# **IMPORT REQUIREMENTS**

(Excluding General Document)

# HS Code: 09041190 Pepper, Neither Crushed Nor Ground, Nes

# **Product-Specific Documents**

| SI. | Documents  | Purpose | Agency/<br>Entity                              | Stage   | Option            | Validity   | Applicab ility                  | Legislation  | Remarks  |
|-----|--|---------|--|---|-------------------|--|---------------------------------|--|--|
| 1   | Import Permit (IP)   | CC, RP  | Plant<br>Quarantine<br>Wing of<br>DAE          | Before<br>opening<br>LC                                       | Online            | 04 (four)<br>months<br>from<br>issuance<br>(plus two<br>months'<br>extension<br>provision) | Consignm<br>ent/Lot<br>Specific | Sec. 9(1), Sec. 10(1), Plant Quarantine Act, 2011 [Bangla   English]; Rule 3(3)(Ka), Plant Quarantine Rules, 2018 [Bangla] |  |
| 2   | Prior Notifications to the Plant<br>Quarantine Officer   | RP      | Importer                                       | At least 07<br>(seven)<br>days prior<br>to probable<br>import | Manual            | Consignm<br>ent<br>Specific  | Consignm<br>ent<br>Specific     | Rule 7(1), Plant<br>Quarantine<br>Rules, 2018 [<br>Bangla]   |  |
| 3   | Release Order (RO)   | CC, RP  | Plant<br>Quarantine<br>Wing of<br>DAE          | After<br>submitting<br>Bill of<br>Entry                       | Online<br>/Manual | Consignm<br>ent<br>Specific  | Consignm<br>ent<br>Specific     | Rule 9(4), Plant<br>Quarantine<br>Rules, 2018 [<br>Bangla]   | Release Order will not be<br>issued, if packaging<br>materials made of raw or<br>solid wood are not treated<br>as per ISPM-15 [Rule<br>9(7), Plant Quarantine<br>Rules, 2018]. |
| 4   | Phytosanitary Certificate (PC)   | CC, RP  | Competent<br>authority of<br>origin<br>country | Before<br>boarding<br>the<br>conveyanc<br>e                   | Manual            | As mentioned in the PC   | Consignm<br>ent<br>Specific     | Sec. 10(2),<br>Plant<br>Quarantine Act,<br>2011 [Bangla  <br>English]  |  |
| 5   | If new variety of non-notified crop seed, Registration Certificate   | CC, RP  | National<br>Seed<br>Board                      | After importation   | Manual            | Once for<br>one new<br>variety   | Once for a<br>new<br>variety    | Sec. 7(4), Seed<br>Act, 2018 [<br>Bangla   English<br>]  |  |
| 6   | If import of more than 5 Metric Ton of non-notified crop seed, Prior Permission from the Government                          | CC, RP  | National<br>Seed<br>Board                      | Before<br>issuing<br>import<br>permit by<br>PQW               | Manual            | Consignm<br>ent/Lot<br>Specific  | Consignm<br>ent<br>Specific     | Rule<br>18(2),<br>Seed<br>Rules,<br>2020 [<br>Bangla]  |  |
| 7   | If import for any amount of seed for research and adaptability testing, Prior Permission for seed dealer from the Government | RP      | National<br>Seed<br>Board                      | Before<br>importation   | Manual            | Consignm<br>ent/Lot<br>Specific  | Consignm<br>ent/Lot<br>Specific | Rule 18(4),<br>Seed Rules,<br>2020 [Bangla]  |  |

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| 8   | Licence for Agro-products importer  | RP      | Departmen<br>t of<br>Agricultural<br>Marketing<br>(DAM)  | Before<br>importation   | Manual | 01 (one)<br>year from<br>the<br>issuance<br>date | Annual                          | Sec. 7(1),<br>Schedule-1 & 2,<br>Agricultural<br>Marketing Act,<br>2018 [Bangla];<br>Rule 6,<br>Agricultural<br>Marketing<br>Rules, 2021 [<br>Bangla] |  |
| 9   | If GMO/LMO, permission from<br>Ministry of Environment, Forest and<br>Climate Change  | RP      | Ministry of<br>Environme<br>nt, Forest<br>and<br>Climate<br>Change   | Before<br>importation   | Manual | Consignm<br>ent<br>Specific                      | Consignm<br>ent<br>Specific     | Rule 3,<br>Bangladesh<br>Biosafety Rules,<br>2012 [Bangla];<br>Article 23(28),<br>IPO 2021-24 [<br>Bangla]  | Biosafety Guidelines of<br>Bangladesh, 2007<br>[English] also to be<br>followed. |
| 10  | For Duty & Tax benefit, Certificate on germination rate, usability in tropical countries, time of sowing, etc., for seed in retail packing (not more than 1 Kg) & imported as marketable at farmer stage directly | CC, RP  | Competent<br>governmen<br>t authority<br>of<br>exporting<br>country or<br>governmen<br>t-<br>recognized<br>Seed<br>Certificatio<br>n Agency<br>of<br>exporting<br>countrys | Before<br>importation   | Manual | Consignm<br>ent/Lot<br>Specific                  | Consignm<br>ent/Lot<br>Specific | Condition (1) of<br>SRO No. 369-<br>Law/2019/54/Cu<br>stoms, Date: 21<br>November 2019  |  |
| 11  | For Duty & Tax benefit, Permission<br>from DG (Seed) of Ministry of<br>Agriculture for normally bagged<br>seed (not more than 25 Kg) on<br>amount and necessity of seed<br>import                                 | CC, RP  | DG<br>(Seed),<br>Ministry of<br>Agriculture  | Before<br>opening<br>LC | Manual | Consignm<br>ent/Lot<br>Specific                  | Consignm<br>ent/Lot<br>Specific | Condition (2) of<br>SRO No. 369-<br>Law/2019/54/Cu<br>stoms, Date: 21<br>November 2019  |  |

# **Compliance and Condition**

| SI. | Compliance   | Reference  |
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| 1   | Provisions of Plant Quarantine Act, 2011 & Plant Quarantine Rules, 2018 are to be complied.  | Article 25(29), IPO 2021-24 [Bangla]   |
| 2   | Any plant or plant product, beneficial organism, or packing material shall be imported into Bangladesh only through a designated point of entry.   | Sec. 10(2), Plant<br>Quarantine Act,<br>2011 [Bangla  <br>English]; Schedule-<br>5, Plant Quarantine<br>Rules, 2018 [<br>Bangla] |
| 3   | For import of non-notified crop seeds and non-notified variety seeds, these are to be conformed to the standard of seed quality, and the container of such seed bears, in the prescribed manner, the mark or label containing the correct particulars thereof specified for that seed under Sec. 10 of Seed Act, 2018. | Sec. 23, Seed Act,<br>2018 [Bangla  <br>English]   |
| 4   | The seed container/package shall be airtight and contain crop and variety name, quantity of seed, expiry date, moisture content, germination percentage, purity, and label of other quality information or marks as mentioned in Schedule-3 of Seed Rules, 2020.   | Rule 18(1), 19 (1),<br>Schedule-3, Seed<br>Rules, 2020 [<br>Bangla]  |

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| 5   | Conditions of Sl. 59 of Schedule-2 of Plant Quarantine Rules, 2018 are to be complied. | Schedule-2 [List of plants and plant products permitted for importation], Plant Quarantine Rules, 2018 [ Bangla] |
| 6   | No radioactivity test shall be required for import of spices.                          | Article 23(13), IPO 2021-24 [Bangla]   |

#### **Tariff Rate**

| SI. | HS Code  | Statistical Unit | CD | RD | SD | VAT | AIT | AT | TTI    | Valuation  |
|-----|----------|------------------|----|----|----|-----|-----|----|--------|------------|
| 1   | 09041190 | KGM              | 25 | 3  | 20 | 0   | 5   | 0  | 58.60% | Ad valorem |

### **Duties and Tax Benefits**

| SI. | СРС | Duties and Tax<br>Benefits                   | Compliances to Avail                             | Reference SRO No. and Date                                 | Remarks |
|-----|-----|--|--|--|---------|
| 1   |     | CD: 0%, RD: 0%, SD: 0% (If imported as seed) | Compliances laid down in the SRO to be followed. | SRO No. 369-Law/2019/54/Customs,<br>Date: 21 November 2019 |         |

## **Preferential Benefits**

| SI. | Agrement | Applicable Country(ies)                                | Preferential Tariff             | Compliances                                      | Reference SRO No. &<br>Date  |
|-----|----------|--|---------------------------------|--|--|
| 1   | АРТА     | China, India, Republic of<br>Korea, Lao PDR, Sri Lanka | Margin of Preference in CD: 10% | Compliances laid down in the SRO to be followed. | SRO No. 267-<br>Law/2018/40/Customs,<br>Date: 10 September<br>2018 |

### Note

- 1. Information in this Import Export Gateway is provided for ease of understanding, information, and trade facilitation only. It has no legal purpose.
- 2. If no HS Code is designated against any specific name or description of any product in the Bangladesh Customs Tariff (BCT), the HS Code may not be found in this Gateway searching only by product name or description. To find the appropriate HS code for the concerned product, please consult BCT (including Section Note, Chapter Note, Heading Note, and Sub-heading Note), WCO Explanatory Notes to the Harmonized System (HS), and, if required, WCO Compendium of Classification Opinions, Alphabetical Index, and Classification Decisions of the WCO HS Committee.
- 3. The list of documents and compliances against the HS Codes may not always be exhaustive; please consult the concerned legislation for complete information. Please follow the prohibitions & restrictions of import and export. Please also note that the import & export especially through land routes have some specific goods listed against the concerned Customs Stations.
- 4. For the latest updated information on duty and tax benefits, the websites of the National Board of Revenue (NBR), Bangladesh Customs, and BG Press can also be regularly monitored.
- 5. Last updated on 09 February 2025.

### **Abbreviations**

 1. IP: Import Permit
 2. CC: Customs Clearance

 3. RP: Regulatory Purpose
 4. DAE: Department of Agricultural Extension

 5. LC: Letter of Credit
 6. RO: Release Order

 7. PC: Phytosanitary Certificate
 8. PQW: Plant Quarantine Wing

 9. SRO: Statutory Regulatory Order
 10. APTA: Asia-Pacific Trade Agreement

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