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### **Report Highlights:**

The report contains major export certificates that the Government of Bangladesh (GOB) requires from U.S. agricultural product exporters. 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 (Link) remains in effect for trading with Bangladesh.

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

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

Products	Title of Certificates	Attestation required on certificate	Purpose	Requesting Ministry
	Health certificate	Requires a specific declaration (attestation) but there is no specific negotiated format of the certificate. Certificate stating "Fit for human consumption" "Fit for consumption by fish, poultry or animal". Provided by the competent laboratory of exporting country.	Food safety, quality, and public health and animal health and veterinary oversight.	Customs House Chittagong, National Board of Revenue.
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 certificates indicating feed goods are free from proximate composition, Chloromphenicol, Nitrofuran, Tetracycline, dyes, Antibiotics, Melamine and Genetically Modified Organism.	Animal health and veterinary oversight.	Department of Livestock Services, Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries.

Products	Title of Certificates	Attestation required on certificate	Purpose	Requesting Ministry
		(Note - 1: Conditions may change, please follow the conditions written in No Objection Certificate)		
	No specific title See Note - 1	There is no specific negotiated declaration (attestation) or format of the certificate. Certificate indicting	Animal health and public health.	Department of Livestock Services, Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries.
Fish meal, Poultry Meal,		that the imported goods are free from harmful chromium, by-products of tanneries and melamine and free from swine product (example: Porcine		
and protein		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)		
Poultry feed and animal feed ingredients	Phytosanitary Certificate PPQ Form 577 of APHIS	There is no negotiated declaration (attestation)	Plant health and animal health.	Plant Quarantine Wing, Ministry of Agriculture.

Products	Title of Certificates	Attestation required on certificate	Purpose	Requesting Ministry
(Plant product)		requirements as per the Import Policy Order 2015-18. But importers submit the phytosanitary certificate following the conditions written in import permit.		
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 Department of the exporting country.	Animal health.	Department of Livestock Services, Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries.
Poultry and birds	Health Certificate	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).	Animal health and food safety.	Department of Livestock Services, Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries.

Products	Title of Certificates	Attestation required on certificate	Purpose	Requesting Ministry
		Issued by the appropriate authority of the exporting countries.		
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 effect that the goods are free from Avian Influenza or Bird Flu virus & harmful bacteria. The livestock department or competent authority of the exporting	Animal health.	Department of Livestock Services, Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries.
Semen of oxen	Health Certificate See Note - 1	country. 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	Animal health.	Department of Livestock Services, Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries.

Products	Title of Certificates	Attestation required on certificate	Purpose	Requesting Ministry
		also free from Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE).		
		Competent authority of the exporting country.		
	No specific title. See Note - 1	There is no specific negotiated declaration (attestation) or format of the certificate.	Food safety.	Bangladesh Food Safety Authority, Ministry of Food.
		Certificate stating that the product is free from added melamine.		
		Competent authority recognized by the government of the exporting country.		
	No specific title See Note - 1	There is no specific negotiated declaration (attestation) or format of the certificate.	Food safety.	Department of Livestock Services, Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries.
Milk and milk product		Certificates stating that the cows from which the milk originates have not been given Estrogenic Hormones and Hormone growth promotants (HGPs)		

Products	Title of Certificates	Attestation required on certificate	Purpose	Requesting Ministry
		treatment. Competent authority recognized by the government of the exporting country.		
	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.
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	Public health and food safety.	Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries.

Products	Title of Certificates	Attestation required on certificate	Purpose	Requesting Ministry
		of the exporting country.		
	No specific title See Note - 1	There is no specific negotiated declaration (attestation) or format of the certificate.	Food safety.	Department of Livestock Services, Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries.
Beef, goat meat, or chicken or other consumable meat of animal		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.		
	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.
		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.		

Products	Title of Certificates	Attestation required on certificate	Purpose	Requesting Ministry
	No specific title. Example: Certificate of Analysis See Note - 1	There is no specific negotiated declaration (attestation) or format of the 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 plant food has permissible level of radiation to be consumed by human.	Bangladesh Atomic Energy commission, Ministry of Science and Technology
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 pesticides.	Plant health	Plant Quarantine Wing, Ministry of Agriculture
Refined edible oil	Certificate of Analysis	There is no specific negotiated	Food safety and public health	Bangladesh Standard and

Products	Title of Certificates	Attestation required on certificate	Purpose	Requesting Ministry
	See Note - 1	declaration		Testing Institute,
		(attestation) or		Ministry of
		format of the		Industries
		certificate.		
		Optional certificates		
		from exporting		
		country that		
		confirms the quality		
		standard.		
		Required certificate		
		from Bangladesh		
		Standard and Testing		
		Institute, Bangladesh		
		to confirm that the		
		quality meets the		
		standards level of		
		Bangladesh.		
		The government		
		agency of exporting		
		country and		
		importing country.		

Source: Import Policy Order 2015-18, 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

This section is derived from Import Policy Order 2015-18

- 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 I

### Picture-1: Import permit for DDGS

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Form-III [rule 3(3)(a)] Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Ministry of Agriculture National Plant Quarantine Authority Import Permit		
	p.	No: 2018-19-1 Date : JUN, 2019
rule 3(3)(a) of the Plant Quarantine Rules 2018, permission	n is hereby granted to	import the following plant
: SEA		
: N/A , N/A		
: USA		
: USA		
: CHITTAGONO "EAPORT		
≥ of the Plant and Plant Products	Quantity	Pack Size
DDGS (NON_SEED) (NON_SEED)		Bulk
	[rule 3(3)(a)] Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Ministry of Agriculture National Plant Quarantine Authority Import Permit ule 3(3)(a) of the Plant Quarantine Rules 2018, permissio :	[rule 3(3)(a)] Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Ministry of Agriculture National Plant Quarantine Authority Import Permit ule 3(3)(a) of the Plant Quarantine Rules 2018, permission is hereby granted to <u>SEA</u> <u>SEA</u> <u>N/A, N/A</u> <u>USA</u>

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 selecid 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.
 Additional conditions to be stated on the Phytosanitary Certificate :

I. The phytosanitary certificate should in additional declaration that the consignments shall be free from soil.

2. The Phytosanitary Certificate should have the declaration that the Product/ Commodity is non-transgenic.

3. The import permit (IP) number shall be quoted in the Phytosanitary Certificate.

Date : JUN,2019

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1. The Commissioner/Joint Commissioner/Deputy Commissioner/Assistant Commissioner/ Superintendent of Customs, Custom House Chittagong Seaport

2. The Deputy Director/Additional Deputy Director/Quarantine Pathologist, Plant Quarantine Station Chittagong Seaport

### Picture-2: Import permit for raw cotton



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

To: Your reference : No: Date :

In accordance with the provisions under the rule 3(3)(a) of the Plant Quarantine Rules 2018, permission is hereby granted to import the following plant and plant products/consignment

to (name and address of importer)	: •••		
by (means of transport)	SEA		
from (name and address of consignor)	: •••		
of (country of origin)	- <u></u>		
of (country of export / re-export)	- <u></u>		
through (point of entry)	CHATTOGRAM SEAPORT		
Name of the plants and plant products,	Name of the Plant and Plant Products	Quantity	Pack Size
quantity and pack size	COTTON (NON_SEED) (Gossypium spp.)	KG	Bulk
	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		

Subject to the following conditions

- 1. To be imported in consignment/s, within four months of the date of issue of this permit.
- 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 CHATTOGRAM SEAPORT, or may be returned to the consignor, or may be sized 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 :
  - The cotton consignments on arrival at Chittagong Sea Port, Chittagong will be examined and fumigated by Quarantine officials Chittagong before release. The entire expenditure for fumigation/treatment will be borne by the importer.

2. The import permit (IP) number shall be quoted in the Phytosanitary Certificate.

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1. The Commissioner/Joint Commissioner/Deputy Commissioner/Assistant Commissioner/ Superintendent of Customs, Custom House

Chattogram Seaport 2. The Deputy Director/Additional Deputy Director/Quarantine Pathologist, Plant Quarantine Station Chattogram Seaport

#### Picture-3: Import permit for soybean seed

	Form-III [rule 3(3)(a)]	
	Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh	
	Ministry of Agriculture National Plant Quarantine Authority	
	Import Permit	
To:		No:
Your reference : 4		Date :
	: : SEA	
by (means of transport)	: SEA	
by (means of transport) from (name and address of consignor)		
by (means of transport) from (name and address of consignor) of (country of origin)	: SEA	
to (name and address of importer) by (means of transport) from (name and address of consignor) of (country of origin) of (country of export / re-export) through (point of entry)	: SEA	
by (means of transport) from (name and address of consignor) of (country of origin) of (country of export / re-export)	: SEA	

- 1. To be imported in one consignment, within four months of the date of issue of this permit.
- 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 funigated 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.

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#### Picture-4: Import permit for wheat



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

Form-III

#### To: Your reference :

No:

In accordance with the provisions under the rule 3(3)(a) of the Plant Quarantine Rules 2018, permission is hereby granted to import the following plant and plant products/consignment

Name of the plants and plant products, quantity and pack size	WHEAT (NON_SEED)	73	Bulk	
	Name of the Plant and Plant Products	Quantity	Pack Size	
through (point of entry)	CHITTAGONG SEAPORT			
of (country of export / re-export)				
of (country of origin)	i			
from (name and address of consignor)				
by (means of transport)				
to (name and address of importer)				

Subject to the following conditions

- To be imported in one consignment, within four months of the date of issue of this permit. 1.
- The consignment is accompanied by a Phytosanitary Certificate from the country of origin (by the competent authority), and of export / re-export if applicable, declaring the plants or plant products to be free from injurious pests or to have been rendered free from injurious pests 2 by effective fumigation or other treatment. 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
- 3. On arrival or the consignment, it will be examined and will only be released in found to be released by pess, other wise it may be fundigated or otherwise treated as deemed necessary by the examining Plant Quarantine Officer stationed at CHITAGONG 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.
   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 Consignment Should be free from all Kinds of Inert Materials and quarantine weed seed. and also free from :
    - a. Granary weevil.
    - b. Canary grass.
    - c. Grain beetle.
    - d.Bunt of wheat.
    - e. Ergot.

3. The import permit (IP) number shall be quoted in the Phytosanitary Certificate.

Date :

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#### **Attachments:**

No Attachments