



IMPORT REQUIREMENTS

(Excluding General Document)

HS Code: 12099900

Other Seeds, Fruit And Spores, Of A Kind Used For Sowing, Nes

Export prohibited as per Export Policy 2024-27

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	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]	
6	If a new variety of non-notified crop seed is imported, Registration Certificate	CC, RP	National Seed Board	Once for one new variety	Manual	Once for one new variety	Once for a new variety	Sec. 7(4), Seed Act, 2018 [Bangla English]	

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7	If import of more than 5 metric tons non-notified crop seed by the seed dealer, 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]	
8	If for research and adaptability testing, Prior Permission from the Govt. for import of any amount of seed	CC, RP	National Seed Board	Before importation	Manual	Consignment/Lot Specific		Rule 18(4), Seed Rules, 2020 [Bangla]	
9	If GMO, permission from Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change	CC, RP	Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change	Before importation	Manual	Consignment Specific	Consignment Specific	Rule 3, Bangladesh Biosafety Rules, 2012 [Bangla]	
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 government authority of exporting country or government-recognized Seed Certification Agency of exporting countries	Before importation	Manual	Consignment/Lot Specific	Consignment/Lot Specific	Condition (1) of SRO No. 369-Law/2019/54/Customs , Date: 21 November 2019	
11	For Duty & Tax benefit, Permission from DG (Seed) of Ministry of Agriculture for normally bagged seed (not more than 25 Kg) on amount and necessity of seed import	CC, RP	DG (Seed), Ministry of Agriculture	Before opening LC	Manual	Consignment/Lot Specific	Consignment/Lot Specific	Condition (2) of SRO No. 369-Law/2019/54/Customs , Date: 21 November 2019	

Compliance and Condition

Sl.	Compliance	Reference
1	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 Quarantine Act, 2011 [Bangla English]; Schedule-5, Plant Quarantine Rules, 2018 [Bangla]
2	For import of jute/kenaf/mesta as notified crop seeds and notified variety seeds, the required criteria for germination rate, purity rate, seed moisture, and other related factors or characteristics of seeds of any crop or variety are to conform to the standard mentioned in clause (a) of Sec. 10 of Seed Act, 2018; such crop or variety is to be registered by the National Seed Board; such seeds are to be identifiable as to its crop or variety; the seed container is to be sealed and the standard label or mark specified under clause (b) of Sec. 10 is to be attached thereon; such seeds are to comply with the terms and conditions of the Registration Certificate.	Sec. 10 & 11, Seed Act, 2018 [Bangla English]

Tariff Rate

Sl.	HS Code	Statistical Unit	CD	RD	SD	VAT	AIT	AT	TTI	Valuation
1	12099900	KGM	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	Ad valorem

Duties and Tax Benefits

Sl.	CPC	Duties and Tax Benefits	Compliances to Avail	Reference SRO No. and Date	Remarks
1		CD: 0%, RD: 0%, SD: 0% (Onion seed)	Compliances laid down in the SRO to be followed.	SRO No. 369-Law/2019/54/Customs, Date: 21 November 2019	
2		AIT: 0%	Compliances laid down in the SRO to be followed.	SRO No. 173-Law/Income Tax/2021, Date: 03 June 2021	

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 0%	Compliances laid down in the SRO to be followed.	SRO No. 181-Law/2020/97/Customs, Date: 30 June 2020

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.
- 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.
- Last updated on 09 February 2025.

Abbreviations

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| 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. SAFTA: Agreement on South Asian Free Trade Area |

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