IMPORT REQUIREMENTS

(Excluding General Document)

HS Code: 12122919

Seaweeds and other algae: Other than Fit for human consumption EXCL. Wrapped/canned upto

Product-Specific Documents

SI.	Documents	Purpose	Agency/ Entity	Stage	Option	Validity	Applicab ility	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)	Consignm ent/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	Consignm ent Specific	Consignm ent 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	Consignm ent Specific	Consignm ent 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 conveyanc e	Manual	As mentioned in the PC	Consignm ent Specific	Sec. 10(2), Plant Quarantine Act, 2011 [Bangla English]	
5	Licence for Agro-products importer	RP	Departmen t 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]	

Tariff Rate

	SI.	HS Code	Statistical Unit	CD	RD	SD	VAT	AIT	AT	TTI	Valuation
Ī	1	12122919	KGM	10	0	0	0	5	0	15.00%	Ad valorem

Duties and Tax Benefits

SI.	CPC	Duties and Tax Benefits	Compliances to Avail	Reference SRO No. and Date	Remarks
1		CD: 0%, RD: 0%, VAT: 0%, SD: 0%% [Sea weeds & other algae for use in dairy & poultry & hatchery]	Compliances laid down in the SRO to be followed.	SRO No. 128-Law/2020/79/Customs, Date: 03 June 2020	
2		AT: 0% [Sea weeds & other algae for use in dairy & poultry & hatchery]	Compliances laid down in the SRO [128/2020] to be followed.	SRO No. 151-Law/2021/148/VAT, Date: 03 June 2021	

Preferential Benefits

SI.	Agrement	Applicable Country(ies)	Preferential Tariff	Compliances	Reference SRO No. & Date
1	SAFTA	Afghanistan, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka	Applicable CD Rate 3%	Compliances laid down in the SRO to be followed.	SRO No. 181- Law/2020/97/Customs, Date: 30 June 2020
2	TPS-OIC	Cameroon, Egypt, Jordan, Malaysia, Pakistan, Syria, Tunisia, Turkey, UAE	CD: 10%	Compliances laid down in the SRO to be followed.	SRO No. 251- Law/2022/133/Customs, Date: 20 July 2022

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. SRO: Statutory Regulatory Order
9. SAFTA: Agreement on South Asian Free Trade Area	10. TPS-OIC: Framework Agreement on Trade Preferential System among the Member States of the Organization of the Islamic Conference

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