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Report Highlights:

This report outlines the technical requirements and certificates for exporting food and agricultural products to Bangladesh. Post has made changes to Sections, I, II, and IV.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Bangladesh Food Safety Authority is the national authority responsible for ensuring food safety and overseeing food safety regulations. Bangladesh is a signatory member of the World Trade Organization. The Import Policy Order 2021-2024 outlines the import regulations. Bangladesh requires U.S. government-issued sanitary and phytosanitary certificates, country of origin certificates, health certificates (fit for human consumption), and radiation certificates for many products including all plant products, fisheries and livestock products, meat, poultry, dairy, and fresh fruit, as well as livestock feed and ingredients, and processed food products. Original certificates, along with a letter of credit are required.

SECTION I. LIST OF ALL EXPORT CERTIFICATES REQUIRED BY THE IMPORTING COUNTRY AND PRODUCTS COVERED

Products	Title of Certificate	Attestation required on certificate	Purpose	Requesting Ministry
All agricultural, processed food products (plant and plant products, poultry, fish and fish products, milk and milk products, meat and meat products, eggs, fish feed, poultry feed, poultry meal, fish meal, feed industry raw materials derived from livestock and fisheries products)	Country of Origin	There is no specific negotiated attestation or certificate format. Certificate stating products are manufactured in the United States. 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; National Board of Revenue
	Radiation level test certificate No specific title. Example: Radiation Certificate, or Certificate of Analysis, or Health Certificate	There is no specific negotiated attestation or certificate format. 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 food has permissible levels of radiation to be consumed	Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission; Ministry of Science and Technology; and Ministry of Commerce
	Health certificate	It requires a specific attestation, but there is no specific negotiated format for the certificate. A certificate stating, <i>“Fit for human consumption.”</i>	Food safety, quality, public health, animal health, and veterinary oversight	Customs; National Board of Revenue

Products	Title of Certificate	Attestation required on certificate	Purpose	Requesting Ministry
		<p><i>“Fit for consumption by fish, poultry or animal.”</i></p> <p>Provided by the competent laboratory of the exporting country.</p>		
Poultry feed, fish feed, and animal feed ingredients	<p>No specific title</p> <p>Example: Certificate of Analysis</p> <p>See Note - 1</p>	<p>There is no specific negotiated declaration (attestation) or certificate format.</p> <p>Certificates indicating feed is free from Chloramphenicol, Nitrofurans, Antibiotics, Melamine, and Genetically Modified Organisms.</p>	Animal health and veterinary oversight	Department of Livestock Services and Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock
Fish meal, poultry meal, and protein	<p>No specific title</p> <p>Example: Certificate of Analysis</p> <p>See Note - 1</p>	<p>There are no specific negotiated declarations (attestation) or certificate format.</p> <p>Certificate indicating that the imported goods are free from harmful chromium, by-products of tanneries, and melamine, and free from swine products (example: Porcine Plasma).</p> <p>The competent authority of the exporting country.</p>	Animal health and public health	Department of Livestock Services, Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock

Products	Title of Certificate	Attestation required on certificate	Purpose	Requesting Ministry
		Bangladesh may conduct testing for confirmation.		
Chicks (day old chicks)	Veterinary Health Certificate Title: Certificate for Poultry or Hatching Eggs for Export APHIS VS FORM 17-6	Generic attestation and format of the APHIS certificate. A certificate confirms that the chicks are free from contagious diseases (e.g., avian influenza). The authorized officer of the Livestock Department of the exporting country.	Animal health	Department of Livestock Services, Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock
Live poultry and birds	Health Certificate	There is no specific negotiated declaration (attestation) or certificate format. A certificate that ensures poultry and birds are free from Avian Influenza. Issued by the appropriate authority of the exporting countries.	Animal health and food safety	Department of Livestock Services, Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock
Eggs	Health Certificate See Note - 1	There is no specific negotiated declaration (attestation) or certificate format. A certificate that states the goods are	Animal health	Department of Livestock Services, Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock

Products	Title of Certificate	Attestation required on certificate	Purpose	Requesting Ministry
		<p>free from Avian Influenza and harmful bacteria.</p> <p>The livestock department or competent authority of the exporting country.</p>		
Bovine Semen	<p>Health Certificate</p> <p>See Note - 1</p>	<p>There is no specific negotiated declaration (attestation) or certificate format.</p> <p>A certificate noting the semen is free from any contagious and venereal diseases and the exporting country is free from Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE).</p> <p>The competent authority of the exporting country.</p>	Animal health	Department of Livestock Services, Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock
Milk and milk products	<p>No specific title</p> <p>See Note - 1</p>	<p>There is no specific negotiated declaration (attestation) or certificate format.</p> <p>A certificate stating that the product is free from added melamine.</p> <p>The competent authority of the exporting country.</p>	Food safety	Bangladesh Food Safety Authority, Ministry of Food

Products	Title of Certificate	Attestation required on certificate	Purpose	Requesting Ministry
	No specific title See Note - 1	There is no specific negotiated declaration (attestation) or certificate format. Certificates stating that the cows from which the milk originates have not been given Estrogenic Hormones and Hormone Growth Promotants (HGP). The competent authority of the exporting country.	Food safety	Department of Livestock Services, Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock
	No specific title See Note - 1	There is no specific negotiated declaration (attestation) or certificate format. Certificates that the level of heavy metal is following Codex standards. The competent authority 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 certificate format. A certificate that the fish is free from formalin. Issued by the	Public health and food safety	Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock

Products	Title of Certificate	Attestation required on certificate	Purpose	Requesting Ministry
		Government or any authority recognized by the Government of the exporting country.		
Beef, chevon, or chicken or other consumable meat	No specific title See Note - 1	There is no specific negotiated declaration (attestation) or certificate format. A certificate to the effect that the imported goods are free from Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) and Avian Influenza (when applicable). The competent authority of the exporting country.	Food safety	Department of Livestock Services, Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock
Vegetable seed and grain used as food	Country of Origin	There is no specific negotiated declaration (attestation) or certificate format. Certificate stating products are manufactured in the United States. 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, National Board of Revenue
	No specific title. Example: Certificate	There is no specific negotiated	To authenticate that the plant	Bangladesh Atomic Energy

Products	Title of Certificate	Attestation required on certificate	Purpose	Requesting Ministry
	of Analysis See Note - 1	declaration (attestation) or certificate format. 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).	food has a permissible level of radiation to be consumed by humans.	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 stating that the seed is purified with hot water treatment and approved pesticides.	Plant health	Plant Quarantine Wing, Ministry of Agriculture
Refined edible oil	Certificate of Analysis See Note - 1	There is no specific negotiated declaration (attestation) or certificate format. Optional certificates from exporting	Food safety and public health	Bangladesh Standard and Testing Institute, Ministry of Industries

Products	Title of Certificate	Attestation required on certificate	Purpose	Requesting Ministry
		<p>countries that confirm the quality standard.</p> <p>Required certificate from Bangladesh Standard and Testing Institute to confirm that the quality meets the standard level of Bangladesh.</p> <p>The government agency of the exporting country and importing country.</p>		
Raw Cotton	Phytosanitary Certificate APHIS - PPQ Form 577	Phytosanitary certificate from the exporting country.	Plant health	Plant Quarantine Wing, Ministry of Agriculture
Wood and wooden materials products used as packing materials	Certificate of solid wood packing materials	<p>There is no specific negotiated declaration (attestation) or certificate format.</p> <p>The competent authority or the Chamber of Commerce of the exporting country can issue this certificate.</p> <p>Certificate stating that wood and wooden materials are disinfected with heat treatment in accordance with the ISPM-15</p>	Plant health	Plant Quarantine Wing, Ministry of Agriculture

Products	Title of Certificate	Attestation required on certificate	Purpose	Requesting Ministry
		(International Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures-15) of IPPC (International Plant Protection Convention).		
Products specification certificate	Export inspection certificate	<p>There is no specific negotiated declaration (attestation) or certificate format.</p> <p>The competent government authority, exporter, of the exporting country can issue this certificate.</p> <p>The certificate stating the quality specifications of the products, example: Soybean: Test weight per bushel, damaged kernels, foreign materials, colors, moister, heat damaged kernels, splits, protein percentage, oil percentage.</p>	Quality assurance	Bangladesh Customs, National Board of Revenue

Source: [Import Policy Order 2021-24 \(Bangla\)](#), Ministry of Commerce.

Note 1: There is no specific title, negotiated attestation, or format of certificates between the Government of Bangladesh and the United States; therefore, it is recommended that the exporter verifies with their importer the required certificates and attestations.

Purpose of Specific Export Certificates

Please refer to the column entitled “Purpose” in the matrix in Section I.

SECTION II. SPECIFIC ATTESTATIONS REQUIRED ON EXPORT CERTIFICATE

There are no specific negotiated attestations between the Government of Bangladesh (GoB) and the United States for export certificates.

Phytosanitary Certificates:

All plant and plant-based products:

1. The Plant Quarantine Wing of the Ministry of Agriculture issues Import Permits and requires that the Import Permit number be listed in the Phytosanitary Certificate (Appendix II). APHIS must include an attestation on the phytosanitary certificate with the additional condition stating that “the import permit number X was presented.”
2. The consignment is free of soil.

Hybrid Seeds

1. The seed has been purified with hot water treatment and with approved pesticides.

Health Certificates:

Poultry and live birds: Free of Avian Influenza

Live cattle: The statement depends on the conditions written in the “No Objection Certificate” (NOC) issued by the Department of Livestock Services. For Holstein Friesian Bulls, the latest NOC requires that the health certificate must confirm that the imported animal is free from all diseases, especially tuberculosis, brucellosis, leptospirosis, bovine viral diarrhea (BVD), aspergillosis, and any kind of abnormalities. The bulls must be free from harmful ecto and endoparasites.

Bone meal, meat meal, and protein concentrate: The produced product is not infected with Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathy (TSE). Product is sourced from Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE), Anthrax, and Tuberculosis (TB) free animal.

Eggs: Eggs are free from harmful bacteria and eggs are sourced from birds that are free from Avian Influenza.

Beef, chevon (mutton), chicken meat, and meat of other animals: The imported product is sourced from animals free from bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) and the sourced poultry birds are free from avian influenza (AI).

Frozen bovine semen: The semen is sourced from a country that is free from Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) and other infectious and venereal diseases.

Certificate of Analysis (CoA):

Animal feed: The feed is suitable for fish or poultry or animal consumption.

Fish feed: The shipment is free of harmful drugs, hormones, and steroids, including chloramphenicol and nitrofurantoin.

Meat and bone meal: The product is free of chloramphenicol and nitrofurantoin, harmful antibiotics; free of by-products of pigs/hogs/swine; and free of harmful chromium, tannery by-products, and melamine.

Fish meal prepared from fish and other sources: The imported product is free of chloramphenicol and nitrofurantoin, harmful antibiotics, harmful chromium, tannery by-products, and melamine.

Feed ingredients: The shipment is free from chloramphenicol, nitrofurantoin, and harmful antibiotics and melamine.

SECTION III. GOVERNMENT CERTIFICATE LEGAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Original copies of necessary import documents and certificates are required. The exporter must send all the original documents and certificates either before the arrival of the shipment or at the time of arrival. The customs clearing and forwarding (C&F) agent will submit these documents to Customs.

Certificates are valid only for the individual consignment and cannot be applied for multiple shipments. Certificates are valid for an approved period of time that is written in the import permit issued by the respective government office. For example, import permits of agricultural and plant products are valid for four months from the issuing date of the import permit. The No Objection Certificate (NOC)/Import Permit (IP) for animal and fish feed ingredients is valid for one year.

Customs accepts Country of Origin certificates issued by a Chamber of Commerce or another competent authority.

SECTION IV. OTHER CERTIFICATION/ACCREDITATION REQUIREMENTS

Radioactivity Certificates

Bangladesh has stringent requirements for radioactivity certificates. A pre-shipment nuclear radioactivity level certificate is mandatory and must be issued by the competent authority designated by the exporting country's government or an accredited laboratory for most animal feed and food products including processed products and dairy products. Please reach out to Post at agdhaka@usda.gov for any questions about this requirement.

The radioactivity test certificate must include information on the level of cesium-137 found per kilogram and a statement that the foodstuff is fit for human consumption. The product will also be retested in Bangladesh. Customs will allow the imported food item to be released only after obtaining a certificate that the product's radioactivity level is within the acceptable limit and tested by the Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission. If the level of radioactivity is found to be above the acceptable limit tested by the Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission, the goods will not be unloaded, and the exporter or supplier is obliged to take them back at their own expense. The importer shall bear all expenses related to radioactivity limit testing. No radioactivity test is required to import whisky, beer, and other alcoholic beverages, concentrated essences, spices, and medicines.

The maximum acceptable radioactivity limit for other food items is 50 bq of cesium-137 per kilogram. The level of Cs-137 in an item is considered in the state it reaches the port without being liquefied, concentrated, or processed. The government may periodically revise the highest acceptable radioactivity limit.

Appendix I. Links for Export Certificates

Food for human consumption certificate for importing conventional foods, food additives, food contact substances, and infant formula	FDA
Day old chicks	APHIS VS 17-6

Appendix II: Phytosanitary Certificate PPQ Form 577 for Bangladesh:

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to, a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control numbers for this information collection are 0579-0042, 9084, and 0340. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average 1.2 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and reviewing the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this information collection, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to Washington Headquarters Service, Paperwork Project (0172-0042), Washington, DC 20503.

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0579-0042
9084 and 0340

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE PLANT PROTECTION AND QUARANTINE PHYTOSANITARY CERTIFICATE	FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY PLACE OF ISSUE Topeka, Kansas NO. [REDACTED] DATE INSPECTED [REDACTED]	 Page 1 of 2
TO: THE PLANT PROTECTION ORGANIZATION(S) OF Bangladesh		
CERTIFICATION		
This is to certify that the plants, plant product or other regulated articles described herein have been inspected and/or tested according to appropriate official procedures and are considered to be free from the quarantine pests, specified by the importing contracting party and to conform with the current phytosanitary requirements of the importing contracting party including those for regulated non-quarantine pests.		
DISINFESTATION AND/OR DISINFECTION TREATMENT		
1. DATE	2. TREATMENT	
3. CHEMICAL (active ingredient)	4. DURATION AND TEMPERATURE	
5. CONCENTRATION	6. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION	
DESCRIPTION OF THE CONSIGNMENT		
7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE EXPORTER [REDACTED]	8. DECLARED NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE CONSIGNEE [REDACTED] Bangladesh	
9. NAME OF PRODUCE AND QUANTITY DECLARED (1) 442.328 Metric Tons Corn (Distillers dried grain)	10. BOTANICAL NAME OF PLANTS (1) Zea mays	
11. NUMBER AND DESCRIPTION OF PACKAGES (1) 17 IN BULK 40 FOOT OCEAN CONTAINERS	12. DISTINGUISHING MARKS [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [See attached distinguishing marks]	
13. PLACE OF ORIGIN (1) USA	14. DECLARED MEANS OF CONVEYANCE Ocean Vessel	
	15. DECLARED POINT OF ENTRY CHITTAGONG, BANGLADESH	
WARNING: Any alteration, forgery, or unauthorized use of this phytosanitary certificate is subject to civil penalties of up to \$250,000 (7 U.S.C. Section 7734(b)) or punishable by a fine of not more than \$10,000, or imprisonment of not more than 5 years, or both (18 U.S.C. Section 1001).		
ADDITIONAL DECLARATION		
	Import Permit Number 2023-24 [REDACTED] Date: [REDACTED] was presented. The consignments are free of soil.	
		
16. DATE ISSUED [REDACTED]	17. NAME OF AUTHORIZED OFFICER (Type or Print) [REDACTED]	18. SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED OFFICER [REDACTED]
No liability shall attach to the USDA or to any officer or representative of the USDA with respect to this certificate.		

Appendix III: Health Certificate for Bovine Semen Export to Bangladesh:

Health Certificate No. _____
 (Valid only if the USDA Veterinary Seal Appears over Certificate No.)

U.S. ORIGIN HEALTH CERTIFICATE FOR THE EXPORTATION OF BOVINE SEMEN TO BANGLADESH

I. Donor Animal and Semen Identification:

NAME OF DONOR BULL	BREED	AGE	ID	NUMBER OF STRAWS	DATE OF COLLECTION	COLLECTION CODE
	HO	26M		499	02/04/2021	020421
				1	02/18/2021	021821
	HO	21M		116	01/22/2021	012221
				384	01/26/2021	012621
	HO	38M		500	04/11/2022	041122
	HO	60M		2	10/16/2020	101620
				487	05/07/2021	050721
				2	05/11/2021	051121
				3	05/28/2021	052821
				6	07/09/2021	070921
	HO	43M		112	06/14/2021	061421
				189	07/20/2021	072021
				197	08/13/2021	081321
	HO	42M		24	03/22/2021	032221
				319	05/27/2021	052721
				155	06/07/2021	060721
				2	01/20/2022	012022
	HO	26M		160	01/03/2020	010320
				337	01/06/2020	010620
				3	01/20/2020	012020
	HO	18M		439	06/30/2020	063020
				61	07/02/2020	070220

Total Number of Straws: _____
Name and address of Consignor: _____ _____ _____
Name and address of Consignee: _____ _____ _____
Means of Conveyance: Air
U.S. Port of Embarkation: _____

CERTIFICATION STATEMENTS:

1. The A.I. center is a Tuberculosis Accredited free herd and Brucellosis Certified free herd.
2. The herd is clinically free from Leucosis.

Appendix IV: Health Certificate for Cattle Export to Bangladesh:

**U.S. ORIGIN HEALTH CERTIFICATE FOR EXPORT OF CATTLE
TO THE BANGLADESH FROM THE UNITED STATES**

Certificate Issue Date <u>27/11/20.</u> Date/ Month / Year	USDA Health Certificate Number <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 20px; background-color: #cccccc; margin: 5px;"></div>	USDA Seal				
I. MINISTRY: United States Department of Agriculture II. AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service						
III. CONSIGNOR NAME:						
Address _____ _____						
IV. CONSIGNEE NAME:						
Address _____ _____ Bangladesh						
VI. IDENTIFICATION OF COMMODITIES (See attached Identification Of Commodities)						
Row	Breed Name	Age (months)	Sex	EAR TAG/Mark No	Test Date (TB & Brucellosis)	Additional Details Vaccination and Parasite Treatment Date
1		14	Male		14/11/20 Brucellosis 17/11/20 TB	14/11/20
2		12	Male		14/11/20 Brucellosis 17/11/20 TB	14/11/20
3		14	Male		14/11/20 Brucellosis 17/11/20 TB	14/11/20
4		14	Male		14/11/20 Brucellosis 17/11/20 TB	14/11/20
5		13	Male		14/11/20 Brucellosis 17/11/20 TB	14/11/20
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