



IMPORT REQUIREMENTS

(Excluding General Document)

HS Code: 09109990

Other Spices, Nes, (Excl. Wrapped/Canned upto 2.5 kg)

Product-Specific Documents

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

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8	If GMO/LMO, permission from Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change	RP	Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change	Before importation	Manual	Consignment Specific	Consignment Specific	Rule 3, Bangladesh Biosafety Rules, 2012 [Bangla]; Article 23(28), IPO 2021-24 [Bangla]	Biosafety Guidelines of Bangladesh, 2007 [English] also to be followed.
9	Licence for Agro-products importer	RP	Department of Agricultural Marketing (DAM)	Before importation	Manual	01 (one) year from the issuance date	Annual	Sec. 7(1), Schedule-1 & 2, Agricultural Marketing Act, 2018 [Bangla]; Rule 6, Agricultural Marketing Rules, 2021 [Bangla]	

Compliance and Condition

Sl.	Compliance	Reference
1	Production and expiry date shall be clearly embossed on each container or package; not on the container or package by labelling it separately. Expired food items cannot be imported.	Article 23(19), IPO 2021-24 [Bangla]
2	If preservatives, additives and colours are used in preserved food, its level and details shall be mentioned and shall not be labelled separately but embossed.	Article 23(21), IPO 2021-24 [Bangla]
3	Any raw materials used in the preparation of food and beverages, which become unusable after a certain period, the date of production and expiry date shall be written or printed on the container or package of that goods.	Article 23(22), IPO 2021-24 [Bangla]
4	No radioactivity test shall be required for import of spices.	Article 23(13), IPO 2021-24 [Bangla]

Tariff Rate

Sl.	HS Code	Statistical Unit	CD	RD	SD	VAT	AIT	AT	TTI	Valuation
1	09109990	KGM	25	3	0	0	5	0	33.00%	Ad valorem

Preferential Benefits

Sl.	Agreement	Applicable Country(ies)	Preferential Tariff	Compliances	Reference SRO No. & Date
1	SAFTA	Afghanistan, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka	Applicable CD Rate 5% (Spices of Thymes Bay leaves and curry excluding wrapped/canned upto 2.5kg; Exclusively applicable)	Compliances laid down in the SRO to be followed.	SRO No. 188-Law/2022/105/Customs, Date: 09 June 2022

Note

- Information in this Import Export Gateway is provided for ease of understanding, information, and trade facilitation only. It has no legal purpose.
- 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.
- 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

3. RP: Regulatory Purpose

5. LC: Letter of Credit

7. PC: Phytosanitary Certificate

9. SAFTA: Agreement on South Asian Free Trade Area

2. CC: Customs Clearance

4. DAE: Department of Agricultural Extension

6. RO: Release Order

8. PQW: Plant Quarantine Wing

10. SRO: Statutory Regulatory Order

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