

Vulnerable commodities

No of commodities in each country which are allowed a maximum 5% tax tariff in 2015



Malaysia

Lao PDR

Vietnam

Myanmar

Philippines

Cambodia

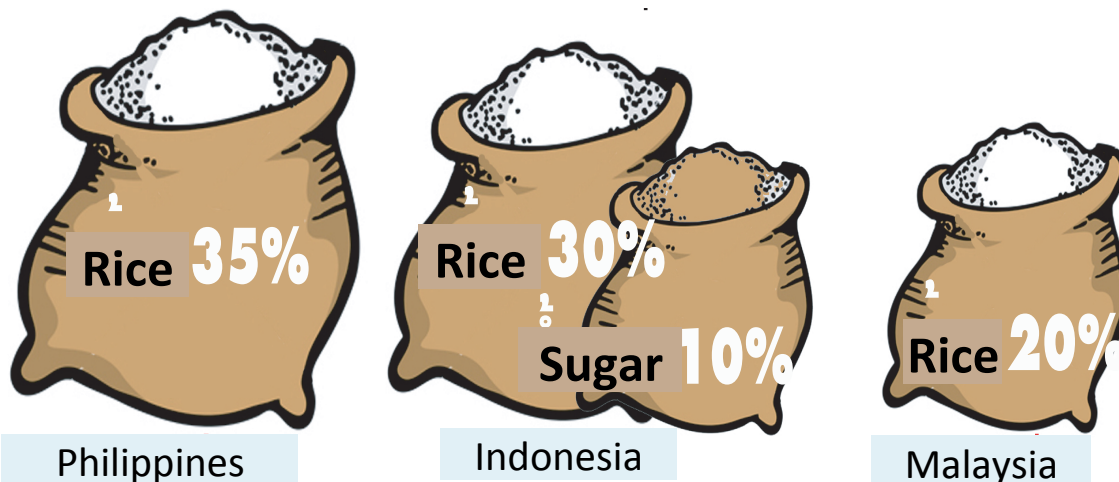
Thailand

Brunei

Indonesia has listed 2 commodities as highly vulnerable.

Highly vulnerable commodities

Customs tariffs kept in three countries on grounds of food security



Philippines

Indonesia

Malaysia

Trade Liberalisation in ASEAN

The ASEAN Free Trade Agreement opens the door for each ASEAN country to protect vulnerable agricultural commodities, without having to reducing all customs taxes all to zero by 2015. It's unfortunate that Thailand has chosen to list only 4 such commodities: timber, potatoes, coffee, and coconut meat.

Not listing commodities such as corn and soya as vulnerable commodities benefits the animal feed producing companies.

Not listing rice as a vulnerable commodity will have impacts on Thailand's food security over the long term.

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