

# Agri trade deficit narrows 2.8% to \$1 billion in Jan.

THE deficit in the trade of agricultural goods in January narrowed 2.8% year on year to \$1 billion, according to the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA).

Agricultural exports in January rose to \$715.25 million from \$538.68 million a year earlier, the PSA said.

Agricultural exports accounted for only 29.4% of two-way agricultural trade, which was valued at \$2.43 billion for the month. Exports of farm goods accounted for 11.2% of total exports.

The PSA said agricultural imports rose 9.4% to \$1.72 billion, or 15.0% of all imports in January.

The PSA said the \$2.43 billion total for agriculture trade rose 15.4% year on year, accelerating from 10.6% a year earlier.

The trade deficit narrowed by 10.7% year on year in December but had risen 8.1% in January 2024.

The PSA said exports of animal, vegetable, or microbial fats and oils and their cleavage products, prepared edible fats,

and animal or vegetable waxes were valued at \$263.87 million, accounting for 36.9% of all agricultural exports.

Agricultural shipments to members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) in January hit \$118.19 million, with Malaysia accounting for \$76.56 million or 65.6% of the total.

The Netherlands accounted for \$67.86 million or 49.9% of the Philippines' agricultural exports to the European Union (EU). It bought agricultural

goods worth \$136.13 million from the Philippines.

The PSA said cereals accounted for 19.1% or \$328.02 million of all agricultural imports in January.

It said Vietnam accounted for \$192.16 million or 29.1% of agricultural imports from ASEAN.

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or vegetable waxes, cereals, and miscellaneous edible preparations.

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## Turboprop transfer scheduled for March 30 subject to review — MIAA



A CEBU PACIFIC plane at NAIA Terminal 3 runway

THE Manila International Airport Authority (MIAA) said the decision to transfer turboprop aircraft away from Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA) could still be reviewed by the Department of Transportation (DoTr) given the turnover in membership of the committee allocating airport slots.

MIAA General Manager Eric Jose C. Ines told reporters on the

sidelines of a briefing on Monday that the Manila Slot Coordination Committee, which decided to transfer about 30% of turboprop operations from NAIA to Clark, has since changed in composition.

"There are now new members of the committee," Mr. Ines said when asked about the possibility of revising the committee's decision.

Members of the Manila Slot Coordination Committee are the

DoTr; the MIAA; the Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines (CAAP), the Civil Aeronautics Board (CAB) and the New NAIA Infra Corp. (NNIC), the private-sector operator of NAIA.

The NNIC has floated plans to transfer the operations of turboprop aircraft away from NAIA to help decongest the airport.

By March 30, budget carrier Cebu Pacific is scheduled to start

relocating turboprop aircraft operations to Clark International Airport.

The changes will not be abrupt and do not necessarily mean that all turboprop aircraft will be moved to other airports, the DoTr has said, citing the need to maximize NAIA slots by using high-capacity aircraft as much as possible.

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(LIPAD) Corp., the operator of Clark International Airport, has revised its passenger volume projection for 2025 to incorporate growth projections resulting from the transfer of turboprop operations.

LIPAD is expecting between 3.3 million and 3.4 million passengers this year, upgrading from the previous estimate of 3 million. — **Ashley Erika O. Jose**

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