	30%	0	0	30%	30%	12%	26.67%	12%	12%
17019090	Other molasses	฿0.08/kg	30%	0	0	30%	30%	12%	26.67%	12%	12%
17039010	Other molasses containing flavouring/ coloring	65%	40%	0		40%	40%		36.36%	12%	12%
100510	Maize seed	฿2.75/kg	20%* 73%	0		0	0	฿1.38/kg	0	0	0
100590	Feed Maize	฿2.75/kg		฿2.75/kg	0	0	0		0	16%	0
071410	Cassava	60%	40%	0	0			0	30%	0	0

HS code	Description	General	WTO	AFTA	Myanmar	Cambodia	Laos	China	Japan	Australia	New Zealand
080111	Desiccated coconuts	60%	20%* 54%	0	0	20%* 54%	20%* 54%	0	0	0	0
080119	Other coconuts	60%	20%* 54%	0	0	20%* 54%	20%* 54%	0	0	0	0
080121	Coconuts in shell	฿50/kg 60%	฿33.50/kg 40%	0	0		฿33.50/kg 40%	0	0	0	0
080122	Shelled coconuts	฿50/kg 60%	฿33.50/kg 40%	0	0		฿33.50/kg 40%	0	0	0	0
151311	Crude coconut oil	฿2.50/litre	20%* 52%	฿2.50/litre 5%			20%* 52%		0	0	0
151110	Crude palm oil	฿2.50/litre	20%* 143%	฿2.50/litre 5%		20%* 143%	20%* 143%		18.18%	0	0
151190	Other palm oil	฿2.50/litre	20%* 143%	฿2.50/litre 5%		20%* 143%	20%* 143%		18.18%	0	0
07082000	Beans (<i>Vigna spp</i> and <i>Phaseolus spp.</i>)	60%	40%	0	0			0	0	12%	
12021000	Groundnuts for sowing	35%	30%	0			5%		20.44	12%	6%
12021090	Edible and other groundnuts	35%	30%	5%					26.67%	12%	12%
15081000	Crude groundnut oil	฿2.50/litre	37%	฿2.50/litre 5%				฿0.66/litre	0	0	0
23050000	Groundnut oil cake	10%	9%	0				5%	0	6	6
100110	Durum wheat	฿2.75/kg	27%	0	0			฿0.50/kg	฿0.09/kg	0	0
100190	Other wheat and meslin	฿2.75/kg	27%	0	0			฿0.50/kg	฿0.09/kg	0	0
110100	Wheat and meslin flour	฿2.75/kg 40%	฿2.06/kg 30%	5%	0			฿2.75/kg 40%	20%	12%	12%
12010010	Sowing soybean	35%	0%* 80%	0%* 80%	0%	0%	0%		0	0	0
12010090	Other soybean	60%	0%* 80%	5%	0	0	0		0	0	0
15071000	Crude soybean oil	฿2.50/litre	20%* 146%	฿2.50/litre 5%		20%* 146%	20%* 146%		0	0	0
15079000	Soybean oil and its fraction	฿2.50/litre	20%* 146%	฿2.50/litre 5%		20%* 146%	20%* 146%		0	0	0
23040000	Soybean cake	฿2.75/kg	20%* 119%	5%					0	0	0

Source: Department of Customs, Ministry of Finance
* = In quota

Table 2

Non-tariff measures on selected agricultural commodities

HS code	Description	Import Quota	Import Licensing	Surcharge
100610	Rice in husk or paddy	For WTO members and Laos to get lower duty rate	For WTO members and Laos only. Import from other countries is not allowed	
100620	Husked or brown rice	For WTO members and Laos to get lower duty rate	For WTO members and Laos only. Import from other countries is not allowed	
100630	Semi-milled or wholly milled rice	For WTO members and Laos to get lower duty rate	For WTO members and Laos only. Import from other countries is not allowed	
100640	Broken rice	For WTO members and Laos to get lower duty rate	For WTO members and Laos only. Import from other countries is not allowed	
170111	Cane sugar	For WTO members and Laos to get lower duty rate. Importer must be juristic processor and submit Form 4 or record of establishment		
170112	Beet sugar	For WTO members and Laos to get lower duty rate		
170191	Coloring matter	Importer must be juristic processor and submit Form 4 or record of establishment		
170199	Other cane or beet sugar and chemically pure sucrose in solid form	For WTO members and Laos to get lower duty rate		
17031010	Cane molasses containing added flavouring/coloring	Importer must be juristic processor and submit Form 4 or record of establishment		
17011090	Other cane molasses	For WTO members and Laos to get lower duty rate		
17019090	Other molasses	Importer must be juristic processor and submit Form 4 or record of establishment		
17039010	Other molasses containing flavouring/coloring			
100510	Maize seed			
100590	Feed maize	Importer of PWO. For WTO members and Laos to get lower duty rate. Restriction on import period	Import from AFTA and ACMECS to get lower duty rate under quota	For off-quota imports from non-WTO members, except Laos
071410	Cassava			
080111	Desiccated coconuts	To get lower duty rate	Importer must be juristic processor. To be approved by Minister of Commerce	
080119	Other coconuts	To get lower duty rate	Importer must be juristic processor. To be approved by Minister of Commerce	
080121	Coconuts in shell			

HS code	Description	Import Quota	Import Licensing	Surcharge
080122	Shelled coconuts			
151311	Crude coconut oil			
151110	Crude palm oil	For WTO members, Cambodia and Laos to get lower duty rate. PWO is the importer.	Countries other than WTO members, Cambodia and Laos must apply for license from ministry of Commerce to be approved by the Cabinet	
151190	Other palm oil	For WTO members, Cambodia and Laos to get lower duty rate. PWO is the importer.	Countries other than WTO members, Cambodia and Laos must apply for license from ministry of Commerce to be approved by the Cabinet	
07082000	Beans (<i>Vigna supp</i> and <i>Phaseolus spp.</i>)	For WTO members and Laos to get lower duty rate		
12021000	Groundnuts for sowing	Importer must be juristic processor and submit Form 4 or record of establishment		
12021090	Edible and other groundnuts	For WTO members and Laos to get lower duty rate		
15081000	Crude groundnut oil	Importer must be juristic processor and submit Form 4 or record of establishment		
23050000	Groundnut oil cake	For WTO members and Laos to get lower duty rate		
100110	Durum wheat			
100190	Other wheat and meslin			
110100	Wheat and meslin flour			
12010010	Sowing soybean	For WTO members and Laos to get lower duty rate		
	For non-WTO members except Laos. To be approved by Minister of Commerce			
12010090	Other soybean	For WTO members and Laos to get lower duty rate		
	For non-WTO members except Laos. To be approved by Minister of Commerce and Department of Agriculture for soybean seed			
15071000	Crude soybean oil	For WTO members and Laos to get lower duty rate. Eligible for Food Processing Association in Thailand	For non-WTO members. To be approved by Minister of Commerce	
1579000	Soybean oil and its fraction	For WTO members and Laos to get lower duty rate. Eligible for Food Processing Association in Thailand	For non-WTO members. To be approved by Minister of Commerce	
23040000	Soybean cake	For WTO members and Laos to get lower duty rate	AFTA must submit origin certificate. (Form D)	As determined by Ministry of Commerce

Source: Department of Foreign, Ministry of Commerce

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