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Message

It is really praiseworthy that the Export Promotion Bureau (EPB) is going to publish its Annual Report for the fiscal year 2024-2025, highlighting key activities and initiatives undertaken to facilitate and promote Bangladesh's exports to the global market. I would like to extend my felicitations to the team for their endeavors in publishing this report.

The Interim Government of Bangladesh has been working relentlessly to overcome challenges for the country's export sector and continuing its competitive position in global trade. Bangladesh is following an export-led growth strategy as a key driver of economic development. Therefore, export promotion has become a central focus in realizing this growth. Export sector of Bangladesh is now recognized by the world business community as a very reliable supply source due to its competitive price and quality. As an important organization of Ministry of Commerce, EPB is playing a vital role in facilitating and boosting export trade by providing support to exporters as well as businesses promotion. EPB is working in connecting exporters with potential buyers, offering market intelligence, and facilitating product and market diversification. EPB is also contributing to building a positive image and branding Bangladesh and helps enhance export competitiveness.

I believe that the Annual Report 2024-2025 will serve as a valuable resource for various stakeholders, including exporters, new entrepreneur, researchers, government officials, educators, students, and all those interested in the study of trade and economic development in Bangladesh.

I congratulate the Export Promotion Bureau (EPB) for successfully publishing its Annual Report 2024-2025 and wish the best use of this publication.

Sk. Bashir Uddin



Mahbubur Rahman

Secretary
Ministry of Commerce
Government of the People's
Republic of Bangladesh

Message

I am delighted to learn that the Export Promotion Bureau (EPB) is going to publish its Annual Report for the fiscal year 2024-2025. I hope this report will play a significant role in assessing the overall development, achievements, challenges, and future prospects of Bangladesh's export sector.

The export sector of Bangladesh is one of the key drivers of the national economy. In the context of growing global competition, technological upgradation, market diversification and the demand for sustainable development, the Export Promotion Bureau has been making continuous efforts to maximize the country's export volume. During FY 2024-2025, despite global economic instability, supply chain challenges, and fluctuations in commodity prices, Bangladesh's export sector has achieved positive growth. Alongside the sustained success of the ready-made garment sector, several other sectors including agricultural products, engineering products, leather, plastics, and home textiles have maintained a consistent growth trend. This success is the result of the foresight of entrepreneurs, the relentless efforts and dedication of workers, policy support, infrastructure development, and the combined initiatives of public-private partnerships in creating opportunities for access to international markets.

The Export Promotion Bureau has undertaken several initiatives to expand digital services and enhance export information management. Through product diversification, exploration of new markets, capacity building for exports, participation in international trade fairs, sending trade missions abroad, and conducting export-related research activities, EPB has been contributing to the expansion of Bangladesh's foreign trade and the strengthening of the country's export capabilities. In addition, the organization plays a vital role in encouraging exporters and the business community, as well as fostering a competitive business environment. To encourage successful and renowned exporters, EPB awards the National Export Trophy and issues CIP (Export) cards.

Our goal is to ensure sustainable, inclusive, and technology-driven export growth that will further accelerate the nation's development journey. I firmly believe that through the concerted efforts of both the public and private sectors, Bangladesh's export trade will prosper further in the coming days and the country's standing in the international market will become even stronger.

I wish the Annual Report of the Export Promotion Bureau delivers its purpose and extend my sincere thanks to all concerned.

(Mahbubur Rahman)



**Mohammad
Hasan Arif**

Vice Chairman &
Chief Executive
Export Promotion Bureau (EPB)

Message

The Annual Report of the Export Promotion Bureau (EPB) is the premier publication presenting key activities and initiatives of its Headquarters, regional and branch offices in promoting the country's exports. As we reflect on the accomplishments of the past year, it becomes essential to chart a clear and purposeful course of actions for the year ahead.

Bangladesh's export sector—a key driver of the national economy—posted approximately 8% growth in FY 2024–25 over the previous year. This resilience reflects the foresight of entrepreneurs, dedication of workers, the strength of supportive policies and public–private collaboration. In the midst of global shifts—supply chain reconfigurations, sustainability demands and changing consumer trends—the urgency for innovation, product & market diversification and digital transformation has never been greater. In response, EPB is committed to enhancing export competitiveness through strategic policy tools and clear priorities including the following ones, to position Bangladesh as a reliable and resilient trading partner on its path to sustainable LDC graduation and developed-nation status.

- **Reimagining Trade Fairs for Global Impact**—EPB is reshaping trade fair participation to deepen connections between Bangladeshi producers and global buyers. On the world stage, Bangladesh's presence at Osaka Expo 2025 (Apr 13–Oct 13) is showcasing its resilience, youth-driven innovation and sustainability vision. At home, the Global Sourcing Expo 2025 (Dec 1–3, Dhaka) will unite global buyers, foreign firms and local industries across eight key sectors to boost trade, reinforce Bangladesh as a trusted sourcing hub and promote industrial innovation. Meanwhile, the revitalized Dhaka International Trade Fair (DITF)-the largest trade fair in the country- is emerging as a dynamic platform for business engagement, underscoring Bangladesh's expanding role in global trade.
- **Driving Export Diversification and Product Development**— EPB is intensifying efforts to identify, develop and promote high-potential products. This includes leveraging global market intelligence, strengthening compliance with international standards and supporting SMEs and new exporters with the tools and knowledge they need to succeed in overseas markets.
- **Policy Research and Stakeholder Engagement**— Through structured consultations with academia, policymakers and trade bodies, we are shaping evidence-based policy recommendations for the highest priority sector and special development sectors as in the Export Policy 2024-2027. These initiatives will support timely reforms and unlock new pathways for growth.
- **Digital Transformation and Trade Facilitation**— Automation remains at the heart of our service delivery. From Certificates of Origin to incentive management and trade fair participation, our aim is to minimize procedural hurdles and maximize efficiency for exporters.
- **Branding Bangladesh Globally**— Building on our strengths in apparel and beyond, EPB will intensify branding efforts through publications, digital campaigns and curated promotional materials. By highlighting the creativity, resilience and capacity of Bangladesh's private sector, we aspire to strengthen global recognition of Bangladesh as a hub of quality and innovation.
- **Strategic Alliances and Partnerships**— Recognizing the importance of collaboration, EPB will continue to expand cooperation with international Trade Promotion Organizations (TPOs), development partners and global industry stakeholders to ensure Bangladesh as an active and trusted participant in international trade networks.
- **Capacity Building**—To strengthen the export sector, EPB is expanding its training and research initiatives to enhance exporters' capabilities across critical areas: product and market diversification, international trade fair participation, global trade rules and compliance, digital trade facilitation, supply chain management, branding and quality assurance, sustainable production and shifting consumer trends.

EPB commends the collective efforts driving Bangladesh's export growth. However, the path forward calls for renewed commitment—embracing innovation, adapting to global changes and accelerating reforms to establish Bangladesh as a globally competitive export powerhouse.



(Mohammad Hasan Arif)



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Bangladesh-China Friendship Exhibition Center, Purbachal (Big Wave)

Export Promotion Bureau

Introduction

Export Promotion Bureau, a statutory body, is entrusted with the responsibility of undertaking measures related to export development of the country. It is administered by a Board of Directors comprising of 22 members from both public and private sectors. The Hon'ble Commerce Minister, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, is the Ex-officio Chairman, and the CEO of EPB is the Vice-Chairman of the Board. Besides, two Director Generals of EPB representatives from the Ministries of Industries, Agriculture, Commerce, Foreign Affairs, Textile and Jute, Fisheries and Livestock, CCI&E, BIDA, BEPZA, Trade & Tariff Commission, Bangladesh Bank are the members of the Board. Moreover, six members are there from the Private Sectors for a term of three years representing Chambers, Trade and Industry.

Functions of the Export Promotion Bureau

- 1 In consultation with different Chambers of Commerce, Exporter's Associations, Concerned Ministries, Govt. Departments, Public and Private sector agencies, Export Promotion Bureau helps the Govt in formulating and implementing export policy.
- 2 To assist and advise the exporters through organizing programs relating to product diversification, product development, product adaptation for the expansion of our export basket;
- 3 To organize marketing missions and buyer-seller meet in co-operation with different exporters' associations to find out new markets for exportable goods;
- 4 With a view to disseminating export related information and to educate local exporters with the latest technological know-how in the area of product development and marketing, EPB regularly organizes seminars, workshops etc. under its National Export Training Program (NETP);
- 5 Taking initiative to participate in the international outsources and consumer fairs abroad to explore export market and exportable;
- 6 Working as a Competent Authority under different trade agreement to issue preferential certificate of origin, monitoring, verification and provide administrative cooperation;
- 7 For the wider publicity of the exportable products of Bangladesh, EPB publishes various attractive and informative publications i.e. News Letter, Annual Report, Product Brochures, Posters, Export Directory, Export Statistics etc.



Schematic photo of the under construction headquarters building of Export Promotion Bureau at Agargaon, Dhaka

Board of Management

01 ■ **Mr. Sk. Bashir Uddin**
Honourable Adviser
Ministry of Commerce, Dhaka
Position on the Board: Chairman

02 ■ **Mr. Mohammad Hasan Arif**
Vice Chairman &
Chief Executive (Additional Secretary)
Export Promotion Bureau, Dhaka
Position on the Board: Vice Chairman

03 ■ **Mr. Md. Abdur Rahim Khan**
Additional Secretary (Export)
Ministry of Commerce, Dhaka
Position on the Board: Member

04 ■ **Representative**
Member (Customs: Policy & ICT)
National Board of Revenue (NBR)
Revenue Building, Plot-F, 1/A Agargaon,
Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207
Position on the Board: Member

05 ■ **Representative**
Member (Investment Promotion)
Bangladesh Export Processing Zones
Authority (BEPZA)
BEPZA Complex, House No. 19/D,
Road No. 6, Dhanmondi R/A, Dhaka
Position on the Board: Member

06 ■ **Representative**
Additional Secretary (Administration)
Ministry of Textiles and Jute
Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka
Position on the Board: Member

07 ■ **Representative**
Additional Secretary (Administration Wing)
Information and Communication
Technology Division
ICT Tower, E-14/X, Agargaon,
Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207
Position on the Board: Member

08 ■ **Representative**
Executive Member
(Marketing & Communication)
Bangladesh Investment Development
Authority (BIDA)
E-6/B, Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar,
Dhaka-1207
Position on the Board: Member

09 ■ **Representative**
Additional Secretary
Ministry of Industries
91 Motijheel Commercial Area, Dhaka
Position on the Board: Member

10 ■ **Representative**
Director General
International Trade, Investment and
Technology Wing
Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Segunbagicha, Dhaka
Position on the Board: Member

11 ■ **Representative**
Joint Secretary (Fisheries Wing)
Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock
Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka
Position on the Board: Member

12 ■ **Representative**
Joint Secretary (Forest Wing)
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate
Change
Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka
Position on the Board: Member

13 ■ **Representative**
Joint Secretary
Ministry of Agriculture
Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka
Position on the Board: Member

14 ■ **Representative**
Member (Joint Secretary)
Bangladesh Trade and Tariff Commission
Government Office Building
(1st, 10th & 12th Floors),
Segunbagicha, Dhaka
Position on the Board: Member

15 ■ **Representative**
Executive Director (Research)
Bangladesh Bank
Motijheel B/A, Dhaka
Position on the Board: Member

16 ■ **Representative**
Administrator
The Federation of Bangladesh Chambers
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Position on the Board: Member

17 ■ **Mr. A. K. Azad**
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Managing Director, Hamim Group
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Position on the Board: Member

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President
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and Exporters Association (BGMEA)
BGMEA Complex, House #7/7A,
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Position on the Board: Member

19 ■ **President**
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BSRS Bhaban (15th Floor), 12,
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Position on the Board: Member

20 ■ **Mr. Taskeen Ahmed**
President
Dhaka Chamber of Commerce &
Industry (DCCI)
65-66, Motijheel B/A (2nd Floor), Dhaka
Position on the Board: Member

21 ■ **Mr. Kamran T. Rahman**
President
Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce
& Industry (MCCI)
122-124, Motijheel B/A, Dhaka
Position on the Board: Member

22 ■ **Ms. Baby Rani Karmakar**
Director General
Export Promotion Bureau (EPB), Dhaka
Position on the Board: Member-Secretary

Policy Planning Division

The export sector is a key driver of Bangladesh's economic growth and sustainable development. To provide appropriate guidance and incentives to this sector, the government formulates timely export policies. The Policy Planning Division provides essential support to the government in the drafting and implementation of these policies.

This division plays a vital role in both formulating and executing export strategies. For effective implementation, specific action plans are developed, focusing on sector-based programs and time-bound progress, while ensuring coordination among relevant institutions. Through digitization and modern technology, export statistics are automatically compiled and made available to stakeholders via the Export Promotion Bureau's website. Moreover, the division supports the government in identifying causes behind

any decline in export earnings by analyzing sector-specific data and trends. The division also contributes significantly to fostering friendly relations with Trade Promotion Organizations (TPOs) of other countries to enhance bilateral trade cooperation. It provides input on policies and regulations related to trade agreements, including multilateral and bilateral treaties. Under the National Export Training Program (NETP), seminars and workshops are organized across the country to improve exporters' knowledge and skills, enabling them to enter new markets, maintain product quality, and remain competitive globally.

To further streamline and expedite the export process, the Policy Planning Division is also working to simplify and modernize services through initiatives such as online platforms, e-certificates, and traceability systems.

Major Activities of Policy Planning division at a glance



Policy division:

The Policy Section of the Export Promotion Bureau (EPB) supports the government in formulating business-friendly policies aimed at sustaining and enhancing export growth, particularly under market diversification initiatives. A key responsibility of this section is to develop the Export Policy in alignment with the government's vision and strategic plans.

As a business support organization, the EPB formulates a wide range of policies to facilitate trade and business operations. The Policy Section contributes intellectually by providing analysis, feedback, and inputs during the policy formulation process. It also plays a vital role in drafting market and product concept papers that inform the government's policy decisions. Another important function of this section is to review rules of origin under preferential market access agreements offered by both developed and developing countries, and to provide stakeholders with appropriate guidance on how to effectively utilize the benefits of these agreements.

Export Policy 2024-2027:

In line with global trade trends, the government formulates export policies every three years. As Bangladesh's economy becomes increasingly export-oriented, the government has developed the Export Policy 2024–2027, taking into account the challenges of LDC graduation, global competition, sustainable development through a circular economy, and the growing demand for new products and markets. This policy emphasizes not only the garment sector but also emerging sectors such as leather and leather goods, jute and jute goods, information technology, agriculture, pharmaceuticals, light engineering products, the recycling industry, and the electrical and electronics sector. The aim is to address the challenges of LDC graduation while enhancing Bangladesh's competitiveness in the global market.

National Single Window (NSW):

To expedite and modernize export trade and customs procedures, the National Single Window (NSW) system has been implemented. Through this online platform, 13 types of certificates of origin are now included. Currently,

the Export Promotion Bureau (EPB) is accepting applications for all types of Preferential Country of Origin certificates through the online system. EPB continues its efforts to ensure that Certificates of Origin are issued electronically and delivered conveniently to exporters, bringing the service closer to their doorsteps.

REX Registration and Monitoring:

To avail of duty-free benefits for Bangladeshi products exported to the EU, Norway, Switzerland, and Turkey, registered exporters can issue their own Statement on Origin (SoO) through self-certification. The Export Promotion Bureau (EPB) regularly monitors export data—such as exporter information, product destination, importing country, and product prices—using advanced software. The Bureau also submits reports to the customs authorities of importing countries, such as the United States, after verifying the required information, including compliance with rules of origin and domestic value addition, as per their specific requirements.

Preferential Market Access:

In the fiscal year 2024–2025, the Export Promotion Bureau continues its active communication with the Ministry of Commerce to maintain preferential market access with various countries, including the EU, the UK, and Japan. Additionally, to expand export markets and boost exports to the African region, the Bureau organized the Zambia Business Forum to promote export growth.

Restrictions on Bangladeshi Products Exported to India:

The Indian government has imposed restrictions on the export of 15 product items from Bangladesh, including ready-made garments (RMG), fruits, flavoured and carbonated beverages, processed food items such as baked goods, snacks, chips, confectionery, cotton and PVC yarn waste, plastic and PVC finished products, wooden furniture, and jute items (H.S. Codes: 530130, 530310, 530390, 530610, 530710, 530720, 530919, 530929, 530010). These restrictions apply to exports through both land and air ports. A report containing recommendations and stakeholder feedback has been submitted to the Ministry of Commerce for review, in order to assess the adverse impact and determine appropriate actions regarding the export of these items to India.

Study Report on Overcoming LDC graduation Challenges in the Ready-Made Garment (RMG) Sector:

A study report has been developed to ensure the sustainable development of Bangladesh's RMG sector in the current context and after LDC graduation. The report examines potential policy strategies and incentives for the sector, taking into account the approaches adopted by competitor countries to support sustainable growth.

Verification of Issued Certificates of Origin:

The EPB issues Certificates of Origin to facilitate preferential market access for exporters. Customs authorities in importing countries often seek verification of the authenticity of these certificates. In response, the EPB reviews the relevant documents provided by the customs authorities and ensures compliance with rules of origin criteria. In the last fiscal year, the Policy Section completed 250 such verifications.

ITO (International Trade Organization) Section:

International trade organizations play a pivotal role in strengthening bilateral and multilateral trade relations. This section supports stakeholders in expanding markets and exploring new export destinations by exchanging a wide range of trade-related information with Bangladesh trade missions abroad and foreign embassies in Dhaka.

Meeting with the foreign delegates to develop bilateral trade relations :

B2B Matchmaking Meeting with the Chinese Delegation:

A high-level, 20-member delegation from the China Chamber of Commerce of Import and Export of Foodstuffs, Native Produce, and Animal By-Products (CFNA) visited Dhaka on 01–02 June 2025. A B2B matchmaking meeting was held at the Export Promotion Bureau on 02 June 2025 with leading Bangladeshi companies engaged in the production of agricultural and agro-processed products, including fresh vegetables. The meeting addressed current challenges and discussed potential solutions to enhance trade with China. As a result, necessary action plans were adopted

to strengthen bilateral trade relations between the two countries.

Meeting with the Trade Delegation from Pakistan:

On 02 July 2024, a meeting was held at the EPB with a trade delegation from Pakistan to foster bilateral trade and promote the exchange of pharmaceutical products, cutlery & utensils, and surgical instruments. The Pakistani delegation explored opportunities to increase trade with Bangladesh across various product categories. Both parties expressed interest in maintaining regular communication and exchanging trade-related information. Following the meeting, the EPB continued correspondence with the delegation by sharing detailed export capacity information on several products, aiming to expand the export market.

Cooperation with the international trade promotion organizations:

Efforts are underway to sign Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) with reputed trade promotion organizations to build institutional capacity, accelerate export growth, and deepen bilateral cooperation. Notably, MoUs have already been signed with:

- **AICEP Portugal Global – Trade and Investment Agency**, to explore business opportunities in Eastern Europe.
- **Sri Lanka Export Development Board (EDB)**, to enhance institutional cooperation and bilateral trade.

Furthermore, initiatives are in progress to sign MoUs in the upcoming fiscal year (2025–26) with the Malaysia External Trade Development Corporation (MATRADE) and the trade promotion organizations of two other ASEAN countries.

Reviewing Trade Policy :

As part of the World Trade Organization's mandate, the trade policy review mechanism assesses the global trading system's impact and reviews trade-related developments in member countries. These reviews provide insights into national policies, sector-specific strategies, and the overall economic framework of the country under review. In the previous fiscal year, the ITO Section reviewed the trade policies of Canada, Iceland, China, and Russia, offering relevant feedback and recommendations to the Ministry of Commerce

Formulation and implementation of TPP (Technical Project Profile)

To facilitate technical assistance under the Government of Japan's 2026 fiscal year (April 2026 to March 2027), the Embassy of Japan invited project proposals. In response, comprehensive proposals, including capacity-building initiatives for EPB officials, were prepared and submitted to the Ministry of Commerce in the prescribed format for consideration.

Supervision of Activities of Trade Missions Abroad

A committee has been formed to provide necessary inputs and feedback by reviewing the reports submitted by Commercial Counsellors stationed at Bangladesh's foreign trade missions. This committee evaluates reports from Commercial Counsellors posted in 23 overseas trade missions and, based on these assessments, makes recommendations to the Ministry of Commerce.

To implement these recommendations and diversify both export products and markets, initiatives have been undertaken under the supervision of the Export Promotion Bureau (EPB) to showcase Bangladesh's high-quality conventional products as well as GI-tagged and non-conventional products—such as Jamdani, silk, jute, fish, ceramics, and chemical dye-free sarees—to potential buyers and consumers across the globe. As part of this initiative, steps have been taken to establish a Business Promotion Centre (BPC) at the Trade Centre in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, and an Antenna Shop at Dubai Airport.

Additionally, to facilitate the entry of small-scale manufacturers, such as SMEs, into export markets, the EPB is acting as an intermediary. In this regard, lists of CMSMEs are being collected from the SME Foundation and the Jute Diversification Promotion Centre (JDPC). Furthermore, to promote Bangladesh's promising export products, activities are underway to establish Digital Display Centres or Display Centres at Bangladeshi foreign missions abroad.

Provision of Market Intelligence Services

The EPB's market intelligence service assists potential buyers and local exporters by helping them identify reliable sources of supply, conducting product- and country-specific export analyses, and providing a clear understanding of potential markets. Exporters can also access information on market access facilities,

cash incentives, international trade procedures, and the exporter registration process through the Market Intelligence Website.

Preparation of Country Brief:

To offer insights into new export destinations and provide a comprehensive overview of potential markets, the EPB prepares Country Briefs for the Ministry of Commerce, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and other stakeholders. These briefs contain valuable data on imports, exports, trade balances, and tariff and non-tariff barriers of trading partners, enabling exporters to assess trade opportunities and enhance bilateral trade relations. In the last financial year, 70 bilateral trade briefs were updated to serve stakeholder needs.

Setting up of a Sales Center:

As a gesture of goodwill, the Assam Tourism Development Corporation Ltd. (ATDC) has allocated a 135-square-foot sales centre to the EPB to promote and sell Jamdani sarees and other handicraft products. This initiative aims to enhance the visibility of Bangladeshi products and improve market penetration in the Seven Sister states of India.

Compliance issue :

Due to the Domino Effect of the European Union's Commission Implementation Regulation (EU) 2024/334, the export of milk- and egg-processed food products from Bangladesh to EU countries has been suspended. To resume exports of these items—including bakery, confectionery, and other food products—necessary measures have been initiated to address the restrictions imposed under Article 8 of the regulation. An action plan has also been prepared and submitted to the Ministry of Commerce to support the recovery and growth of exports of agricultural and frozen food products.

Expansion of bilateral trade:

Sri Lanka has been showing interest in importing cloth from Bangladesh for a long time. Currently, Sri Lanka imports cotton fabrics worth \$2.60 million and knit fabrics worth \$23 million from Bangladesh without issuing cumulation notifications. Therefore, a letter has been sent to the Ministry of Commerce stating the opinion of the Export Promotion Bureau about the LDC Graduation facility, increasing the export of Bangladesh through a 20% value addition share of Bangladesh in Sri Lanka's exports and Regional Cumulation with Sri Lanka.

Issuance of SAFTA and SAPTA Certificates electronically:

The Export Promotion Bureau has submitted a proposal to the Ministry of Commerce requesting discussions with India on technical assistance and other related matters to develop a platform for the electronic issuance of SAFTA and SAPTA Certificates of Origin.

Initiatives to expand the market for halal products:

A total of 10 Bangladeshi companies have received halal certification for 84 products, including biscuits,

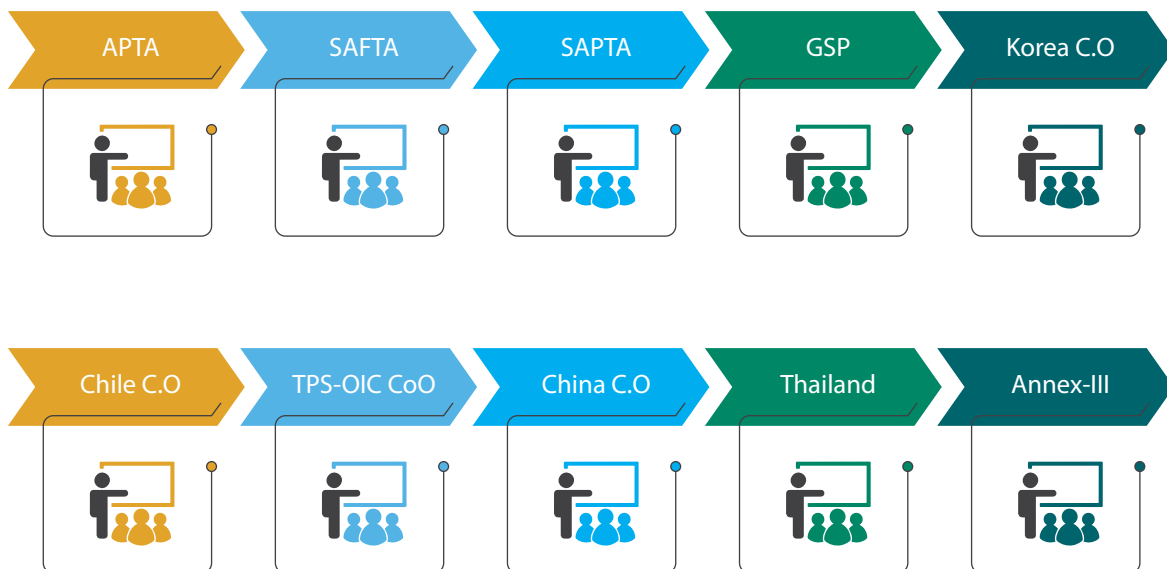
chocolates, cakes, noodles, chips, powdered masala, curry masala, beef, chicken, mutton, puri, singara, samosa, pickles, jam, jelly, honey, and more.

According to the World Halal Union, the global halal product market is valued at USD 7 trillion. To tap into this vast market—particularly in the Middle East and other high-potential regions—a list of halal-certified Bangladeshi companies and their products has been sent to 23 Bangladesh trade missions abroad for dissemination to importers and business communities.

GSP section

Different types of Certificate of Origin (CoO) under Preferential Trade Agreements for Non-Textile items

by the GSP section of the Policy Planning Division are mentioned below:



Certificate of Origin issued under Preferential Trade Agreements for Non-Textile item during the financial year 2024-2025

Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) 3,847	SAARC Preferential Trading Arrangement (SAPTA) 146	South Asian Free Trade Area (SAFTA) 22,039
Asia-Pacific Trade Agreement (APTA) 159	Korea CoO 1,082	China CoO 7,351
Annex-III 20	Thailand CoO 17	Chile CoO 246
TPS-OIC CoO 08	D-8 01	Total 34,916

Seminars/Workshops held in FY 2024-25

- Workshop titled "Collection, Storage and Processing of Import-Export Data in ASYCUDA World Database" organized in Dhaka on 28.08.2024.
- Seminar titled "Market opportunities & challenges of Handicrafts sector" organized in Dhaka on 03.09.2024.
- Workshop titled "Import-Export Data Compilation Based on International Standards" organized in Dhaka on 20.10.2024.
- Training on Dispute Settlement organized jointly in Dhaka from 03-05 December 2024 by the WTO-3 Wing of the Ministry of Commerce and the Export Promotion Bureau.
- Special seminar titled "Bangladesh Furniture Industry: Unlocking Export Potential" organized at Bangladesh-China Friendship Exhibition Center on 20-01-2025.
- Seminar titled "B2B Seminar with Pakistan Deligation" organized in Dhaka on 22-01-2025.
- Seminar titled "Food Value Chain Development, Food Processing and Food Safety for Potential Borrowers" organized in Dhaka on 23.01.2025.
- Trade Conference titled "Bangladesh-Zambia Business Forum, Dhaka-2025" organized in Dhaka on 14.05.2025.

Statistics and Research Section

The Statistics and Research Cell of the Bureau compiles, Processes, and generates a wide range of report using export data from the national Board of Revenue (NBR) and Bangladesh Bank (BB). This data is organized by products, country, mission, region, and by various time periods such as monthly, quarterly, semi-annually, nine-monthly, and annually. The export performance of the country is shared with ministries, trade-related government organizations, autonomous bodies, semi- autonomous bodies, corporations, chambers of commerce, trade associations, the electronic and print media, and Bangladesh's foreign missions for their use. The statistics and Research Cell also provides comprehensive support and cooperation to the ministry of commerce in setting annual export targets.

Analysis of National Export Earning of Bangladesh from Goods & Service Sectors in the FY 2024-25:

Export Earning of Bangladesh from Goods & Service sector during 2024-25 amounted to US\$ 55,191.24 million as against US\$ 51,114.15 million during 2023-24 showing an increase of US\$ 4077 million which is 7.98% higher than the previous fiscal year.

Export earning of Bangladesh from products and Service sector during 2024-25 were US\$ 48,283.93 and 6,907.31 million against the target of US\$ 50,000.00 and 7,500.00 million respectively.

Value in Mn. US\$

Products	Export Target of 2024-25	Export Performance for July-June 2024-25	Export Performance for July-June 2023-24	% Change of export Performance Over Export Target	% Change of export performance July-June 2024-25 Over July-June 2023-24
1	3	5	6	7	8
All products	50000.00	48283.93	44469.74	-3.43	8.58
A. Primary Commodities (1-24)	1565.23	1448.52	1357.66	-7.46	6.69
(1) Frozen & Live Fish (02-03)	430.00	441.58	376.68	2.69	17.23
a. Live Fish (0301)	30.00	25.91	24.71	-13.63	4.86
b. Frozen Fish (0300, 0302, 0303)	88.00	92.41	77.41	5.01	19.38
c. Shrimps (0306, Excl.030614, 030624) (0306 Excluding Crabs)	280.00	296.29	248.32	5.82	19.32
d. Crabs (030614, 030624)	12.00	13.74	9.24	14.50	48.70
e. Others	20.00	13.23	17.00	-33.85	-22.18
(2) Animal origin (Chapter 05)	19.23	18.32	16.64	-4.73	10.1
a. Guts, bladders and stomachs (excl. fish) (0504)	13.00	13.22	10.45	1.69	26.51
b. Others	6.23	5.10	6.19	-18.14	-17.61
(3) Agriculture Products (04-24) (Excluding 05)	1116	988.62	964.34	-11.41	2.52
a. Tea (0902)	4.50	4.10	3.54	-8.89	15.82
b. Vegetables (07)	130.00	81.12	112.47	-37.60	-27.87
c. Tobacco (24)	210.00	251.93	181.53	19.97	38.78
d. Fruits (08)	35.00	67.51	29.24	92.89	130.88
e. Spices (0910)	65.00	56.31	56.98	-13.37	-1.18
f. Dry Food (19)	250.00	186.60	217.14	-25.36	-14.06
g. Oil Seeds (12)	35.00	24.06	29.37	-31.26	-18.08

Products	Export Target of 2024-25	Export Performance for July-June 2024-25	Export Performance for July-June 2023-24	% Change of export Performance Over Export Target	% Change of export performance July-June 2024-25 Over July-June 2023-24
1	3	5	6	7	8
h. Betel leaves (14049092)	38.00	21.45	32.59	-43.55	-34.18
i. Animal or vegetable fats and oils (15)	105.00	118.04	95.14	12.42	24.07
j. Sugar and sugar confectionery (17)	30.00	20.82	25.18	-30.60	-17.32
k. Beverages, spirits and vinegar (22)	40.00	35.47	34.94	-11.33	1.52
l. Oil-cake (2304)	3.50	0.13	2.86	-96.29	-95.45
m. Others	170.00	121.08	143.36	-28.78	-15.54
B. Manufactured Commodities (25-97)	48434.77	46835.41	43112.08	-3.3	8.64
(1) Cement, Salt, Stone Etc (25)	22	14.33	18.42	-34.86	-22.2
(2) Ores, Slag and Ash (26)	50	33.9	42.38	-32.2	-20.01
(3) Petroleum bi Products (27)	25	21.36	21.19	-14.56	0.8
(4) Chemical Products (28-38)	405	368.32	349.73	-9.06	5.32
a. Pharmaceuticals (30)	240.00	213.16	205.48	-11.18	3.74
b. Inorganic chemicals (28)	95.00	85.33	83.71	-10.18	1.94
c. Organic chemicals (29)	10.00	8.94	8.92	-10.60	0.22
d. Others	60.00	60.89	51.62	1.48	17.96
(5) Plastic Products (39)	279	284.05	244.43	1.81	16.21
a. PVC Bags (3923)	45.00	51.53	38.61	14.51	33.46
b. Plastic Waste 3915)	19.00	14.01	16.58	-26.26	-15.50
c. Tableware, kitchenware (3924)	35.00	43.12	29.24	23.20	47.47
d. Others	180.00	175.39	160.00	-2.56	9.62
(6) Rubber (40)	50	49.54	43.11	-0.92	14.92
(7) Leather & Leather Products (41-43 & 6403)	1185	1145.07	1039.15	-3.37	10.19
(a) Leather (41)	165.00	128.21	142.54	-22.30	-10.05
(b) Leather Products (42-43)	400.00	344.79	352.58	-13.80	-2.21
(c) Leather Footwear (6403)	620.00	672.07	544.02	8.40	23.54
(8) Wood & Wood Products (44-45)	19	11.31	16.17	-40.47	-30.06
(9) Handicrafts (46)	42	37.68	34.96	-10.29	7.78
(10) Paper & Paper Products (48)	320	285.83	273.06	-10.68	4.68
(11) Printed Materials (49)	12	11.87	9.89	-1.08	20.02
(12) Silk (50)	0.12	0.07	0.11	-41.67	-36.36

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1	3	5	6	7	8
(13) Cotton & Cotton Product (Yarn, Waste, Fabrics etc) (52)	630	552.23	554.5	-12.34	-0.41
(14) Jute & Jute goods (53, 6305)	980.00	820.16	855.23	-16.31	-4.1
a. Raw Jute (5303)	185.00	148.48	161.28	-19.74	-7.94
b. Jute Yarn & Twine (5307)	560.00	461.83	492.45	-17.53	-6.22
c. Jute Sacks & Bags (6305)	120.00	125.96	106.29	4.97	18.51
d. Others	115.00	83.89	95.21	-27.05	-11.89
(15) Man Made Filaments & Staple Fibres (54-56)	395.00	395.01	341.19	0	15.77
(16) Carpet (Jute & Others -57)	30.00	30.62	26.51	2.07	15.5
(17) Specialized Textiles (58-60)	400.00	382.39	337.28	-4.4	13.37
a. Terry Towel (5802)	27.00	23.07	23.55	-14.56	-2.04
b. Special Woven Fabric (59)	85.00	78.65	73.69	-7.47	6.73
c. Knitted Fabrics (60)	190.00	180.97	157.12	-4.75	15.18
d. Others	98.00	99.70	82.92	1.73	20.24
(18) RMG (61 & 62)	40485	39346.97	36151.31	-2.81	8.84
(a) Knitwear (61)	21,700.00	21,159.08	19,282.15	-2.49	9.73
(b) Woven Garments (Chapter 62)	18,785.00	18,187.89	16,869.16	-3.18	7.82
(19) Home Textile (Chapter 63 Excluding 6305)	960	871.57	851.01	-9.21	2.42
a. Bed, Kitchen toilet linens (6302)	485.00	409.71	418.78	-15.52	-2.17
b. Tents (6306)	245.00	226.00	221.90	-7.76	1.85
c. New rags, Scrap twine (6310)	110.00	97.96	100.37	-10.95	-2.40
d. Other (Ecluding 630510)	120.00	137.90	109.96	14.92	25.41
(20) Footwear (64) Excluding 6403	470.00	522.59	416.83	11.19	25.37
(21) Cap (65)	370.00	364.46	327.58	-1.5	11.26
(22) Wigs & Human Hair (67)	130.00	142.85	118.14	9.88	20.92
(23) Ceramic Products (69)	38.00	35.22	33.09	-7.32	6.44
(24) Glass & Glass ware (Chapter 70)	9.00	4.95	7.99	-45	-38.05
(25) Engineering Products (71-88)	545.50	535.56	486.75	-1.82	10.03
a. Iron Steel (72, 73)	75.00	72.23	66.96	-3.69	7.87
b. Copper Wire (74)	64.00	56.72	56.36	-11.38	0.64
c. Stainless Steel ware (82)	4.50	3.62	3.84	-19.56	-5.73

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1	3	5	6	7	8
d. Engineering Equipment (84)	62.00	49.99	55.81	-19.37	-10.43
e. Electric Products (85)	170.00	166.52	149.50	-2.05	11.38
f. Bicycle (8712)	87.00	116.44	82.50	33.84	41.14
g. Others	83.00	70.04	71.78	-15.61	-2.42
(26) Ships, Boats and floating structures (89)	0.15	2.94	0.14	1860	2000
(27) Other mfd Products	583	564.58	511.92	-3.16	10.29
a. Optical, Photographic, Medical Instruments etc (90)	85.00	81.54	74.76	-4.07	9.07
b. Furniture(94 Excluding 9404)	49.00	45.53	45.70	-7.08	-0.37
c. Mattress & bedding (9404)	31.00	27.67	29.05	-10.74	-4.75
d. Golf Shaft (950639)	18.00	17.63	16.38	-2.06	7.63
e. Others	400.00	392.21	346.03	-1.95	13.35



Country-Summary

Period: July-June 2024-25

Value in Mn. US\$

Country	USD
AD: Andorra	23876.06
AE: United Arab Emirates	351220653
AF: Afghanistan	11094346.24
AL: Albania	144345.56
AM: Armenia	3204140.85
AO: Angola	214199.33
AR: Argentina	21573463.9
AS: American Samoa	195843.95
AT: Austria	99502822.48
AU: Australia	907214050.9
AZ: Azerbaijan	1194363.89
BA: Bosnia & Herzegovina	3791488.07
BB: Barbados	163647.01
BE: Belgium	728128244.3
BF: Burkino Faso	1032861.79
BG: Bulgaria	4019848.25
BH: Bahrain	5841594.45
BI: Burundi	517847.82
BJ: Benin	47780.29
BL: Bangladesh local export	2141512524
BM: Bermuda	66038.66
BN: Brunei Darussalan	1276453.48
BO: Bolivia	1956149.53
BR: Brazil	187343110.6
BS: Bahamas	14803.1
BT: Bhutan	14325062.77
BV: Bouvet Island	41363.92
BW: Botswana	102242.81
BY: Belarus	104719.52
BZ: Belize	127045.75
CA: Canada	1463742095
CF: Central African Republic	1049197.5

Country	USD
CG: Congo	3136576.21
CH: Switzerland	77710331.7
CI: Cote d'Ivoire	10714853.38
CL: Chile	180592889.2
CM: Cameroon	2085234.65
CN: China	694492755.4
CO: Columbia	65387603.35
CR: Costa Rica	2734692.92
CU: Cuba	228256.28
CV: Cape Verde	251818.52
CW: CURACAO	135457.64
CY: Cyprus	6484036.68
CZ: Czech Republic	332504173.7
DE: Germany	5292900068
DJ: Djibouti	1740384.32
DK: Denmark	1076549415
DM: Dominica	152508.21
DO: Dominican Republic	7443320.66
DZ: Algeria	27441187.75
EC: Ecuador	10975034.06
EE: Estonia	1106321.09
EG: Egypt	49292682.79
ES: Spain	3554736456
ET: Ethiopia	9065518.09
FI: Finland	36276976.4
FJ: Fiji	5539051.76
FR: France	2416842540
GA: Gabon	3378729.7
GB: Great Britain	4622701061
GD: Grenada	26079.22
GE: Georgia	7509095.27
GH: Ghana	4525486.67
GM: Gambia	612527.75
GN: Guinea	3570623.56
GP: Guadeloupe	416118.06

Country	USD
GQ: Equatorial Guinea	1377876.48
GR: Greece	81732385.77
GT: Guatemala	3732944.55
GU: Guam	56584.28
GW: Guinea Bissau	1667457.01
GY: Guyana	1373956.81
HK: Hong Kong	107548618.4
HN: Honduras	2265100.8
HR: Croatia	67690650.01
HT: Haiti	570429.6
HU: Hungary	180063765.1
ID: Indonesia	56710572.62
IE: Ireland	266160481
IN: INDIA	1764233758
IQ: Iraq	3962633.64
IR: Iran (Islamic Republic of)	10937560.54
IS: Iceland	496004.68
IT: Italy	1664505122
JM: Jamaica	2586531.49
JO: Jordan	18914817.17
JP: Japan	1411595091
KE: Kenya	18238476.32
KG: Kyrgyzstan	32668.45
KH: Kampuchea Democratic	15813834.02
KI: Kiribati	275914.42
KM: Comoros	541017.12
KN: Saint Kitts and Nevis	20042.5
KP: North Korea	336372.33
KR: Korean Republic of	462776924
KW: Kuwait	24997846.62
KY: Cayman islands	88715.45
KZ: Kazakhstan	17029224.11
LA: Laos	747277.32
LB: Lebanon	5836390.96
LK: Sri Lanka	82851372.58

Country	USD
LR: Liberea	817258.26
LS: Lesotho	160159.09
LT: Lithuania	1715107.75
LU: Luxembourg	4070705.28
LV: Latvia	1586533.82
LY: Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	6591015.12
MA: Morocco	22347143.33
MD: Moldova	2592436.34
ME:	8122.82
MG: Madagascar	2738318.73
MH: Marshall Islands	125298.46
MK: Macedonia	21827.61
ML: Mali	894855.59
MM: Myanmar	34834060.59
MN: Mongolia	794884.42
MO: Macau	232175.22
MQ: Martinique	39337.44
MR: Mauritania	3408058.26
MT: Malta	1791596.19
MU: Mauritius	19135808.41
MV: Maldives	6347670.55
MW: Malawi	841396.48
MX: Mexico	363369097.7
MY: Malaysia	282550097.4
MZ: Mozambique	1574608.27
NA: Namibia	224011.53
NC: New Caledonia	181646.71
NE: Niger	130884.69
NG: Nigeria	14817343.96
NI: Nicaragua	967658.36
NL: Netherlands	2354205141
NO: Norway	57759760.05
NP: Nepal	35401038.64
NZ: New Zealand	99730754.58
OM: Oman	28036288.67

Country	USD
PA: Panama	52040224.71
PE: Peru	69982108.78
PF: French Polynesia	401825.28
PG: Papua New Guinea	4232803.97
PH: Philippines	85650629.08
PK: Pakistan	73998290.16
PL: Poland	1824800467
PR: Puerto Rico	216889.96
PS: Palestinian Territory	48199.16
PT: Portugal	119888627.3
PW: Palau	77260.23
PY: Paraguay	4698273.44
QA: Qatar	24415906.1
RE: Reunion	915268.31
RO: Romania	241491112.4
RS: Serbia	24081103.35
RU: Russia	353962936.2
RW: Rwanda	214087.77
SA: Saudi Arabia	292612865.5
SB: Solomon Islands	1226604.86
SC: Seychelles	106609.05
SD: Sudan	40831124.03
SE: Sweden	811158387
SG: Singapore	109201005.8
SI: Slovenia	128543341.5
SK: Slovakia	85739991.65
SL: Sierra Leone	3193964.65
SN: Senegal	5804583.8
SO: Somalia	9369015.19
SR: Suriname	442116.8
SS: South Sudan	201552.67
ST: Sao Tome and Principle	83890.06
SV: El Salvador	5803367.48
SX: SINT MAARTEN	2266.07
SY: Syrian Arab Republic	185812.43

Country	USD
SZ: Swaziland	976601.23
TD: Chad	325508.94
TG: Togo	407798.68
TH: Thailand	61845064.3
TJ: Tajikistan	2448132.94
TL: TIMOR-LESTE (EAST TIMOR)	747995.05
TM: Turkmenistan	101048.49
TN: Tunisia	3389900.35
TO: Tonga	138964.46
TP: Timor	780.89
TR: Turkey	634533052.8
TT: Trinidad and Tobago	2271851.09
TW: New Taiwan	57120444.93
TZ: Tanzania	5513267.98
UA: Ukraine	12202625.38
UG: Uganda	5420443.3
US: United States	8692345901
UY: Uruguay	36101099.78
UZ: Uzbekistan	32833434.54
VE: Venezuela	9802779.46
VI: Virgin Islands, US	39192.64
VN: Vietnam	128964103.3
VU: Vanuatu	1090632.55
WS: Western Samoa	217458.73
XK: KOSOVO	476399.17
YE: Democratic Yemen	6153537.33
YT: Mayotte	382772
ZA: South Africa	124040158.9
ZM: Zambia	361379.94
ZW: Zimbabwe	194542.04
Total	48283925991

Data Source: NBR (National Board of Revenue)

Commodities Division

The Commodities Division of Export Promotion Bureau (EPB) has been playing a pivotal role in ensuring the sustainable expansion and diversification of Bangladesh's export trade. With the ever-evolving dynamics of global demand, increasing competition and shifting economic landscapes, the activities of this Division are being continuously modernized, digitalized and made more target-oriented. In the FY 2024–2025, special emphasis has been given on enhancing the quality of exportable products, facilitating market access for emerging items, strengthening entrepreneurs' capacities and exploring diversified international markets. The division has also taken concrete steps to bring unconventional but potential sectors into the mainstream of the export framework through surveys, stakeholder consultations, strategic proposals and actionable initiatives. The key

activities undertaken by the Commodities Division in FY 2024–2025 are summarized below. These efforts are expected to lay a solid foundation for a more structured, impactful and spontaneous export development roadmap in the coming days.

Starting its journey in FY 1972-73 with an export income of US\$ 348.42 million, Bangladesh's export has reached US\$ 48.28 billion in the last FY 2024-25. New products are being added to enrich the export hamper at a greater extent. Now the number of product is 812 exported to 202 destinations around the globe. The name of EPB including its different functional wings is closely related to this success story. The Commodities Division is not an exception to the list of these wings.



Key Activities, Initiatives and Progress Achieved in FY 2024–25

a. National Export Trophy

According to the National Export Trophy Policy 2022, institutions meeting the set criteria in 36 product and service sectors are awarded trophies in three categories: Gold, Silver and Bronze. The award ceremony for the National Export Trophy 2021–2022 was held on 14 July, 2024 at the Osmani Memorial Auditorium where 77 companies/organizations were honoured with Gold, Silver and Bronze trophies respectively in recognition of their outstanding contributions to exports. The final committee meeting for selecting recipients of the 2022–2023 National Export Trophies was held on 30 June 2025 at the Ministry of Commerce. Besides, meeting of the Final Selection Committee is currently underway at the Ministry. For 2023–2024 Trophy, applications have been received in due time. Data entry and verification of submitted applications have been completed. A draft list will be prepared and sent to the ministry as per the decision of the Primary Selection Committee. To revise and update the National Export Trophy Policy 2022, EPB has sent a draft proposal to the Ministry of Commerce on November 26, 2024. The finalization of the policy is currently in process.

b. Commercially Important Person (CIP)

To foster constructive competition and encourage exporters, the government has formulated the CIP (Export & Trade) Policy 2023. Under this policy, eligible exporters and trade leaders/representatives from various product and service sectors are awarded CIP cards based on specified criteria. Commodities Division is responsible for receiving applications, conducting preliminary screening and evaluation, submitting recommendations to the final selection committee and managing the administrative responsibilities of organizing the CIP Card awarding ceremony. Based on the applications received for CIP (Export) 2024, a list of recommended institutions by the preliminary selection committee was sent to the Ministry of Commerce on 28 March, 2024. Furthermore, data entry and verification processes on the applications received for CIP (Export) 2025 have been completed. The process of convening the preliminary selection committee is currently in progress. Subsequent actions in this regard will be taken upon receiving directives from the Ministry of Commerce.

c. Trade Dispute Resolution

In the arena of foreign trade, disputes between exporters and importers frequently arise. These are often brought before the Bureau for various reasons such as failure to deliver goods as per sales contracts, violations of L/C conditions during export or import, non-compliance with product specifications, delayed shipment, non-payment after receiving goods, claims for penalties or compensation due to late delivery, among others. Upon receiving such complaints, Commodities Division takes proactive measures to resolve these disputes amicably with the aim of preserving Bangladesh's export-friendly reputation and ensuring continuity in foreign trade. In the FY 2024–2025, a total of 12 trade-related complaints were submitted to the Bureau. For each of these, the Commodities Division has taken effective steps toward resolution. However, due to the Bureau's lack of legal authority to enforce laws or regulations in such cases, optimum resolution of the disputes often remains a challenge.

d. Product of the Year

Based on the recommendation of the Export Promotion Bureau (EPB), a product/sector is declared as the Product of the Year annually. The main objective of this initiative is to enhance the production capacity of the selected product/sector and to remove policy and other marketing-related barriers so that the product/sector can attain a desired position in the export market. In continuation of this initiative, the government has declared Handicrafts as the Product of the Year for 2024 and Furniture as the Product of the Year for 2025. To promote the production and diversified use of handicraft products as well as to expand exports in this sector, the Commodities Division has submitted a draft action plan to the Ministry of Commerce. Again, a recommendation has also been sent to the Fair & Display Division of EPB for organizing a dedicated single-sector product fair focused on furniture.

e. Exploring New Markets/Trade Missions

To explore new markets and enhance the penetration of products in existing export destinations, trade delegations are sent to different countries around the world. In this context, recommendations have been made to the Ministry of Commerce aiming to send

trade delegates/missions to Japan, South Korea and Vietnam. Upon receiving directives from the Ministry of Commerce, necessary follow-up actions will be taken to implement the trade missions.

f. Product Diversification

To expand the export product basket by adding new items, EPB has previously selected 14 products from 41 districts under the “One District One Product (ODOP)” program aimed at promoting the export of regionally produced traditional goods. In addition to these 14 products, dunning letters have been sent to the Deputy Commissioners of 64 districts to identify further potential products and to inform EPB accordingly. A meeting regarding this was held at the Bureau on May 5, 2025 where it was decided that renewed efforts would be taken to accelerate the ODOP initiative. It was also decided to take necessary actions to include promising products such as Nakshikanta, Jamdani and Maslin under the ODOP program.

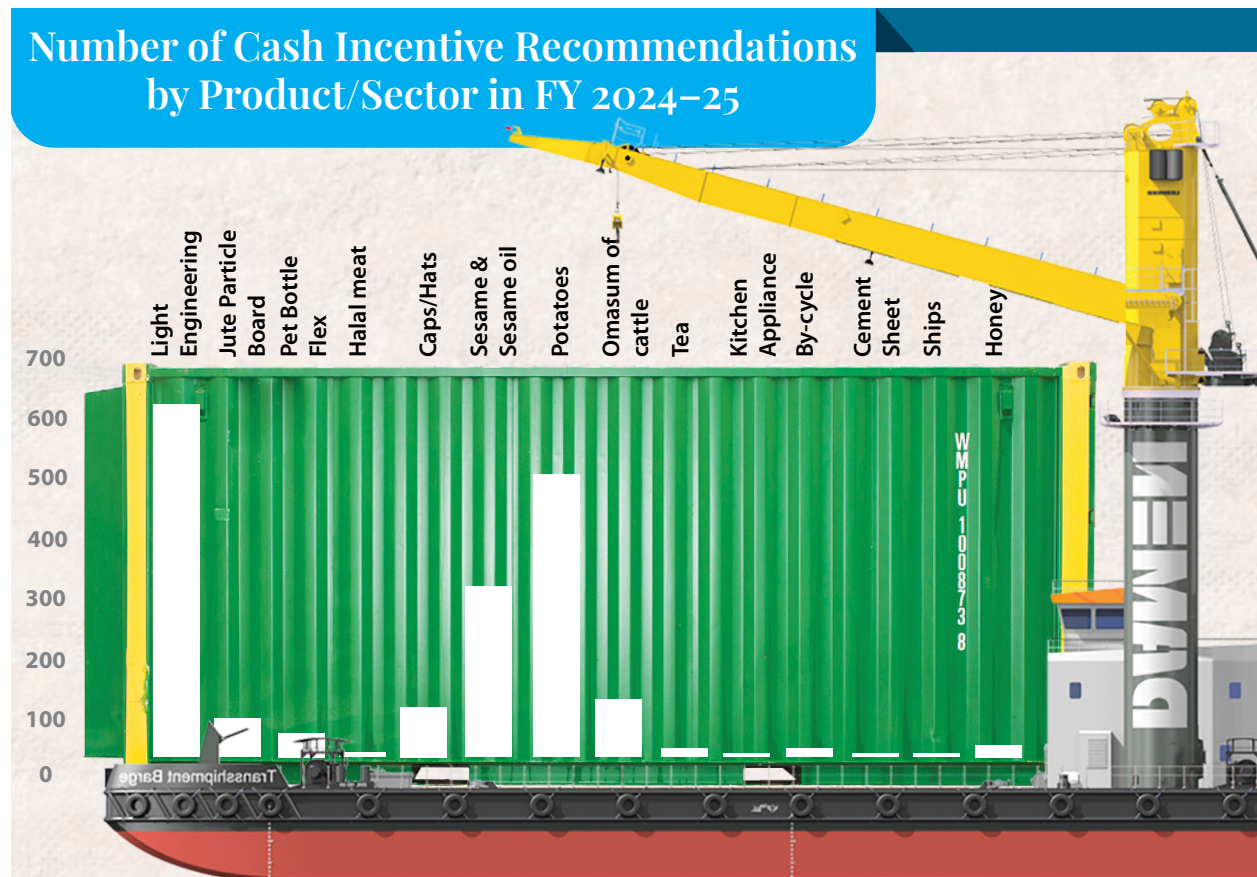
g. Exploration of New Products

To assess the export feasibility of GI (Geographically Indication) products produced across the country, a

meeting was held at the Bureau on May 5, 2025. As per the decision of that meeting, the Department of Patents, Designs and Trademarks will provide the EPB with a brief profile (with photos) of recognized GI products and their producers. Additionally, all Deputy Commissioners and relevant Chambers/Associations have been requested to provide information on new exportable products. Upon receiving this data, necessary steps will be undertaken to prepare a recommendation-based report focusing on feasibility assessment and development of recognized and exportable GI products.

h. Incentive-Related Services

In the fiscal year 2024–2025, the Government has continued providing cash incentives ranging from 0.3% to 10% on exports against 43 categories of products and services. According to the Foreign Exchange (F.E.) Circular issued by Bangladesh Bank, the following is a picture on the cash subsidy recommendation certificates issued by EPB during FY 2024–2025:



It is noteworthy that, according to the Foreign Exchange (F.E.) Circular issued by Bangladesh Bank, cash incentives are provided in favor of exporters. For this purpose, the Bureau issues a certification letter. Instead of the conventional manual process, the Bureau now provides cash incentive recommendation services promptly through the online portal (<https://ems.epb.gov.bd>).

After graduating from the Least Developed Country (LDC) status in 2026, cash incentives will be discontinued. To sustain domestically produced products in the international market, it is essential to provide alternative facilities in place of cash incentives. In view of this circumstance, the government may consider offering various benefits including raw material import facilitation, to promote production across different sectors. Recommendations, in several occasions, have been sent to the National Board of Revenue (NBR) to introduce special bond facility for raw material imports under 100% bank guarantees to support the development of several sectors. In this regard, the NBR has formed a committee that is actively reviewing and evaluating the relevant matters to take necessary measures.

It is mention-worthy that the international demand for honey is very high and continues to grow day by day. In 2025 the size of the market of this product is more than \$10 billion. To penetrate this market and to increase the production and export of internationally standard honey from Bangladesh, the NBR has been requested to take necessary steps to provide duty-free import facilities for bee feed as a part of government incentives in favor of the sector concerned.

i. Research/Study/Survey

Export Promotion Bureau has conducted a study/survey to assess the Gaps among a number of 14 export-supporting organizations of Bangladesh in comparison to the competing like India, Indonesia, Sri Lanka and Vietnam. The Consulting Firm has finished their task although this programme had to face numerous challenges due worldwide spreading of covid-19 epidemic. This study also got delayed to finish during the post-covid period for more than one year as there was strict travel restriction in Sri Lanka, Vietnam and Indonesia. Anyway the Final Report has been submitted wherein the present scenario of services provided by

the identified organizations, challenges on the way to sophisticated service, and how to improve the standard of services etc are pointed out. Steps to implement the recommendations will be undertaken accordingly.

j. Export/Product-Based other Activities

For the overall development of the country's export trade, Commodities Division represents the Export Promotion Bureau (EPB) in various programs undertaken by different ministries, export-related agencies and trade organizations. In this context, the Division actively participates by serving as members of the Bangladesh Halal Standard Committee, National Codex Committee, BSTI Management System Certification Committee, Fish & Fisheries Products Technical Committee, and sector based feasibility study committees of BIDA etc. This Division is also engaged in preparing product-specific documentaries, developing country profiles, participating in foreign investment attraction activities and recommending incentives to expand exports of new products. In short, the Commodities Division plays a vital role in expanding the country's export trade, diversifying products and ensuring sustainable development.

Exploration of Unconventional and Potential Markets for Expansion of Trade

- Initiatives have been taken to send trade delegations to Japan, South Korea and Vietnam for exploring new markets and to strengthen the existing markets. Proposals have been submitted to the Ministry of Commerce with this view in end.
- To accelerate the "One District One Product (ODOP)" program, renewed efforts are being undertaken along with necessary measures to include promising products such as Nakshikantha, Jamdani, Maslin and other products under the ODOP scheme.
- Efforts have been initiated to assess the export feasibility of recognized Geographical Indication (GI) products. Accordingly, the Department of Patents, Designs and Trademarks has been requested to provide the Bureau with brief profiles including photos related to production and producers.
- Necessary arrangements are underway to establish exhibition centers at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport and Dubai International Airport to showcase exportable Bangladeshi products, especially GI products.

Notable Achievements

1. For the first time, a shipment of mangoes from Bangladesh was successfully sent to China on May 28, 2025, through the concerted efforts of Export Promotion Bureau (EPB), Department of Agricultural Extension (DAE), growers and exporters of mangoes. Hon'ble Commerce Adviser Mr. Sk. Bashir Uddin, Mr. Emdad Ullah Mian, Hon'ble Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Mr. Md. Anwar Hossain, Vice-Chairman, EPB were present on the occasion of the inauguration of the first shipment of mangoes.

It may be mentioned that the Commodities Division of the EPB played an effective coordinating role with the Chinese Embassy in matters of collection of information, registration of both the orchards and the central packing house. It is expected that this exportation will be continued in future in a larger volume.

2. The award ceremony for the National Export Trophy 2021–2022 was successfully organized. In this ceremony each of the selected 77 companies/institutions was honored by the government with a gold, silver or bronze trophy respectively.
3. Services on Cash Incentive activities have been digitalized through the online platform (<https://ems.epb.gov.bd>), ensuring faster service delivery. This system is now in operation which is providing faster services. An exporter can now submit his/her application for recommendation for cash subsidy from anywhere. It reduced time and crowd of stakeholders in the office.
4. A total of 1,613 cash incentive recommendation certificates were issued against export of products in 14 categories/sectors. After issuance of certificates from EPB, the case is go on with auditing by enlisted audit firms of Bangladesh Bank.
5. An online portal (<https://services.mincom.gov.bd/portal/home>) has been launched for the submission and verification of applications related to the National Export Trophy and CIP (Export) services. Decision has been made to receive applications absolutely online which is being implement using this module.
6. Regarding challenges in mango production and export a team headed by the Vice Chairman, EPB visited Rajshahi and Chapainawabganj [on

20th May, 2025] to have information on growing, processing and exporting of mangoes from the northern region. On this occasion a meeting was held by The Chapainawabganj Chamber of Commerce & Industry and the Mango Exporters Association where the exporting companies/ orchard owners requested the Vice-Chairman, EPB to assist in setting up some Hot Water Treatment Plants in Chapainawabganj and the Vice-Chairman has agreed to provide possible assistances in this regard. The Commodities Division has taken effective initiatives to implement this. Besides, in order to facilitate this sector a good number of fruit exporters may visit Fruit Procurement Festival in Kunming, China in October, 2025.

7. With assistance from the Department of Patents, Designs and Trademarks posters, leaflets and brochures of GI products were distributed at the 29th Dhaka International Trade Fair-2025.
8. Renewed initiatives have been undertaken to accelerate the “One District One Product” program, including the inclusion of promising products such as Nakshikantha, Jamdani and Maslin under the program.
9. To assess the export potential of Geographical Indication (GI) products, information has been requested from the Department of Patents, Designs and Trademarks. Initiatives have also been taken to establish exhibition centers at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport and Dubai International Airport to showcase exportable Bangladeshi products.

Use of D-Nothi / EMS

To enhance the efficiency and transparency of official activities in the Commodities Division, the use of the D-Nothi platform has increased significantly. During the FY 2024–25, 114 files of the Bureau's Commodities Division were processed through D-Nothi. Moreover, with the digitization of cash incentive services, all related applications are now processed via the EMS software. This system enables the consideration of all applications in a much shorter time while maintaining workflow efficiency. The Commodities Division plans to bring 100% of its documentation under the D-Nothi system in the future. To implement this, emphasis has been placed on training relevant officers and staff, providing necessary technical support and improving infrastructure. Additionally, a separate WhatsApp group

has been established through the departmental head for the Commodities Division. This group facilitates internal exchange of relevant information and monitors

the implementation of directives from authorities. 100% of the cash subsidy related recommendations are being processed in EMS module (online).

Innovation-Related Activities

1.	First-Time Mango Export to China: The Commodities Division undertook strategic and coordinated initiatives to export Bangladeshi mangoes to the Chinese market for the first time, marking a unique innovation in entering a new and comparatively stringent market.
2.	Digitalization of National Export Trophy and CIP Services: Launched operation of an online portal for providing services related to the National Export Trophy and CIP (Export).
3.	Digitalization of Cash Incentive System: Managing 100% of cash incentive recommendation activities through an online portal instead of the traditional manual process. It has significantly reduced time and crowd of the stakeholders in the office.
4.	Inclusion of GI Products for Expansion of the One District One Product (ODOP) Programme: Initiatives to include recognized GI products such as Nakshikantha, Jamdani and Maslin and other products under the ODOP program, adding innovative elements to product diversification and regional branding. In order to collect information on the producers of GI products letters have been sent the District Commissioners, Department of Patents, Designs and Trademarks and Chambers/Associations located at District levels.
5.	National and International Branding of GI Products: With assistance from the Department of Patents, Designs and Trademarks, collecting information and profiles of GI products and planning to establish exhibition centers at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport and Dubai International Airport to promote Bangladesh's produced and exportable products. This is a novel effort to increase the international recognition of local products.

Challenges

•	Data are not provided from the field levels despite repeated requests: Although dunning letters were sent the 64 district administrations and other relevant offices, information on products has not been provided. As a result, the implementation of activities related to ODOP, GI and selected products gets delayed.
•	Absence of Legal Authority: As the Bureau lacks in legal authority to enforce laws or regulations in dealing with matters on trade disputes, optimum resolution of the complaints/disputes often remains a challenge.
•	Insufficient Human Resources: The Commodities Division requires skilled and organogram-based personnel for new product exploration, local and international market analysis, and product/service quality improvement based on market demand, new market exploration through country-specific representative teams and use of advanced technology in development activities. A small number of officers and staff are burdened with additional responsibilities, leading to high workload and slow progress.
•	Insufficient Skills and Training: Trainings on the use of modern technology, modern office management, and use of D-Nothi is often not sufficient. Because of shortage in skilled manpower speedy implementation of any assignment gets hampered.

Recommendations to Enhance the Efficiency and Simplify the Services of EPB

Sl.	Proposal	Purpose / Benefit / Justification
01	Set up One-Stop Service Desk	To provide new entrepreneurs, exporters, researchers, interns, trade analysts, and other interested individuals/institutions with transparent ideas on the activities of Export Promotion Bureau in the shortest possible time, a one-stop service desk may be established. Through this, a stakeholder can be able to obtain all preliminary export-related information from a single point instead of visiting multiple desks separately.
02	Capacity and Skill Development Initiatives	To ensure excellent service in favor of stakeholders, Bureau can provide its officers and employees with fundamental training as well as domestic and international training on modern office management, exports and global trade which will play a vital role in enhancing their skills and enabling them to perform their duties confidently and effectively.
03	Establishment of a Unique Digital Service Platform	At present, various services of EPB such as exporter registration, cash incentives, trade fair participation, CIP selection, trophy applications, market research, advisory support and complaint resolution etc. are managed by different departments using separate processes. To make EPB's services more dynamic, transparent, and accessible, a unique digital service platform can be developed. Such a digital ecosystem would transform EPB into a 'Paperless & Proactive' institution and bring about a groundbreaking shift in the quality and efficiency of services provided in favour of the stakeholders/exporters.
04	Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI)-Based Export Trend Alert System	The use of AI in collection and procession of information on export growth or decline, continuity, destinations, reasons behind market fluctuations, market analysis, and addressing challenges can enable faster and decision-making easier.
05	Incentive Activities	<p>There should be a structured system for recognizing and rewarding commendable contributions such as generating innovative or effective ideas, contributing to the achievement of institutional goals and objectives, conducting research or writing articles/stories to support export growth, enhancing product or service quality or playing a supportive role in sectoral development. Due to the lack of such opportunities in our country, creativity among the employees of public sector is rarely fostered. Since creative work requires extra time and efforts, it is often practically impossible to pursue such tasks within the routine scope of official duties.</p> <p>If proper incentives are there, officials and employees would be encouraged to work beyond regular hours, and even on holidays, thereby demonstrating their skills and dedication in specific areas. This would not only contribute to the overall development of the organization and the country's trade sector but also help enhance Bangladesh's image abroad. Such systems are widely practiced in developed countries.</p>
06	Timely Service Delivery	A specific processing timeframe can be set for each application or letter along with the introduction of a status tracking system
07	Field-Level Data Collection	Bringing Bureau's divisional, regional offices and branch offices including chambers and business organizations under an incentivized framework for collection of information and data on potential products and services to be made exportable, may make decision-making more efficient.

Sl.	Proposal	Purpose / Benefit / Justification
08	Launching Mobile App	For the convenience of citizens and exporters, the Bureau can launch an EPB mobile App to deliver urgent notices, process registration and renewal applications, manage CIP and trophy applications, publish exhibition-related announcements and calendars, and collect feedback from service recipients and its overall operations effectively.
09	Organizational Structure Review of	The overall progress of any organization depends largely on its organizational structure. Based on long-standing experience, it has been observed that in the Bureau's existing structure, 14 posts of Deputy Director are equally divided on a 50:50 basis. That is, 7 posts are reserved for promotion from within the Bureau's own workforce, while the other 7 are to be filled through deputation. Since Bureau's inception, the 7 deputation quota posts have never been fully occupied. This indicates that officers on deputation are generally reluctant to join the organization at this level. Even if they do join, they tend to get transferred elsewhere within a short period. As a result, EPB is unable to play its desired role in achieving its goals. After all, if a post remains vacant, there is little rationale in keeping that post reserved. Considering these factors, abolishing the deputation quota for the Deputy Director posts would increase promotion opportunities for the Bureau's own personnel and reduce the tendency of talented officers to leave the organization. Furthermore, at this level, autonomous organizations rarely have deputation-based quota structures. Given the importance of enhancing institutional capacity through skilled and experienced personnel in the export sector, this matter demands urgent consideration. If implemented, it could significantly increase the organization's ability to achieve its objectives.



Fair and Display Division

Participation in international trade fairs is considered an effective step in creating new markets for the country's export products and consolidating existing ones. In the current context of globalization, adopting an integrated marketing policy is essential for the expansion of export markets.

To increase national exports, the Export Promotion Bureau's Fair and Exhibition Division organizes participation in various international trade fairs every year, as well as arranges exclusive trade fairs featuring Bangladeshi products in different countries. The Bureau implements market development activities through participation in four types of fairs namely

1. Sourcing Fair, 2. Consumer Fair, 3. Single Country Trade Fair, 4. Thematic Fair Among these, nearly 90% are sourcing-type fairs. Through the participation of established and promising new exporters, these fairs aim to explore new buyers, further consolidate existing markets, and contribute to the overall growth of the country's exports.



Activities of Fiscal Year 2024-25

Export Promotion Bureau emphasizes the potential and prime exportable items of the country through its market development activities. A diverse range of exportable items from Bangladesh, including readymade garments (woven and knitwear), home textiles, textile fabrics, ceramics, pharmaceuticals, kitchen and housewares, footwear and leather goods, silk products, handicrafts, jute goods, frozen food, agro-based products (biscuits,

The activities undertaken by EPB through such participation in the international trade fairs as well as single-country trade fairs are also intended to provide direct marketing support to the private sector. The export-oriented companies that participate under the banner of EPB enjoy up to 50% subsidies. Participating in international trade fairs also strengthens our bilateral trade relations and increases our volume of export and opportunity for investment. EPB assists the women entrepreneurs to showcase their products in the international arena in line with the government initiative of women empowerment. To encourage women entrepreneurs in the international arena, they are being given a maximum subsidy of 60% on the participation fees.

Specialized product-based international sourcing fairs, aimed at developing the export market and exploring new destinations, are being initiated and organized at the Bangladesh China Friendship Exhibition Center (BCFEC) under the banner of the EPB. We firmly believe that through this BCFEC, EPB will be able to establish Dhaka as a prominent trading hub in the South Asia region.



snacks), bicycles, IT products (software and services), etc., are showcased in the fair. This exhibition aims to strengthen existing markets and explore new ones, ensuring export growth in alignment with Government's Export diversification strategy.

During Fiscal Year 2024-25, EPB participated in a total of 20 (Twenty) fairs, all of which were in a physical format. Participants of those fairs received a substantial amount of export orders from the potential buyers. In addition, the co-exhibitors of EPB also conducted

numerous B2B meetings during the said physical fairs, which are expected to result in further export orders in the near future. Moreover, from April 13 to October 13, 2025, at Expo 2025 Osaka, Kansai, Japan, Bangladesh is presenting to the global audience its history and

heritage along with its achievements, produced goods, innovations, national brands, tourism, economic development, trade prospects, culture, and a positive investment and business climate.

A summary of the participating fair and Expo is presented in the matrix below:

FY	Participation in the Fair					Number of Participating Companies	No. of Countries
	Sourcing Fair	Single Country Trade Fair	Consumer Fair	Sector	Total		
2024-25	20	-	-	Apparel & Leather-11, Food-03, Hometextile/ Houseware-01, Handicraft-02, General-03	20	329	12

Expo 2025 Osaka, Kansai, Japan related information:

Duration	Details
13 April - 13 October 2025 (Continued)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Expo 2025 Osaka, Kansai, Japan was inaugurated on April 13, 2025. A delegation led by the Additional Secretary (Export), Ministry of Commerce, along with H.E. Md. Daud Ali, Ambassador of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, Tokyo, Japan and other distinguished guests, participated in the opening ceremony. Running from April 13 to October 13, 2025, this six-month-long Expo features product exhibitions aligned with the internal design and layout plan of the pavilion. Information and narratives are being presented through touch screens. In this contextt representing Bangladeshi life, Heritage, Youth, Sustainability, Resilience, and Experiential Products Aligned with Heritage. Other features include a Bangladesh Map with Infographics, an Interactive Smart Display Table with divisional data, and topics like Soil of Cultivating Dream, Optimism & Opportunity, Innovative Bangladesh: Better Life for Future, Invest in Partnership & Progress, Promoting Tourism Destinations of Bangladesh, Beautiful Bangladesh, and Human Capital, all displayed through touchscreen interfaces and videography. In terms of physical exhibit displays, sectors such as Golden Fiber: Sustainability & Circularity, GI Products, Jute & Diversified Jute Products, IT & ITS Services, Land of Tea, Ceramics & Table/ Dinnerware, Electronics & Light Engineering, Leather & Leather Goods, Footwear, Agro & Agro-Processed Products, and Pharmaceuticals & API are showcased. All video content is presented on a large LCD screen with English and Japanese subtitles. On April 14, 2025, to celebrate Bengali New Year, a captivating cultural program was organized on an open pop-up stage. Additionally, on May 11, 2025, Bangladesh Country Day was celebrated at the national stage as part of the National Day events. The Bangladesh Pavilion is witnessing a significant influx of visitors from Japan and around the world. Among the 167 participating countries, Bangladesh has been selected as one of the 50 Featured Pavilions.

Outcome of Participation in International Fairs and Bangladesh Trade Exhibitions in the FY 2024-2025

SI No.	Name of the Fair	Date	Country	Product	Number of exhibiting company
1	Texworld Apparel Sourcing/Denim/Leather world 2024	01-03 July 2024.	Paris, France	Apparel	11
2	Texworld/ International Apparel Sourcing 2024	16-18 July 2024	New York, USA	Apparel	10
3	8th China South Asia Expo & the 28th China Kunming Import & Export Fair 2024, Kunming, China.	23-28 July 2024	Kunming, China	General	47
4	Sourcing at MAGIC (Men's Apparels Guild in California)	19-21 August 2024	Las Vegas, USA	Apparel	29
5	Apparel Textile Sourcing Canada ATSC), Toronto, Canada	26-28 August 2024		Apparel	18
6	Craft Istanbul 5th International Handicraft and Design Fair,	02-06 October 2024	Istanbul, Turkey	Handicraft	08
7	Fashion World Tokyo	15-17 October 2024	Tokyo, Japan	RMG	09
8	China International Import Expo (CIIE),	05-10 November 2024	Shanghai, China	General	6 (Country-2, Business-4)
9	Global Sourcing Expo Australia (AISF)-2024	19-21 November 2024	Melbourne, Australia	Apparel, Textile & Footwear	08
10	Hiemtextil Fair Germany-2025	14-17 January, 2025	Franfurt, Germany	Home Textile	04
11	Asia Apparel Expo-2025	05-07 February 2025	Dusseldorf, Germany	Apparel	13
12	Ambiente-2025	07-11 February, 2025	Berlin, Germany	Handicraft	14
13	Taxworld Apparel Sourcing/Denim-2025	10-12 February 2025	Paris, France	Apparel	11
14	Gulfood-2025	17-21 February 2025	Dubai, UAE	Food Item	41
15	Seafood Expo Global (SEG) 2025	06-08 May 2025	Barcelona, Spain	Seafood	06
16	International Apparel & Textile Fair-2025	20-22 May 2025	Dubai, UAE	Apparel & Textile	02
17	Intertex Portugal 2025 Portugal	20-22 May 2025	Portugal	Apparel	02
18	Gwangju Food Fair	29 May to 1 June 2025	Gwangju, South Korea	Food	02
19	Global Sourcing Expo 2025	17-19 June 2025	Sydney, Australia	RMG / Apparel	09
20	9th China south-Asia Expo & 29th China Kunming Import & Export Fair 2025	19-24 June 2025	Kunming, China	General	82

Information and Publication Division

Information and Publication Division publishes different types of export related publications. This department widely promotes various export-related publications and printing activities of the Export Promotion Bureau both at home and abroad. Printed publications are sent to Bangladesh missions abroad, concerned ministries,

Government departments, national and international trade associations, chambers, sector corporations and leading exporters. Different types of forms are also printed to facilitate market access for Bangladeshi export products.

Important Activities:

01.	Export Statistics Book for the FY 2023-2024
02.	Pocket Export Statistics Book for the FY 2023-2024
03.	Annual Report for the FY 2023-2024
04.	International Trade Guidelines
05.	Printing of brochures for seven products
06.	Various types of Country of Origin (C.O) forms have been printed from The Security Printing Corporation (BD) Limited, Gazipur
07.	Printing of a souvenir on the occasion of the DITF-2025
08.	Printing on publication for the National Export Trophy and CIP awarding ceremony.

Information regarding the use of D-Filing: 100% of the activities of the Information Division are Performed through the use of D-Filing Apps.

Innovation: Certificate of Origin (CO) forms distributed through payslips.

Trade Information Centre (TIC)

Introduction: Exporters, Businessmen, Journalists and students visit Trade Information Centre of EPB to collect trade related information. The Centre started its journey since 1963 with an aim to. It became a Centre of Excellence and Knowledge with modern facilities of information technology after the renovation in line with modern concept in 2007. Information collection on international and domestic trade and dissemination and preservation is one of the important tasks of TIC. Import information received directly from Bangladesh Embassy abroad and from some buyers is stored and distributed among various chambers, associations and exporters. TIC is mainly acting as Information Bridge between buyers & exporters. Exporters, Businessmen, researchers, teachers, students of various universities and journalists are the regular visitors/users/ clients who visit TIC frequently for the upgraded services.

TIC Services at a Glance:

- Wide range of magazines/periodicals/journals and books;
- Product and country wise exporters & importers lists preserved;
- Provide trade related information to Exporters and Importers;
- Effective and systematic news clippings from national daily newspapers filing and scanning for necessary use.
- To provide all export-related information to the visitors and also provide services via e-mail.
- Providing services through library books, reports, journals, magazines and various hard copies.
- Collecting different types of booklet, international trade related paper, report.
- Visitors can also get information through visiting the Link Trade Information Centre on EPB website ([www.epb.gov.bd/trade Information Centre](http://www.epb.gov.bd/trade%20Information%20Centre)).
- A new database has been developed in order to Show and share the company profiles of exporters of different products are incorporated . This is an immense opportunity for exporters to register their company details. The importers also get an easy platform to locate the desired exporters

Administration & Finance Division

SI	Issues/Activities	Details
1.	Introduction	The Export Promotion Bureau (EPB) is a statutory body under the Ministry of Commerce, playing a vital role in the expansion, policy formulation, and implementation of the country's export trade. Among the six divisions of EPB's Head Office, the Administration & Finance Division serves as key and facilitative role.
2.	Vision (Admin. Fin. Division)	To elevate EPB to a model export promotion agency in South Asia with the aim of strengthening the role of the export sector in the country's economic development by achieving incremental growth.
3.	Mission (Admin. & Fin. Division)	To ensure rapid and simplified service provision to export-related individuals/institutions, while accelerating product development, modernization, and diversification, market consolidation, and expansion activities through progressive institutional capacity based on modern information technology.
4.	Key Activities performed, Initiatives Taken, and Implementation Progress in the FY 2024-25	<p>Like other divisions of EPB, the Administration & Finance Division also provides various institutional, internal, and citizen services through its (1) Administration and (2) Finance sections.</p> <p>(1) Administration Section:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Successfully organized 146 & 147th Board of Directors' meeting on 08.09.2024 & 15.12.2024 with the Hon'ble Advisor of Commerce Ministry and Chairman of the Board and took initiatives to implement decisions thereof; • Successfully organized Monthly Coordination Meetings (12 meetings), and took initiatives to implement decisions thereof; • Advertisement for Direct Recruitment against 44 vacant posts of the Bureau have been published in 4 national dailies and applications have been accepted from candidates online through Teletalk Bangladesh Limited; • Signing of contract with PWD-3 and the contractor-UCCL on July 1, 2024 for implementation of EPB Bhaban Construction Project (Tk. 282.05 crore; May 2022–June 2026) and achieving 31% physical progress with ongoing third basement slab casting; • Introduced software for online application for the selection of CIP and Export Trophy Awardees, software for International Trade Fair Management System as well as Export Data Processing software. Also, launched Exporters Database and issuance of Certificate of Origin through National Single Window in pilot phase; • Formulation and publication of Annual Procurement Plan for improved financial and asset management, and execution of procurement activities accordingly; • Disposed-off a large number of Files/Nothi with utmost importance in line with the Government's digitalization program which is being continued; Organized as many as 277 hours' in-house trainings on various issues for 176 officials of EPB etc. • The draft regulations have been finalized and sent to the Ministry of Commerce; • A 3-member committee was formed on 29-09-2024 to modernize/reorganize the existing organogram of the Export Promotion Bureau. The activities of the said committee are ongoing.

SI	Issues/Activities	Details
		<p>(2) Finance Section:</p> <p>A) Administrative Fund:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To prepare the budget for the administrative Fund of the EPB and Necessary steps were taken for approved by the ministry; Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT) was made to pay salaries and allowances to the officers and employees of the Bureau's regional and branch offices from the government grants received in the salary and allowance sector in the current fiscal year; The funds approved for office expenses of the Bureau's regional and branch offices from the budget allocated from its own funds for office and other expenses are transferred to the relevant branches and regional offices; Advance payments from various division for their immediate/urgent needs are later reconciled through vouchers; Bills from other division's are paid within the budget allocation; VAT and TAX are collected from the paid bills and deposited into the government treasury; At the end of the financial year, income and expenditure accounts, receipts and payments accounts, cash books, ledgers books, etc. are prepared, which are audited by the audit team (C/A and AG, Audit); In the fiscal year 2024-25, a government grant of Tk 12,00,73,000 was allocated for the salary and allowances of EPB officers and employees, which was released in 4 installments to the PL (Personal Ledger) account; From July 2024 to June 2025, the salary and allowances of EPB officers and employees have been paid from the PL account through EFT, the total amount of which is Tk 11,50,75,374.67; Out of the Tk 25,67,63,000 allocated from EPB's own funds for other office management expenses, a total of Tk 9,68,66,119 was spent on salaries and allowances of outsourcing employees, office rent, postal-telephone, internet, hiring charges (transport), travel allowance, stationery, repairs and maintenance, fuel, electricity, WASA bills, honorarium, security guards, automation, hosting, furniture, computers, ICT and electrical equipment, etc.; In addition, 67,00,00,000 taka was transferred to the bank account of the relevant project in the fiscal year 2024-25 for the construction of the Export Promotion House.



Sl	Issues/Activities	Details
		<p>B) Export Promotion Bureau, Market Development Fund:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To prepare the budget for the Market Development Fund. of EPB and Necessary steps were taken for approved by the ministry. Funds are sent through the embassies in the respective countries to meet the expenses related to Bangladesh's participation in various international fairs. Allocated (approved) funds are sent to regional and branch offices from the budget allocation. Bills sent from various departments are confirmed by sector-wise expenditure. At the end of the financial year, cash books, ledgers etc, including receipts and payments, are prepared, which are audited by (C/A and AG, Audit). For the export market development program in the fiscal year 2024-25, the Monitoring Cell of the Ministry of Finance approved an allocation of Tk. 47,15,00,000 from EPB's own fund. A total of Tk. 21,39,28,131.55 was spent from this fund on stationery, publicity, printing, hospitality, gifts, repairs, fuel, seminars, trophy distribution, maintenance of exhibition centers abroad, market research, participation in international fairs, distribution of CIP cards, training, research, product development, festivals and events.
5.	Significant Achievements of the Relevant Division	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organized 7 in-house training programmes in FY 2024-25 to enhance officials capabilities; Supplied necessary furniture, vehicles, and technological equipment; Prepared annual budget and ensured transparency in expenditures; Strict compliance with government financial regulations and regular audit supervision; Implemented digital entry system to monitor office discipline, attendance, and performance; Proper enforcement of code of conduct and disciplinary rules; Ensured transparency and accountability in administrative decision-making; Coordinated effectively with the Ministry of Commerce and Ministry of Finance, and other agencies; Provided administrative support for implementing coordinated strategies with national and international organizations; Maintained effective communication with stakeholders; Managed administrative responsibilities for Dhaka International Trade Fair, other exhibitions, and events; Ensured successful organization of fairs through participant services and coordination.
6.	Information on e-File Usage	Prioritizing e-File management for timely file disposal under the digitalization program.
7.	Innovation Activities	To simplify services, i.e. to reduce time, cost and travel (TCV) for exporters, services such as issuance of Certificate of Clearance (SOO) against exports, exporter database etc. will be integrated with the National Single Window (NSW) system.
8.	Challenges of the Relevant Division	Skilled manpower, adequate budget, use of modern technology, transparent and swift processes, effective coordination, and timely infrastructure.

SI	Issues/Activities	Details
9.	Annual Audit Information (Admin. & Fin. Division)	Auditing up to FY 2024-25 has been completed. From 2010-11 to 2024-25, a total of 73 audit objections were recorded. During the current FY, 3 objections have been settled, leaving 70 outstanding objections—49 SFI and 21 non-SFI.
10.	Specific Proposals for Enhancing the Efficiency and Simplification of EPB's Current Operations and Service Delivery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100% implementation and mandatory enforcement of e-File/e-Filing system; • 100% digital transformation of all service delivery (CoO/SoO, CIP selection, exporter registration, DITF, all its space allocation, etc.); • Service-oriented restructuring of EPB by establishing research cell and reforming service delivery system; • Modernization and strengthening of audit and monitoring system; • Launching automated service centers with manpower and equipment in regional and branch offices; • Improving the skills of officers and employees through domestic and foreign training and online courses; • Formation of international trade support resource pool with experienced professionals; • Undertaking projects to increase the technical capacity and production efficiency of MSMEs; • Formation of a joint task force with the Ministry of Commerce, NBR, BIDA and chambers to ensure uninterrupted export services; • Strengthening project-based cooperation with development partners, trade promotion organizations and development agencies; • Establishing an information sharing platform among all export-related organizations; • Launching and updating a market intelligence website for exporters; • Undertaking projects to identify potential markets and product demand; • Undertaking projects to include rural women entrepreneurs in exports; • Branding campaigns to highlight the quality of Bangladeshi products in the international market; • Formulating a national e-commerce export strategy to increase capacity to access global online marketplaces and establish export hubs by partnering with e-commerce giants.



ICT Cell

In line with directives from the Prime Minister's Office, the Export Promotion Bureau (EPB) has taken effective measures to implement digital services. During the fiscal year 2024–2025, several key initiatives have been

undertaken to modernize and automate the Bureau's operations through ICT, ensuring enhanced accessibility of services to stakeholders.

Expansion of Digital Services and System Development:



Exporter Management System (EMS):

The entire process of exporter registration, renewal, data updating, and cash incentive recommendation has been fully digitized.



Export Tracker System:

Exporters can now monitor the real-time progress of their applications and services online.



e-CLP System:

Digital processing and issuance of 11 types of Certificates of Origin (CoO) are now operational.



Dhaka International Trade Fair (DITF):

The complete process of stall application, verification, allocation, and stall number assignment is now conducted online.



CIP & Export Trophy Management System:

The nomination, evaluation, and result publication processes for awarding CIP (Commercially Important Person) status and Export Trophies are fully automated.



International Trade Fair Management System:

From application to stall allocation, participation reports, and performance evaluation—all aspects of international trade fair participation are managed through an online platform.



Payslip System:

Payments for services are now collected through a structured Payslip System instead of direct cash transactions.



One-Stop Export Service Platform:

A One-Stop Service (OSS) platform, aligned with Bangladesh Investment Development Authority (BIDA), has been integrated for export-related services.

Website and Online Platform Enhancement:



EPB Website (<https://epb.gov.bd>):

Security upgrades and content updates have been implemented to enhance user experience.



Accessibility of Forms and Guidelines:

Service forms, guidelines, fee structures, and policies are now readily available online.



Venue Booking System for BC FEC:

A digital system has been launched for managing venue bookings at the Bangladesh-China Friendship Exhibition Center (BCFEC), streamlining the entire process.



Market Intelligence Website:

This platform provides reliable data and analytics to assist exporters, entrepreneurs, and policymakers in market analysis, trend forecasting, and export potential assessment.



Export Statistics Portal:

Monthly export statistics are published on EPB's data portal to support informed decision-making and policy formulation.

Online Training and Awareness Initiatives:



Video Tutorials & E-Guides:

Online training materials and video tutorials are developed for exporters.



Digital Outreach via Social Media:

Training and awareness content is disseminated through YouTube, Facebook, LinkedIn, and Instagram.



Workshops & Seminars:

Seminars and virtual workshops are organized to promote awareness of ICT tools and services.

Simplification and Decentralization of e-Services:



Helpdesk and Support System:

Regional and district-level helpdesks have been set up to extend digital services to the grassroots.



e-Filing, e-Payment, and e-Document Systems:

These systems have improved transparency, efficiency, and responsiveness in operations.

Future Plans (Ahead of FY 2025–26):



Unified Export Service Platform:

A fully integrated One-Stop Export Service Platform will be launched to consolidate all services.



Cloud Storage and Cybersecurity:

Adoption of cloud-based data storage and robust cybersecurity systems is planned.



AI, Blockchain & Machine Learning Integration:

Introduction of Artificial Intelligence, blockchain, and machine learning technologies is envisioned to drive innovation and improve service delivery.

Strengthening Digital Outreach through Social Media:



Facebook:

facebook.com/epb.gov.bd – For news, service updates, and public announcements



YouTube:

youtube.com/@exportpromotionbureau-epb – Hosting video tutorials, event highlights, and training materials



LinkedIn:

linkedin.com/company/export-promotion-bureau – For engaging the business community and professionals



Instagram:

instagram.com/epbbanglades – Visual storytelling of export success, trade fairs, and outreach activities



Twitter (X):

x.com/epbbangladesh – Quick updates and real-time engagement with local and international audiences

Textile Division

Textile division of Export Promotion Bureau provide services to the apparel and textile sector exporters to avail Duty Free Quota Free (DFQF) market access facility of different countries of the world. In the fiscal year 2024-25, the services provided by this division are as follows:

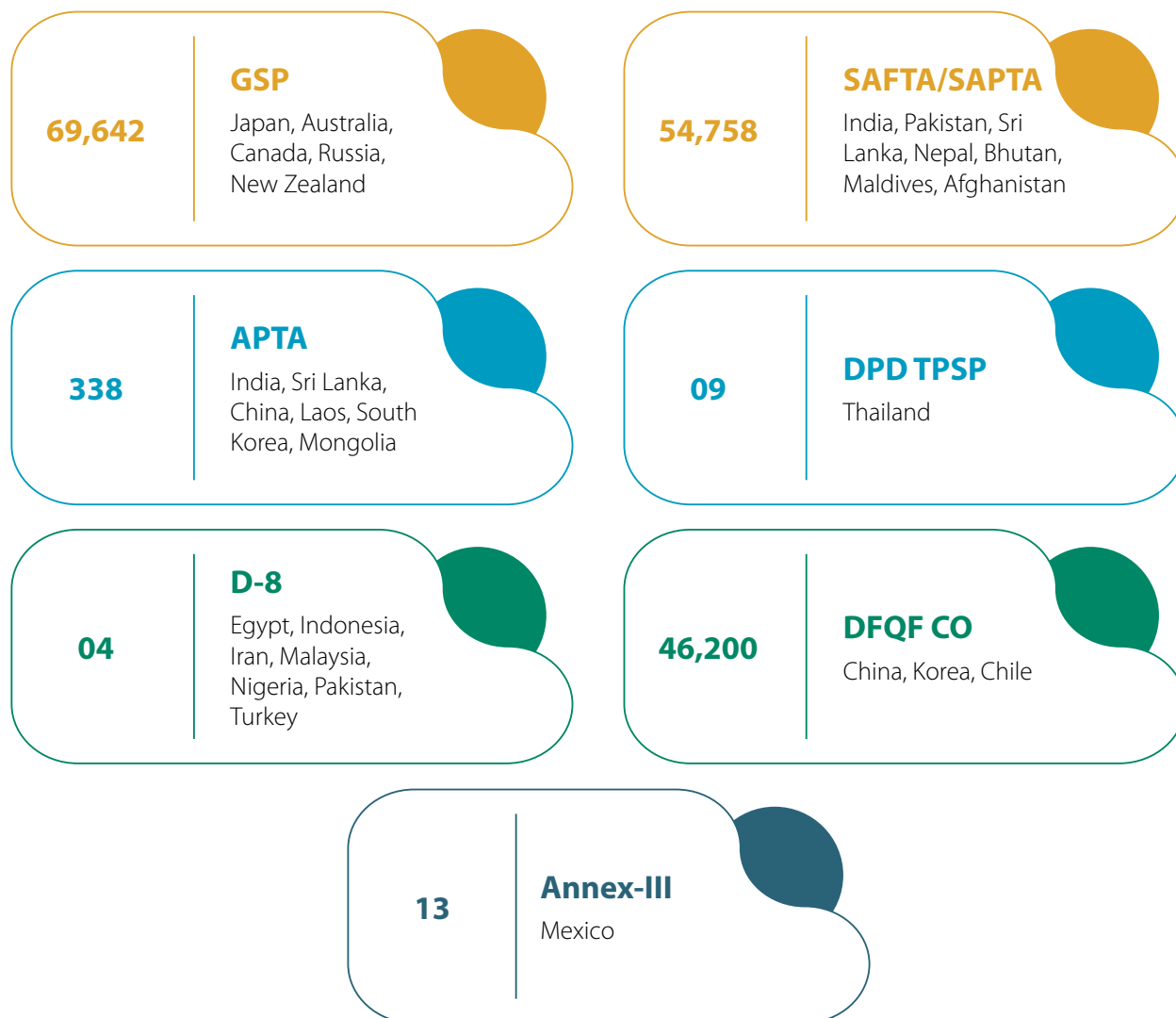
1. Enrollment and Renewal:

To take advantage of the duty free market access, EPB is providing enrollment number to the exporting company and renewal of enrollment number. EPB providing their service through Export Management System (EMS) from the FY 2023-24. During the FY 2024-25 total of 105 new have been enrolled and 654 renewed their enrollments with EPB.

2. Issuance of Preferential Certificate of Origin:

EPB Textile Division issued different Preferential Certificate of Origin for the export of RMG and other textile products. As per the circular issued by the National Board of Revenue (NBR) effective on 01 February 2025, online applications for Preferential Certificate of Origin are received and approved through the Bangladesh National Single Window (BSW) System. In the FY 2024-25 Preferential Certificates of Origin for the readymade garments and other textile products have been issued are as follows:

Name the Preferential Certificate of Origin



3. REX Registration

a) Self declaration System:

In order to get duty-free market access to export from Bangladesh to European Union, Switzerland, Norway and Turkey the exporter needs to be registered in the European Union data-base to get a Registered Exporter Number (REX). As a competent authority, EPB is doing monitoring, verification under REX System and providing all administrative support to the European Union. As part of this system the following activities have been carried out by the textile division of EPB during the financial year 2024-2025:

- REX Registration number has been provided to 120 exporting companies of textile sector.
- Reply on 50 verifications of export consignments was sent to the customs authorities of the respective countries under the REX system.

b) Under the Developing Countries Trading System (DCTS), the Export Promotion Bureau (EPB) provides monitoring, verification, and administrative support to the United Kingdom. In this regard exporter must submit export related documents of UK in EPB's Export Tracker system. In the FY 2024-25, EPB replied 13 verification requests of the customs authority of UK HMRC.

4. GIZ Project activities:

EPB is working as an implementing agency for the two Project run by the technical support of GIZ, Germany named 'Sustainability in the Textile Sector in Bangladesh (SITLE-II)' and 'Skills for Self-Monitoring and Compliance with Clean and Fair Production in the Textile Industry in Bangladesh (SCAIP)'. Action plan for 2024-2027 has been prepared for the successful implementation of these two project.

5) Compliance Monitoring Cell (CMC):

Compliance Monitoring Cell (CMC) of Export Promotion Bureau provides training conducted by BGMEA and BKMEA in order to increase efficiency of the RMG sector worker/ officer. Training needs is being assessed in emerging export sectors like leather, furniture, plastics, accessories products, etc. considering current demand and necessity. A 6-month (4th batch) Professional Graduation Diploma (PGD) course has been completed through BGMEA University of Fashion and Technology (BUFT) to enhance the skills of mid-level managers/ officials of RMG sector.



Export Promotion Bhaban Construction Project

Export Promotion Bureau (EPB) received the allotment of 01 (one) acre plot (Plot: E-5/B) at Sher-E-Bangla Nagar Administrative Area in Dhaka from the Ministry of Housing and Public Works. An aesthetic building named “Export Promotion Bhaban” is being constructed on the plot with the Bureau's own funding. The estimated building construction cost is TK 28205.62 lakhs (Two Hundred and Eighty-Two crores Five Hundred and Sixty-Two Thousand) according to the RDPP (1st Revised) of Export Promotion Bhaban Construction Project, and the project will be implemented during the period of May 2022 - June 2026 through Export Promotion Bureau (EPB) and Public Works Department.

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The construction of Export Promotion Bhaban will create immense facilities like (a) Own Head Quarter for EPB officials, (b) Extend institutional capacity, (c) Free EPB from rental expenses, (d) Generate income from rental services, (e) Create infrastructure and facilities to provide training and other services to the Exporters (f) Have a specific place/conference hall for the bilateral/trilateral meeting of Foreign Buyers and producers-exporters, (g) Facilitate product and market creation promotional activities; (h) It will play an instrumental role like, strengthen the place of Bangladesh in world trade, expand the country's economic activities and increase export, expand product market, product development and diversification, creating trade balance with different countries to implement multifaceted plans and with this creating confidence of Foreign Buyers.

Last 9th November 2023, the foundation stone of “Export Promotion Bhaban” under implementation by the own funding of Bureau was laid in Agargaon Administrative Area. In the meantime, a construction company named

UCCL The United Construction Company Limited has been selected and this company has started construction work. On 01st July, 2024, an agreement about package no. Work-01 (Construction of 12- storied Export Promotion House with 3 basement including internal sanitary, internal electrification and ancillary works at Agargaon, Dhaka) was signed between Public Works Division-3, Shere Bangla Nagar, Dhaka and the contractor company named UCCL The United Construction Company Limited in the conference room of the Bureau's head office for the purpose of construction of “Export Promotion House”.

In the fiscal year 2024-25, Tk 6,700 lakh (own financing) is being allocated in the Revised Annual Development Program (RADP) for the project.

Total expenditure in the fiscal year 2024-25 is Tk. 50,23,57,917 only (own financing).

The roof casting work of the 3rd and 2nd basements of the project has been completed. Currently, 70% of roof casting work of the 01st basement has been completed. The physical progress of the project is 35%. Among 7 (seven) packages of the electro-mechanical work of the project, 5 (five) packages workorder have been placed and rest two packages are under evaluation stage.



Regional Office, Chattogram, EPB

Chattogram is the main port city of Bangladesh. There are three Export Processing Zones established here on the base of Port City. These are Chattogram Export Processing Zone, Karnaphuli Export Processing Zone and Korean Export Processing Zone. Another one Economic Zone is going to be established at Mirsarai in Chattogram and one deep sea port also going to be established. So many heavy industries is established located around the Chittagong Port. These are the reason the port city is an ideal place for trade and investment in the country and for the foreign investment as well. The major products exported from Chattogram region are readymade garments, footwear, shrimps, frozen fish, processed foods, dry foods, sleeping bags, metal scrap, deformed bar, pet bottle chips, plastic goods, tent, electronic goods, gloves, doctors apron, golf shaft, sesame seeds, bicycle, leather, terry towel, cotton rags, float glass, omasum, rice bran oil, vegetables, jute and jute goods, tea, Carrying bags, Crabs, ropes, zinc oxide, Hydrogen peroxide etc.

Training:

A two-day online training program was held on January 29 and 30, 2025, with the aim of launching online services for the issuance of all types of certificates, licenses, and permits by the Bureau using an online platform under the initiative of the National Board of Revenue BSW project. Officials and employees of the Bureau's Chattogram Regional Office, as well as representatives from service-recipient institutions, participated in the two-day training. The training was conducted by officials from the National Board of Revenue.

Visit of the Honourable Vice Chairman of the Bureau to the Chattogram Regional Office:

On February 23, 2025, the Honourable Vice Chairman of the Bureau visited the Chattogram Regional Office. During his visit a discussion meeting was held with the officers and staff of the Chattogram Regional Office. The meeting

focused on the quality of services and activities of the regional office with an aim to increase exports. In addition, the Vice Chairman also visited the proposed site for the new office Space of the Chattogram Regional Office.

(A) Dissemination Export information: Based on the requests of various exporters, this office has provided information regarding new products such as cement, agricultural products, and handicrafts, including their export prospects.

In addition, data on global tariff rates have been collected from the Market Access Map and shared with concerned exporters to support market access analysis.

(B) This office has participated in several export-related seminars organized by BEPZA, Chittagong Chamber of Commerce and Industries, and Chittagong Women Chamber of Commerce. In these events, information related to exports has been provided to new exporters.

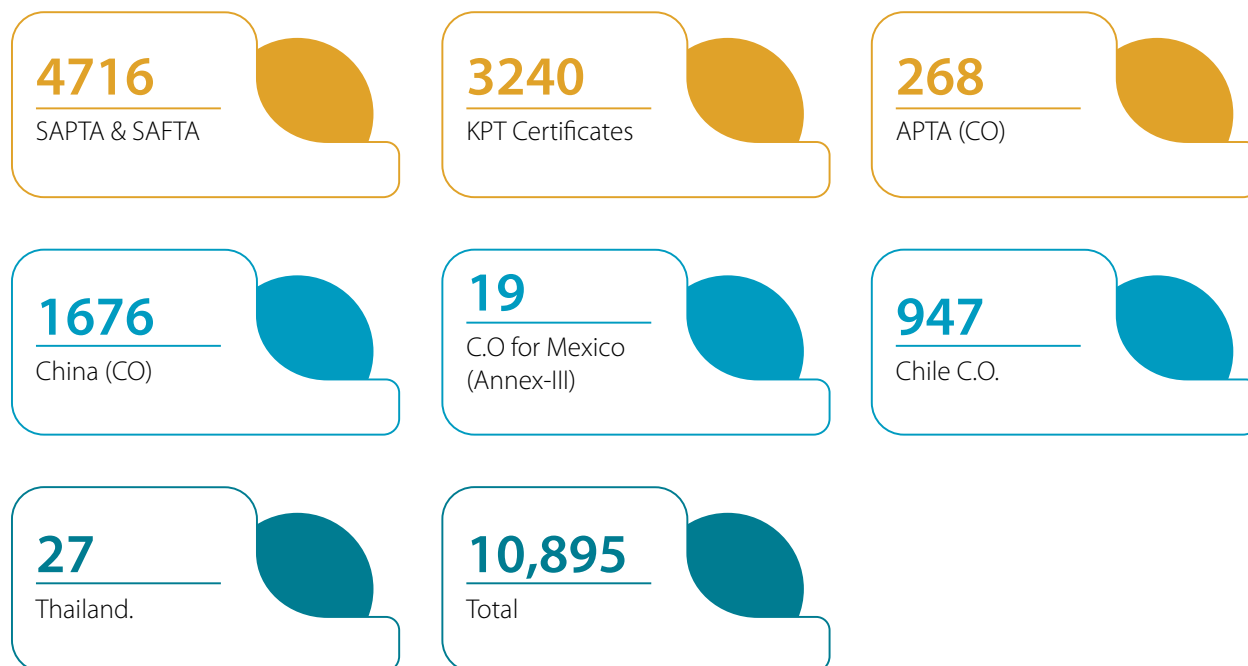
(C) Throughout the fiscal year 2024–2025, exporters, businessmen, journalists, researchers, university teachers, and students visited the Chattogram Regional Office of the Export Promotion Bureau (EPB) to collect various trade-related information. As per visitors' requirements, information such as addresses of foreign importers, product-related details, embassy contact information, and promotional materials were distributed.

Certificate of Origin:

Certificate of Origin (CO), Annex-III, SAPTA, SAFTA, APTA & KPT Certificates etc. were issued from EPB Chattogram Office against each consignment those were exported of readymade garments and other products to different countries of the world. The following number of certificates were issued from Export Promotion Bureau, Chattogram office during the year of 2024-2025:-



2024-2025



GSP certificate

Total 9959 GSP certificates (for Textile items) and 934 GSP certificates (for non-textiles items) were issued by Export Promotion Bureau, Chattogram Regional office against shipments of RMG, Knitwear, Home Textiles,

Frozen Foods, Tea, Leather, Jute products, Sports Shoes, Handicrafts and other exportable products to EU countries, Japan, Switzerland, Norway, Australia, Belarus, Russia, Turkey and other countries during the period of 2024-2025.

2024-2025



Registration & renewal:

All Export-oriented garments industries including textile units and other exporters who receive service from EPB, must be enrolled with the Export Promotion Bureau. New enrolment is provided by submission of required

fees and the enrolment has to be renewed every year on payment of enrolment renewal fees. New units were enrolled and enrolments certificates were renewed from EPB regional office during F.Y 2024-2025.

2024-2025



Regional Office, Khulna

The region has a seaport at Mongla in Bagerhat, which is the second largest seaport in the country. There is an Export Processing Zone (EPZ) at Mongla, which is attracting a significant amount of foreign investment. Khulna is considered the gateway to the Sundarbans. The Sundarbans is the largest mangrove forest in the world. Khulna is the third largest economic zone in the country. In this area the main industries are jute and jute products, Areca Nuts, white fish and marine fish, fish processing, sugar, power generation, shipbuilding, etc.

- (a) Under the SAFTA agreement, a total of 11,534 SAFTA Certificates (COs) were issued and 34 certificates were re-issued from this regional office in the past fiscal year 2024-2025. A total of 12,110 sets of SAFTA (CO) forms were sold from this office during the period under review.
- (b) A total of 122 SAPTA certificates were issued from this office under the SAPTA agreement during the said period. A total of 140 SAPTA forms were sold from this office during the said period.
- (c) A total of 13 APTA certificates were issued from this office under the APTA agreement during the said period. A total of 15 APTA forms (COs) were sold from this office during the said period.
- (d) A total of 143 GSP certificates were issued and 04 certificates were re-issued from this office during the said period under the GSP scheme of EU member countries. A total of 507 sets of GSP (Form A) were sold from this office during the period under review.
- (e) A total of 1,155 China Certificates of Origin were issued and 13 certificates were re-issued from this office during the said financial year under the tariff concessions provided by the Government of the People's Republic of China. A total of 1,311 sets of China (CO) forms were sold during the period under review.

- (f) In the past fiscal year, a total of 34 Korean Certificates of Origin were issued from this office and a total of 37 sets of Korean forms were sold.
- (g) In the past fiscal year, a total of 01 Chilean Certificate of Origin was issued from this office and a total of 01 set of Chilean forms was sold.
- (h) In the past fiscal year, a total of 01 D-8 Certificate of Origin has been issued from this office and a total of 01 set of D-8 forms has been sold.
- (i) 66 applications received from non-textile product exporting companies located in this area for registration were sent to the head office. At the same time, the registration certificates of 200 non-textile product exporting companies have been renewed from this office.

Rajshahi Office

To assist the exporters of this region to export their product to foreign market under Duty Free Facility is one of the routine works of Export Promotion Bureau, Rajshahi Office.

The main export items of Rajshahi region are Readymade Garments, Jute and Jute-goods, Plastic Agglomerates, Sharee, Lungi, Orna, Centrifugal Water Pump, Waste Cotton, Nylon Healds, Headwear, Mosquito net, Tissue paper, News-print Book etc.

The export activities of Rajshahi region are mainly performed through the Land Ports of Sonamsjid, Sonahat, Bhomra, Hili, Burimari and Benapole to India.

Sale of CO Forms and issuance of Certificates:

The exporters of this region export their product to SAARC Countries under SAFTA facilities and to some of European Countries under GSP .

Details issuance of certificates from Export promotion Bureau Regional Office Rajshahi in the fiscal year 2024-2025:

132

Safta Textile

3274

Safta Non-Textile

02

GSP

03

KPT

97

Re-Issue

3508

Total

Export Promotion Bureau Regional Office Rajshahi has started issuing Certificate of Origin (CO) service through Bangladesh Single Window (BSW) (online platform software) from 18.12.2024. Certificate of Origin (CO) application-submission, payment, verification and approval process is provided quickly through Bangladesh Single Window (BSW).

Conducting trade enquiry and Sharing Information:

Trade enquiry, address of the buyers, information relating to the national and international trade fairs and other related information on export received from EPB head office were duly circulated among the 16 concern Chamber of Commerce and Industries, exporters and potential interested exporters of Rajshahi region.

Preparing Budget and sending Proposal:

Proposal for budget and revised budget prepared by this office and sent to Head Office for its approval. According to annual budget allocation the monthly progressive expenditure and bank statement has been sent to EPB head office regularly.

Establishing new exporters:

As a result of promotional activities taken by the Export Promotion Bureau, Rajshahi, some new entrepreneurs from Chapai Nawabganj and Bogra have started export their products. Those exporters are presently exporting Readymade garments, Jute and jute goods, Nylon helds, Water pump, Impeller, Pump shaft, Round coupling flinch, Grand flinch, Bearing guard etc under SAFTA scheme to India. Necessary steps were taken to solve the

existing problem for exporting these products to India through Benapole and Sonamaszid landport

Factory Visit for Promoting Export :

A number of Silk Industries located at BSCIC industrial area in Rajshahi and Light Engineering Products manufacturing and exporting companies at Bogra were visited with a view to promoting their products for export and necessary advice were given to them for solving their problem on export. Besides, according to the instruction of the head office, some of the export oriented industries located at Rajshahi and Rangpur division were visited and after visiting the industry comprehensive reports were sent to head office timely.

The main challenges of regional and branch offices include manpower shortage, lack of necessary equipment, problems in conducting activities at the field level and lack of effective communication with the head office. In addition, limitations in the use of modern technology, lack of training and skill development and coping with increasing customer demand are also major challenges. Many times, due to insufficient budget, it is not possible to purchase necessary equipment or take up new projects. Many important activities cannot be started on time due to lack of funds. Necessary steps should be taken to address these challenges, which will increase the effectiveness of regional and branch offices and help in delivering better services at the doorsteps of the people

Sylhet Branch

The Sylhet branch office of the Export Promotion Bureau (EPB) started its operation in 1978. Since then a total of 19 officers have been transferred at different time and have served here.

1. Renewal of registration of exporters of demand-based non-textile items.
2. Providing various forms of sales and sales slips.
3. Accounting related activities.
4. Providing export services by issuing Country of Origin Certificates for exported products under duty-free and preferential access facilities.

Potential of unconventional products of Sylhet:



Product Type

Agar Wood , Agar Oil

Local Source

Maulvi Vazar

Regions

Middle East, China, Japan



Product Type

Hand made clay items

Local Source

Bishwanath

Regions

Europe, USA



Product Type

Cane and Bamboo crafts

Local Source

Sunamganj

Regions

Germany, Netherlands



Product Type

Natural stone products

Local Source

Jaflong

Regions

India



Product Type

Herbal/Organic products

Local Source

Maulvi Vazar

Regions

Europe, South Korea



Product Type

Indigenous fruits (e.g. Satkara)

Local Source

Greater Sylhet

Regions

UK, EU

Notable achievements

- 1 To improve exporter relation EPB Sylhet organized internal co-ordination meeting in FY 2024-2025 to listen to stake holders and discuss market access support.
- 2 EPB regularly encourage and support Sylhet based exporters to participate in the DITF providing them with necessary information and guidelines.
- 3 As per the direction of NBR vat is being collected by selling form and service charge.
- 4 A total of 749 certificates have been issued from the Sylhet branch office in the financial year 2024-2025. Out of which 222 SAFTA certificates and 527 APTA certificates have been issued.

Cumilla Branch

The Export Promotion Bureau (EPB) Cumilla office started in 1979, Since then around 20 officers have worked here

at different times. They helped to improve the office with their experience and dedication.

Important tasks performed, activities undertaken and implementation progress in the fiscal year 2024-25

1. Renewal of registration of exporters of demand-based non-textile items.
2. Providing various forms of sales and sales slips.
3. Accounting related activities.
4. Providing export services by issuing Country of Origin Certificates for exported products under duty-free and preferential access facilities.

Implementation:

Exportable items from Cumilla include clay crafts, handloom, handicrafts, and food products.

New Potential Products:



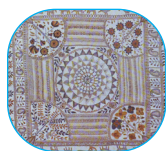
Bamboo and Cane crafts.



Mango bar, Pickles, Dried Chilies.



Organic Fertilizer (Compost).



Nakshi Katha, Handmade Bags.



Gourd, Pumpkin, Dragon Fruit.



Online Garment Products.

Unconventional but Potential Products



Khadi fabrics.



Earthenware.



Clay items.

Search:

1. Local Product List Preparation and Market Survey.
2. Contact with Farmers and Artisans.
3. Training and Awareness Activities.
4. Export Exhibition and Online Promotion.
5. Contact with Foreign Buyers.
6. Product Development and Branding Support.

Export Expansion:

1. Facilitate participation of local exporters (Cumilla) in International fairs and expos.
2. Create & promote an online product catalog specific to Cumilla region exporters.
3. Start an export incentive scheme and counseling cell for new exporters for Cumilla.
4. EPB Cumilla can arrange virtual meetings and product demos with Bangladesh's commercial missions abroad. In this case government cooperation and financial assistance is needed.
5. Organize "buyer-seller meets" with potential international buyers.

Notable achievements

1. Cumilla EPB has successfully implemented full digitalization of all its services including GSP, SAPTA, APTA, SAFTA CHINA CO KOREAN CO and organization renewals.
2. Transparent online form selling and accounting system.
3. Certificate issuance in compliance with NBR's digital instructions.
4. All task completion as per the Annual Performance Agreement
5. Timely submission of reports and documents to the head office.

Export statistics information for the fiscal year 2024-2025

701 GSP certificates, 723 SAFTA certificates, 658 APTA certificates, 17 Chile certificates, 130 China certificates, and 64 Korean certificates were issued from the Cumilla branch office.

Narayanganj Branch

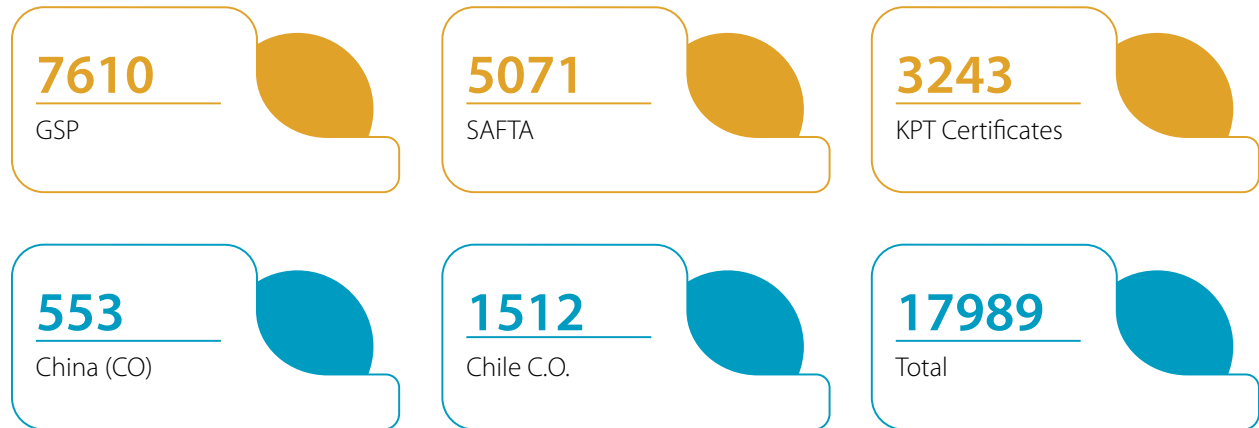
Narayanganj is an important industrial city and district in Bangladesh. It is a near Dhaka city. This district was once known for its muslin and jute. It is currently known as an important centre for the ready-made garment industry. Especially for the knitwear industry. Almost half of the country's knitwear factories are located here. The knitwear industry in this region is making a significant contribution to the country's economy. It is also called the "Dandy of the East". There is an EPZ and BSCIC industrial park in Narayanganj. A branch office was opened in Narayanganj in 2001 to facilitate exporters in the region.

1. A total of 7610 GSP Certificate of Origin Form A were issued against for the export of Readymade Garments to Japan, Canada, Australia, Russia and New Zealand.
2. A total of 10379 Certificate of Origin were issued for the against export of Readymade Garments from EPB Narayanganj Office. Out of these KPT for South Korea 3243, SAFTA for India 5071, C.O for China 553 and C.O for Chile 1512 were issued.
3. A total of 469 Certificate of Origin were issued against export of non-textile Products from EPB Narayanganj Office. Out of these India SAFTA C.O 452, C.O for South Korea 3, SAPTA C.O for Pakistan 03 and APTA C.O 11 were issued.
(d) Narayanganj office SAFTA Co 6359, Korea Co 3950, Chile Co 1563, China Co 593, SAPTA Co 5 and APTA Co 10 set were sold.
4. Export-oriented all exporters who receive services from Export Promotion Bureau are required to be enrolled with the Bureau. Enrollment certificates of 133 readymade garments factories located in and around Narayanganj were renewed.

5. Exporters, businessmen, Journalists, Students of Colleges and Universities visited EPB Narayanganj Office. Information and data on importers of different countries, addresses of Bangladesh Missions in abroad, trade queries and publication materials from EPB were disseminated among them. Information on tariff rate of different countries around the world is collected and provided to exporters. In addition, buyer lists are made available through provided from the Export Promotion Bureau website.

6. Certificate of Origin (CO), SAPTA, SAFTA, APTA & KPT Certificates etc. were issued from EPB Narayanganj Office against each consignment those were exported of readymade garments and other products to different countries of the world. The following number of certificates were issued from Export Promotion Bureau, Narayanganj branch office during the year of 2024- 2025:-

2024-2025



7. Bangladesh as an LDC, enjoys duty free market access facilities. The details of CO issue of non-textile products against exports from Narayanganj office in the financial year 2025-25 are as follows:

2024-2025

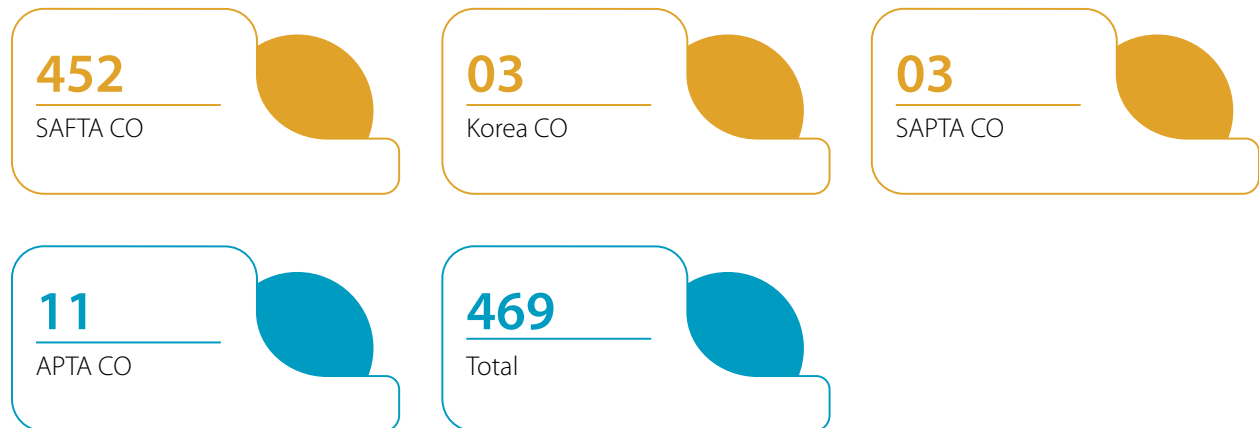


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Meeting with CCs and Joint Chamber

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Meeting with HK Trad



03-Sept-24
Meeting with Iran Ambassador

06-Oct-24
Meeting with Sri Lanka HC








09-Feb-25
Meeting with Japanese Delegation



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