

Brazil coffee exports to Arabs slid

Shipments to the region declined 7% in volume in January, in line with the exports decline of the product in general. However, exports from selected and premium coffee has gone up.

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São Paulo – The Arab countries bought 108,600 60-kg bags of coffee from Brazil in January of this year, according to data released this Friday (9) by the Brazilian Coffee Exporters Council (Cecafé). Sales generated USD 16.6 million in revenues, but declined in comparison to January 2017, both in volume and revenues.

In last year's first month, Brazil exported 116,800 bags of coffee to the Arab market. The country shipped 8,000 bags less this January, a drop of 7%. In the same comparison, revenues had an even sharper drop, declining 15%. In January of 2017, Brazil had USD 19.6 million in revenues.

Nonetheless, the Arab countries' share in coffee exports from Brazil in the last month remained unchanged with 4% of the total. But no country from the region, however, appears in the top 10 list of largest importers of the Brazilian product, which are, in ascending order, Germany, United States, Japan, Italy, Belgium, France, Turkey, United Kingdom, Canada and Russia.

Brazil's coffee exports in general also declined in January, going down 5.9% in volume over the first month of last year. The country sent abroad 2.4 million bags. Revenues reached USD 400.9 million, down 13.9%. The sharper decline in revenues than in volume is the result of a drop of 8.5% of prices over January 2017. In that month, coffee was exported with an average price of USD 175.90 per bag, while last month's stood at USD 161.

However, in a statement, Cecafé underlined the exports of premium coffees, with a share of 21.1%. In the same month of 2017, premium coffees accounted for 14.9% of exports. The country exported 524,800 bags of premium coffee. This type of coffee is sold with a higher average price.



In January, a bag of premium coffee was being sold with a price of USD 189.39.

Cecafé's president, Nelson Carvalhaes, said that exporting results, in general, was already expected. "We believe that the pace will continue to be a little slower until the new crop comes, which will bring a better outlook," he said in a statement, underlining the positive expectations regarding production due to the climate factor, with a rise in rainfall.

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