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### **Report Highlights:**

This report outlines the Bangladesh government's required documents from the United States to facilitate the importation of U.S. food and agricultural products. Post has not made substantive changes to the report for 2022.

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### **Executive Summery**

This report was prepared by the Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) in Bangladesh (Post) for U.S. exporters of food and agricultural products. The report gives an overview of the Bangladesh's certificate requirements for food and agricultural products. While this information strives to be as comprehensive as possible, regulations and requirements can frequently change. FAS Dhaka suggests that stakeholders closely monitor the regulating agencies' official websites for policy updates that may impact their operations. Post will provide timely reports on revised and newly issued regulations with potential significant impacts on trade. U.S. exporters are therefore encouraged to work closely with their Bangladesh importers to ensure they are aware of and complying with all current Bangladesh regulations and requirements.

The Bangladesh Food Safety Authority is the national authority responsible for ensuring food safety and food regulations in the country. Bangladesh is a signatory member of the WTO and maintains a relatively liberal and open trading system. Import Policy Order 2015-18 and 21-24 remains in effect for trading with Bangladesh (See link). Bangladesh requires official U.S. government-issued export certificates for many products including all agricultural plant, fisheries and livestock product, meat, poultry, dairy, and fresh fruit, livestock feed and ingredients, and organic products. Original certificates should accompany the product at the time of entry for all government-issued certificates. Final import approval of any products is subject to the importing country's rules and regulations as interpreted by border officials at the time of product entry.

# SECTION I. LIST OF ALL EXPORT CERTIFICATES REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT (MATRIX):

Products	Title of Certificates	Attestation required on certificate	Purpose	Requesting Ministry
All agricultural, processed food products (plant and plant products, poultry, fish and fish products, milk and milk	Certificate of "Country of Origin"	There is no specific negotiated declaration (attestation) or format of the certificate.  Certificate stating products are manufactured in the USA.  Attested by the competent authority or association related to the product.	To authenticate the country of origin of the products being imported to Bangladesh.	Customs House Chittagong, National Board of Revenue
products, meat and meat products, eggs, fish feed, poultry feed, poultry meal, fish meal, feed industry raw materials derived from livestock and fisheries products)	Radiation level test certificate  No specific title.  Example: Certificate of Analysis	There is no specific negotiated declaration (attestation) or format of the certificate.  Certificate of radioactivity-test must indicate the level of CS-137 found in each kilogram of goods shipped.  The competent authority of the exporting country (competent laboratory).	To authenticate that the food has permissible level of radiation to be consumed.	Bangladesh Atomic Energy commission, Ministry of Science and Technology and Ministry of Commerce
	Health certificate	Requires a specific declaration	Food safety, quality, and	Customs House Chittagong,

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		(attestation) but there is no specific negotiated format of the certificate.  Certificate stating "Fit for human consumption"	public health and animal health and veterinary oversight.	National Board of Revenue
		"Fit for consumption by fish, poultry or animal".		
		Provided by the competent laboratory of exporting country.		
Poultry feed, Fish feed, and animal feed ingredients (Animal product)	No specific title See Note - 1	There is no specific negotiated declaration (attestation) or format of the certificate.  Certificates indicating feed goods are free from proximate composition, Chloromphenicol, Nitrofuran, Tetracycline, dyes, Antibiotics, Melamine and Genetically Modified Organism.  (Note - 1: Conditions may change, please follow the conditions written in No Objection Certificate)	Animal health and veterinary oversight	Department of Livestock Services, Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries

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Fish meal, Poultry Meal, and protein	No specific title See Note - 1	There is no specific negotiated declaration (attestation) or format of the certificate.  Certificate indicting that the imported goods are free from harmful chromium, by-products of tanneries and melamine and free from swine product (example: Porcine Plasma).  The competent authority of the exporting country. The competent authority of importing country may conduct testing for confirmation.  (Note: Conditions may change, please follow the conditions written in No Objection Certificate)	Animal health and public health	Department of Livestock Services, Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries
Poultry feed and animal feed ingredients (Plant product)	Phytosanitary Certificate PPQ Form 577 of APHIS	There are no negotiated declaration (attestation) requirements as per the Import Policy Order 2015-18. But importers submit the phytosanitary certificate following the conditions written in import permit.	Plant health and animal health	Plant Quarantine Wing, Ministry of Agriculture

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Chicks (One day old chicks)	Veterinary Health Certificate  Title: Certificate for Poultry or Hatching Eggs for Export  VS FORM 17-6 of APHIS	Generic declaration (attestation) and format of the APHIS certificate.  A certificate confirms that the importable chicks are free from contagious disease (e.g., avian influenza).  The authorized officer of the Livestock	Animal health	Department of Livestock Services, Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries
		Department of the		
Poultry and birds	Health Certificate	exporting country.  There is no specific negotiated declaration (attestation) or format of the certificate.  A certificate to the effect that poultry and birds are free from contagious disease (e.g., avian Influenza).  Issued by the appropriate authority of the exporting countries.	Animal health and food safety	Department of Livestock Services, Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries
Eggs of poultry and birds	Health Certificate  See Note - 1	There is no specific negotiated declaration (attestation) or format of the certificate.  A certificate to the	Animal health	Department of Livestock Services, Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries

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		effect that the goods are free from Avian Influenza or Bird Flu virus and harmful bacteria.  The livestock department or competent authority of the exporting country.		
Semen of oxen	Health Certificate See Note - 1	There is no specific negotiated declaration (attestation) or format of the certificate.  A certificate regarding the variety of semen to the effect that it is free from any contagious and venereal diseases and the exporting country is also free from Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE).  Competent authority of the exporting country.	Animal health.	Department of Livestock Services, Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries
	No specific title.  See Note - 1	There is no specific negotiated declaration (attestation) or format of the certificate.  Certificate stating that the product is free from added melamine.	Food safety	Bangladesh Food Safety Authority, Ministry of Food

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		Competent authority recognized by the government of the exporting country.		
Milk and milk products	No specific title See Note - 1	There is no specific negotiated declaration (attestation) or format of the certificate.  Certificates stating that the cows from which the milk originates have not been given Estrogenic Hormones and Hormone growth promotants (HGPs) treatment.  Competent authority recognized by the government of the exporting country.	Food safety.	Department of Livestock Services, Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries.
	No specific title See Note - 1	There is no specific negotiated declaration (attestation) or format of the certificate.  Certificates to the effect the existence of the level of heavy metal which are in accordance with Codex Standards.  Competent authority recognized by the government of the exporting country.	Food safety.	Bangladesh Standard and Testing Institute, Ministry of Industries.

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Fish	No specific title See Note - 1	There is no specific negotiated declaration (attestation) or format of the certificate.  A certificate to the effect that the fish is free from Formalin.  Issued by the Government or any authority recognized by the Government of the exporting country.	Public health and food safety.	Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries.
Beef, goat meat, or chicken or other consumable meat of animal	No specific title See Note - 1	There is no specific negotiated declaration (attestation) or format of the certificate.  A certificate to the effect that the imported goods are free from Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) and Avian Influenza (when applicable).  Competent authority of the exporting country.	Food safety.	Department of Livestock Services, Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries.
	Certificates of "Country of Origin"	There is no specific negotiated declaration (attestation) or format of the certificate.	To authenticate the country of origin of the products being imported to Bangladesh.	Customs House Chittagong, National Board of Revenue.

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		Certificate stating products are manufactured in the USA.		
Vegetable seed and grain used as food		Attested by the competent authority or association related to the product.  There is no specific		
		negotiated declaration (attestation) or format of the certificate.		
	No specific title. Example: Certificate of Analysis See Note - 1	Certificate of radioactivity-test must indicate the level of CS-137 found in each kilogram of goods shipped.	To authenticate that the plant food has permissible level of radiation to be consumed by human.	Bangladesh Atomic Energy commission, Ministry of Science and Technology
		The competent authority of the exporting country (competent laboratory).		
Potato seed	Phytosanitary Certificate (APHIS - PPQ Form 577)	Phytosanitary certificate from the exporting country.	Plant health	Plant Quarantine Wing, Ministry of Agriculture
Rice Seed	Phytosanitary Certificate (APHIS - PPQ Form 577)	Phytosanitary certificate from the exporting country.	Plant health	Plant Quarantine Wing, Ministry of Agriculture
Hybrid rice seeds	Phytosanitary Certificate (APHIS - PPQ Form 577)	Phytosanitary certificate that the seed is purified with hot water treatment and with approved	Plant health	Plant Quarantine Wing, Ministry of Agriculture

Source: Import Policy Order 2021-24, Ministry of Commerce.

Note -1: There is no specific title, negotiated declaration (attestation), and format of certificate between the government of Bangladesh and the United States; therefore, it is recommended that the exporter verifies any information gathered from importer about required certificates and attestation on certificate.

### SECTION II. PURPOSE OF SPECIFIC EXPORT CERTIFICATE(S)

Please refer to the Matrix under Section I.

### SECTION III. SPECIFIC ATTESTATIONS REQUIRED ON EXPORT CERTIFICATE(S)

Please refer to the Matrix under Section I.

### SECTION IV. GOVERNMENT CERTIFICATE'S LEGAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Original copies of necessary import documents and certificates do not need be accompanied with the product at the time of entry to the port. The exporter must send all the original documents and certificates before the time of entry to the port. The exporter must send those documents through exporting and importing country bank which also deals with the importer's Letter of Credit. The

customs and clearing agent will submit these documents to the customs house for clearing customs and port.

The certificates are valid only for the individual consignment and cannot be applied for multiple shipments. The certificates are valid for an approved period written in the import permit issued by the respective government office for importing agricultural plant and plant products. For example: import permits of agricultural plant and plant products are valid for four months from the issuing date of the import permit.

The compliance issue is absent in import regulations of agricultural and food commodities. Bangladesh doesn't require export certificate for importing agricultural commodities.

## SECTION V. OTHER CERTIFICATION/ACCREDITATION REQUIREMENTS TO ENSURE MARKET ENTRY

This section is derived from Import Policy Order 2021-24.

- 1. Acceptable limits of radiation level for milk powder, milk food and milk products are 95 Becquerel (Bq) per kilogram of radioactive element Cesium (Cs)-137, and for other food goods are 50 Bq of Cs-137 per kilogram. The level of Cs-137 in an item shall be calculated in the state it reaches the port without being liquefied, concentrated, or processed. In case of local goods, the level of Cs-137 in an item shall be calculated in the state it is marketed. The highest acceptable limit of radioactivity levels may be revised by the government from time to time.
- 2. The following procedure shall be applicable in the matters of radiation test of food goods to be imported from any country, as:
  - (a) Prior to shipment of the aforesaid item(s) the inspection agent of the supplier or buyer/consignee shall make necessary arrangement for the test of radiation levels for such goods;
  - (b) Prior to the arrival of a ship carrying such goods at a Bangladeshi port, the buyer or consignee or his/her inspection agent shall make necessary arrangement for sending by courier the certificate regarding radiation level test to the concerned Customs Authority;
  - (c) No good shall be shipped with the radioactivity level above the acceptable limit;
  - (d) In case of import of food goods that were produced neither in any European country nor packed/tinned in or shipped from a third country, it is not required to submit the aforesaid certificate of the radiation level test to the Customs Authority by courier service. After collecting from exporter, the importer should provide a report on radiation level test of importable food goods mentioning the level of Cs-137 found per kilogram of the importable item; and
  - (e) A general certificate to the effect that the goods are fit for human consumption must be enclosed with the Bill of Lading (B. L.).
- 3. In case of direct import of rice, wheat, other cereals and food stuff from South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC), South-East Asia and Asia-Pacific Ocean countries, the provision of the above-mentioned radiation level test shall be relaxed on fulfillment of the conditions stated in import policy order 2015-18.

- 4. Milk products: All kinds of milk products including baby food with fat contents covered under H. S. Heading 04. 02 or 19. 01 and all H. S. Code classifiable there under shall be importable subject to the following conditions, namely:
  - (a) Baby food produced from milk shall be imported in tin containers, airtight packages or Bag in Box up to 2.5 kg;
  - (b) Milk product with cream shall be imported in the loose covered tin containers or bag in box up to 2.5 kg;
  - (c) The Industrial enterprises, which are approved by the packing or caning Sector of Board of Investment, Bangladesh Small & Cottage Industries Corporation or Director, Institute of Public Health & Nutrition, shall import milk food with cream or baby food in big airtight Hermitic Container for packing locally (retail);
  - (d) The words: "There is no alternative to breast-feeding" shall be printed clearly in relatively larger letters in Bangla in a visible space on each tin, airtight package or bag in box of baby food with cream:
  - (e) Composition and percentages of various ingredients shall be printed in Bangla on the tin containers, airtight packages or bag and boxes of milk food;
  - (I) The date of manufacture and the date of expiry (for human consumption) of milk products shall be embossed or computer printed in permanent ink either in Bangla or in English on each airtight package with tin container, or bag in box;
  - (g) The net weight of milk product shall be clearly indicated on each container in Bangla or in English; apart from this, in case of import of milk and milk product baby food, the registration number given by the Director, Institute of Public Health & Nutrition (IPIIN) shall be printed on each tin/ airtight package with tin container/ bag in box clearly;
  - (h) The condition mentioned at clauses (d), (e), (I) and (g) above must be embossed on each airtight package with tin container or bag in box and separate printed labels shall, in no way, be pasted on airtight package with tin container or bag in box;
  - (i) Measuring spoon shall be supplied airtight package with tin container or bag in box of baby food i. e. milk food having fat contents up to 19%.
- 5. In case of all foodstuff / edible substances importable to Bangladesh, the importers shall send information of the edible substances in a prescribed form of Bangladesh Standard & Testing Institution (BSTI) to the BSTI office and information of other food stuff to the Bangladesh Centre for Science and Industrial Research (BCSIR).
- 6. All foodstuff/edible substances imported into Bangladesh must undergo mandatory tests of BSTI and BCSIR. On arrival of the consignment in Bangladesh the importers shall submit samples of the goods to the BSTI/BCSIR for testing and obtain clearance certificate from them. If food stuff/edible substance does not conform to the standard, the consignment shall not be eligible for release and the importer shall be subject to legal action.
- 7. In case of import of food goods for human consumption as GMO (Genetically Modified Organism), LMO (Living Modified Organism) Bangladesh Bio-safety Guidelines should be followed.
- 8. Fish Meal and Protein Concentrate can be imported with the prior permission from the Department of Fisheries (DOF) & Department of Livestock Services (DLS) and in case of such imports source and the name of animal must be mentioned.

- 9. There is no need for further testing of radioactivity level of fish feed, animal and poultry feed goods after their arrival at the Bangladesh port.
- 10. It is to be examined by the Government recognized agency at the port of entry in Bangladesh that no Formalin is used in the imported fish and it shall be released subject to certification that there is no Formalin in it.
- 11. In case of import of beef, mutton or chicken or other consumable meat of animal, the date of manufacture and date of expiry must be embossed/printed on the container by the exporting country and preservation process is to be mentioned on it. Separately printed label shall not be pasted on the container.

### Appendix

### Picture-1: Import permit for DDGS

	Form-III [rule 3(3)(a)] Government of the People's Republic of Banglado Ministry of Agriculture National Plant Quarantine Authority Import Permit	esh	
To: Your reference : '		6	No: 2018-19-1
provisions under the it products/consignment	rule 3(3)(a) of the Plant Quarantine Rules 2018, permiss	sion is hereby granted to	import th
to (name and address of importer)			
by (means of transport)	: SEA		
from (name and address of consigno			
of (country of origin)	: USA		
of (country of export / re-export)	: USA		
through (point of entry)	: CHITTAGONG SEAPORT		
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### **Picture 2: Import Permit for Raw Cotton**



		Form-III [rule 3-3](a)] Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesl Ministry of Agriculture National Plant Quarantine Authority Import Permit	h	
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our refer	ence :			10
	nce with the provisions under the r products/consignment	ule 3(3)(a) of the Plant Quarantine Rules 2018, permissio	on is hereby granted to	o import the following plant
to (name a	and address of			
by (means	of transport)	: SEA		
from (nam	ne and address			
of (country	y of origin)	-		
of (country	y of export / re-~~~	<u> </u>		
through (p	point of entry)	: CHATTOGRAM SEAPORT		
Name of ti	he plants and plant products,	Name of the Plant and Plant Products	Quantity	Pack Size
quantity a	nd pack size	COTTON (NON_SEED) (Gassypium spp.)	KG	Bulk
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3.	The consignment is accompanied export if applicable, declaring the by effective furnigation or other tronger or other to a rarival of the consignment, it furnigated or otherwise treated a may be returned to the consignimport conditions. All relevant extended to the consignition of the conditional conditions to be stated.  1. The cotton consignments chittagong before release.  2. The import permit (IP)	will be examined and will only be released if found to is deemed necessary by the examining Plant Quarantin or, or may be seized and destroyed following the Plant penses for such treatment will be borne by the importer.	n (by the competent : or to have been rend be free from injuriou e Officer stationed at c Quarantine Act, 201 amined and furnigate be borne by the imp	authority), and of export / need free from injurious pes is pests, otherwise it may be CHATTOGRAM SEAPORT, 1, if not complying with the ed by Quarantine officials orter.

### Picture-3: Import Permit for Soybean Seed



#### [rule 3(3)(a)] Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Ministry of Agriculture **National Plant Quarantine Authority** Import Permit

#### To: CHOWDHURY ENTERPRISE

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In accordance with the provisions under the and plant products/consignment	e rule 3(3)(a) of the Plant Quarantine Rules 2018, perm	ission is hereby granted to i	mport the following plant
to (name and address of importer)	: CHOWDHURY ENTERPRISE . 36/2 SAVAR BUS STA	ND. SAVAR. DHAKA. BANGI	ADESH
by (means of transport)	: SEA		
from (name and address of consignor)	AGROCORP INTERNATIONAL PTE. LTD. , 10 ANSON ROAD, # 32-03 INTERNATIONAL PLAZA, SINGAPORE		
of (country of origin)	: CANADA		
of (country of export / re-export)	: SINGAPORE		
through (point of entry)	: CHITTAGONG SEAPORT		
Name of the plants and plant products, quantity and pack size	Name of the Plant and Plant Products	Quantity	Pack Size
	SOYABEAN SEED (NON_SEED)	5,000,000 KG	BULK

#### Subject to the following conditions

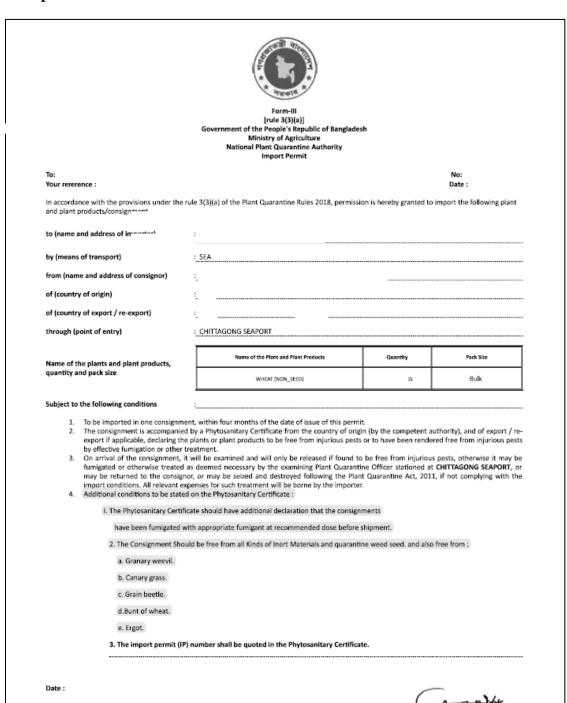
- 1. To be imported in one consignment, within four months of the date of issue of this permit.
- 2. The consignment is accompanied by a Phytosanitary Certificate from the country of origin (by the competent authority), and of export / reexport if applicable, declaring the plants or plant products to be free from injurious pests or to have been rendered free from injurious pests by effective fumigation or other treatment.
- 3. On arrival of the consignment, it will be examined and will-only be released if found to be free from injurious pests, otherwise it may be fumigated or otherwise treated as deemed necessary by the examining Plant Quarantine Officer stationed at CHITTAGONG SEAPORT, or may be returned to the consignor, or may be seized and destroyed following the Plant Quarantine Act, 2011, if not complying with the import conditions. All relevant expenses for such treatment will be borne by the importer.
- 4. Additional conditions to be stated on the Phytosanitary Certificate
  - I. The phytosanitary certificate should have additional declaration that the consignments have been fumigated with appropriate fumigant at recommended dose before shipment.
  - 2. The phytosanitary certificate should in additional declaration that the consignments shall be free from soil.
  - 3. The Phytosanitary Certificate should have the declaration that the Product/Commodity is

non-transgenic.

- 4. The Import Permit will remain valid for four month from the date of issue.
- 5. The import permit (IP) number shall be quoted in the Phytosanitary Certificate.

Date: 04 FEB,2019

### **Picture-4: Import Permit for Wheat**



#### **Attachments:**

No Attachments

National Plant Quarantine Authority