



## IMPORT REQUIREMENTS

(Excluding General Document)

**HS Code: 03035310**

**Sardines (*Sardina pilchardus*, *Sardinops* spp), sardinella .. (*Sprattus sprattus*),  
Wrapped**

### Product-Specific Documents

| Sl. | Documents  | Purpose | Agency/ Entity   | Stage                                     | Option | Validity             | Applicability            | Legislation  | Remarks  |
|-----|--|---------|--|---|--------|----------------------|--------------------------|--|--|
| 1   | Import Permit (IP)                                 | CC, RP  | Department of Fisheries (DoF), Fisheries Quarantine Wing | Before importation                        | Manual | Not mentioned        | Consignment/Lot Specific | Sec. 9(1), 10(2), Fish Quarantine Act, 2018 [ <a href="#">Bangla</a> ] |  |
| 2   | Declaration to Fisheries Quarantine Officer        | RP      | Importer   | After importation                         | Manual | Consignment Specific | Consignment Specific     | Sec. 16(1), Fish Quarantine Act, 2018 [ <a href="#">Bangla</a> ]       |  |
| 3   | NOC for Import                                     | CC, RP  | Central or Regional Authority, DoF [DG, DoF; DD (FIQC)]  | After receiving application from importer | Manual | Lot                  | Lot                      | Sec. 23(3), FIQC Act, 2020 [ <a href="#">Bangla</a> ]                  | Importer needs to apply 15 days prior to import. |
| 4   | Prior Declaration                                  | RP      | Importer   | Before importation                        | Manual | Consignment Specific | Consignment Specific     | Sec. 24(2), FIQC Act, 2020 [ <a href="#">Bangla</a> ]                  |  |
| 5   | Salubrity Certificate                              | CC, RP  | Competent authority of exporting country                 | With the consignment document             | Manual | Consignment Specific | Consignment Specific     | Sec. 24(1), FIQC Act, 2020 [ <a href="#">Bangla</a> ]                  |  |
| 6   | Traceability Certificate                           | CC, RP  | Competent authority of exporting country                 | With the consignment document             | Manual | Consignment Specific | Consignment Specific     | Sec. 24(1), FIQC Act, 2020 [ <a href="#">Bangla</a> ]                  |  |
| 7   | Halal Certificate                                  | CC, RP  | Competent authority of exporting country                 | With the consignment document             | Manual | Consignment Specific | Consignment Specific     | Sec. 24(1), FIQC Act, 2020 [ <a href="#">Bangla</a> ]                  |  |
| 8   | Fit for Human Consumption Certificate              | CC, RP  | Competent authority of exporting country                 | With the consignment document             | Manual | Consignment Specific | Consignment Specific     | Article 23(2), 23(3)(Uma), IPO 2021-24 [ <a href="#">Bangla</a> ]      |  |
| 9   | Physical and Laboratory Test Report                | CC, RP  | Regional Authority, FIQC, DoF                            | After Bill of Entry submission            | Manual | Consignment Specific | Lot Specific             | Sec. 25(1)(2), FIQC Act, 2020 [ <a href="#">Bangla</a> ]               |  |
| 10  | Radioactivity Test Certificate from Origin Country | CC, RP  | Competent authority of origin country                    | Before importation                        | Manual | Consignment Specific | Consignment Specific     | Article 23(1), IPO 2021-24 [ <a href="#">Bangla</a> ]                  |  |

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| 11  | Radioactivity Test Certificate   | CC, RP  | Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission (BAEC)   | After importation             | Manual | Consignment Specific                 | Consignment Specific | Article 23(1), 23(5)(Cha), IPO 2021-24 [Bangla]   |   |
| 12  | 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. |
| 13  | If imported fish & other aquatic animals listed in Schedule-1 & 2, 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] |   |
| 14  | Formalin Free Certificate by Exporting Country   | CC, RP  | Competent authority of exporting country   | Before importation            | Manual | Consignment Specific                 | Consignment Specific | Article 23(31), IPO 2021-24 [Bangla]  |   |
| 15  | Formalin Free Test Report  | CC, RP  | Department of Fisheries (DoF)  | After importation             | Manual | Consignment Specific                 | Consignment Specific | Article 23(32), IPO 2021-24 [Bangla]  |   |
| 16  | For frozen fish and fish products, Test Report for harmful antibiotic, microorganism, heavy metal, hormone, etc. | CC, RP  | Internationally recognized accredited lab or lab of importing country (Bangladesh) | With the consignment document | Manual | Consignment Specific                 | Consignment Specific | Sec. 24(3), FIQC Act, 2020 [Bangla]   |   |

### Compliance and Condition

| Sl. | Compliance  | Reference                                     |
|-----|---|---|
| 1   | Fish, fish products, beneficial organism and packing materials shall have to be imported through designated ports.  | Sec. 9(2), Fish Quarantine Act, 2018 [Bangla] |
| 2   | No fish and fish products prohibited by any provisions under this Act or any other act, order or rules or any fish and fish products rotten, contaminated, containing harmful chemicals, mixed with adulterants and harmful substances shall be imported. | Sec. 22(1), FIQC Act, 2020 [Bangla]           |
| 3   | 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]          |
| 4   | If preservatives, additives and colours are used in preserved food, its label and details shall be embossed on the container, label not to be pasted separately.  | Article 23(21), IPO 2021-24 [Bangla]          |
| 5   | 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]          |

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| 6   | For imported canned fish, manufacturing and expiry date and actual weight (net weight) shall be clearly embossed or computer printed in Bangla or English with indelible ink on the container and separately printed label shall not be pasted on the container. | Article 23(30), IPO 2021-24 <a href="#">[Bangla]</a>   |
| 7   | Quarantine conditions and provisions of the Fish Quarantine Act, 2018 shall be applicable.   | Article 25(29), IPO 2021-24 <a href="#">[Bangla]</a>   |
| 8   | If applicable, concerned provisions of Bangladesh Biosafety Rules, 2012 and Biosafety Guidelines of Bangladesh, 2007 are to be followed.   | Bangladesh Biosafety Rules, 2012 <a href="#">[Bangla]</a> ; Biosafety Guidelines of Bangladesh, 2007 <a href="#">[English]</a> |

#### Tariff Rate

| Sl. | HS Code  | Statistical Unit | CD | RD | SD | VAT | AIT | AT | TTI    | Valuation  |
|-----|----------|------------------|----|----|----|-----|-----|----|--------|------------|
| 1   | 03035310 | KGM              | 25 | 3  | 0  | 15  | 5   | 5  | 58.60% | 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% | Compliances laid down in the SRO to be followed. | <a href="#">SRO No. 181-Law/2020/97/Customs, Date: 30 June 2020</a> |

#### 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

1. IP: Import Permit

3. RP: Regulatory Purpose

5. SAFTA: Agreement on South Asian Free Trade Area

2. CC: Customs Clearance

4. DoF: Department of Fisheries

6. SRO: Statutory Regulatory Order