



## IMPORT REQUIREMENTS

(Excluding General Document)

**HS Code: 18069000**

**OTHER CHOCOLATE & OTHER FOOD PREPARA. CONTAININGS  
COCOA, EXCL. FILLED/NOT FILLE, TV**

### Product-Specific Documents

| Sl. | Documents   | Purpose | Agency/ Entity                                      | Stage              | Option        | Validity                 | Applicability            | Legislation  | Remarks |
|-----|---|---------|---|--------------------|---------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|---------|
| 1   | Clearance Certificate   | CC, RP  | Bangladesh Standards and Testing Institution (BSTI) | After importation  | Manual        | Consignment Specific     | Consignment Specific     | Annex-4 (Sl. 4, 5 & 8), IPO 2021-24 [ <a href="#">Bangla</a> ]   |         |
| 2   | Radioactivity Test Certificate  | CC, RP  | Competent authority of origin country               | Before importation | Manual        | Consignment Specific     | Consignment Specific     | Article 23(1), IPO 2021-24 [ <a href="#">Bangla</a> ]  |         |
| 3   | If from SAARC, South-East Asia, and Asia-Pacific Ocean countries, Fit for Human Consumption & Free from All Harmful Germs Certificate (as an alternative to Radioactivity Test Certificate from BAEC) | CC, RP  | Competent authority of exporting country            | Before importation | Manual        | Consignment Specific     | Consignment Specific     | Article 23(16)(Kha), IPO 2021-24 [ <a href="#">Bangla</a> ]  |         |
| 4   | If from other than SAARC, South-East Asia, and Asia-Pacific Ocean countries, Radioactivity Test Certificate   | CC, RP  | Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission (BAEC)          | After importation  | Manual        | Consignment Specific     | Consignment Specific     | Article 23(6), IPO 2021-24 [ <a href="#">Bangla</a> ]  |         |
| 5   | For Duty & Tax benefit by EPZ/Private EPZ Commissariat, Bond Licence  | CC, RP  | Customs Bond Commissionerate                        | Before importation | Manual        | 03 (three) years         | 03 (three) years         | Condition (1) of SRO No.63-Law/2017/05/Customs, Date: 20 March 2017 [ <a href="#">Bangla</a> ]           |         |
| 6   | For Duty & Tax benefit by EPZ/Private EPZ Commissariat, Import Permit from BEPZA  | CC, RP  |   | Before importation | Online/Manual | Consignment/Lot Specific | Consignment/Lot Specific | Condition (1), (2), (3) of SRO No.63-Law/2017/05/Customs, Date: 20 March 2017 [ <a href="#">Bangla</a> ] |         |
| 7   | Certificate on Food Fit for Human Consumption (including for which age), and "not injurious to human health", "no harmful substances are mixed" and "free from all types of germs"                    | CC, RP  | Competent authority of exporting country            | Before Importation | Manual        | Consignment specific     | Consignment Specific     | Article 23(23), IPO 2021-24 [ <a href="#">Bangla</a> ]   |         |

### Compliance and Condition

| Sl. | Compliance | Reference |
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| 1 | Chocolate shall comply with all the requirements of BSTI BDS CAC-87: 2008. Any other requirements as specified under the Packaged Commodities Rules, 2021 [Bangla] shall also apply to the product. Each package must be marked with the BSTI Certification Mark [after import]. | Annexure-4, IPO 2021-24 [Bangla]. English hardcopy of BDS CAC-87: 2008 (Chocolate) can be purchased from BSTI One Stop Service Centre; online paid access is also available. |
| 2 | 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]   |
| 3 | 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]   |
| 4 | 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]   |

#### Tariff Rate

| Sl. | HS Code  | Statistical Unit | CD | RD | SD | VAT | AIT | AT | TTI    | Valuation     |
|-----|----------|------------------|----|----|----|-----|-----|----|--------|---------------|
| 1   | 18069000 | KGM              | 25 | 3  | 20 | 15  | 5   | 5  | 89.32% | Minimum Value |

#### Duties and Tax Benefits

| Sl. | CPC | Duties and Tax Benefits   | Compliances to Avail                             | Reference SRO No. and Date   | Remarks |
|-----|-----|---|--|--|---------|
| 1   |     | CD: 15%, RD: 0%, VAT: 0%, SD: 0% (for import by EPZ/Private EPZ Commissariat) | Compliances laid down in the SRO to be followed. | <a href="#">SRO No.63-Law/2017/05/Customs, Date: 20 March 2017</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 13 March 2024.

#### Abbreviations

1. CC: Customs Clearance

3. BSTI: Bangladesh Standards and Testing Institution

2. RP: Regulatory Purpose

4. SRO: Statutory Regulatory Order