

**TRADE AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH  
AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA**

The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh and the Government of the People's Republic of China, (hereinafter referred to as the Contracting Parties) being desirous of further promoting friendship and trade and economic relations between the two countries on the basis of equality and mutual benefit, have agreed as follows:

**ARTICLE I**

The Contracting Parties shall take appropriate measures to develop and facilitate trade between the two countries.

**ARTICLE II**

The import and export of goods/commodities shall be carried out in accordance with the effective laws and rules on import, export and foreign exchange control in either country on the basis of agreements concluded between import and export traders or trading organizations of the two countries.

**ARTICLE III**

To promote and facilitate trade, the Contracting Parties shall grant each other most-favoured-nation treatment in all matters relating to shipping, customs duties and other taxes to be levied on the importation and exportation of commodities, and to the formalities and charges of customs management.

The provisions of the preceding paragraph, however, shall not apply to:

- a) Preferences and advantages which either Contracting Party has accorded or may accord to bordering countries in order to facilitate their frontier trade; and
- b) Preference and advantage which result from any customs unions or free trade areas to which either Contracting Party is or may become a member.

**ARTICLE IV**

- 1) All payments for trade between the two countries shall be made in freely convertible currencies acceptable to both countries, unless otherwise agreed, subject to regulations of foreign exchange control in force in either country.
- 2) Legal and natural persons and organizations who are entitled to carry out foreign trade activities in both countries may carry out counter trade if agreed to.

**ARTICLE V**

In accordance with the requirements and possibilities of the Contracting Parties, the exchange of commodities between the two countries shall be made on the basis of Schedule "A" (Export from Bangladesh to China) and Schedule "B" (Export from China to Bangladesh) attached to this Agreement, subject to laws and regulations in force in the respective countries.

However, this Agreement does not preclude the exchange of commodities not listed in the above mentioned Schedules.

#### **ARTICLE VI**

The Contracting Parties shall adopt measures for narrowing the trade gap, if any, and for the growth of bilateral trade in a more or less balanced manner.

#### **ARTICLE VII**

The Contracting Parties shall encourage and facilitate the participation by the relevant foreign trade organizations and corporations importers and exporters of each country in trade exhibitions and fairs to be held in either country.

#### **ARTICLE VIII**

The Contracting Parties shall allow the importation and exportation of items described below which are to be exempted from customs duties, taxes and other dues of a similar nature, subject to laws and regulations in force in their respective countries:

- a) items to be used as samples, and/or promotion materials of no commercial value;
- b) items and products to be imported for fairs and exhibitions provided they are not sold;
- c) items and materials to be imported temporarily for processing, repair and working, subject to their re-export;
- d) tools and devices to be used for assembly and erection of plant, provided such tools and devices shall be re-exported.

#### **ARTICLE IX**

The Contracting Parties shall encourage and provide facilities to their foreign trade corporations to establish their trade representations in each other's country.

#### **ARTICLE X**

In order to facilitate the implementation of this Agreement, the Contracting Parties shall consult each other, as and when necessary, and meet alternately in Dhaka and Beijing.

#### **ARTICLE-XI**

The provisions of this Agreement shall continue to be applied, after its expiry, to all contracts for trade transaction concluded but not fully executed before the termination of this Agreement.

#### **ARTICLE XII**

On the date on which this Agreement comes into force, the Trade Agreement which was signed between the Contracting Parties in Dhaka on November 18, 1989 shall be automatically terminated, but the contract's concluded in accordance with the protocol(s)

under the said agreement so terminated shall continue to be in force until the expiry of the validity of their respective terms.

### ARTICLE XIII

This Agreement shall come into force from 01 January, 1993 and shall remain valid for a period of three years. Thereafter, it shall be automatically extended for subsequent periods of three years unless a written notice is given by either side for the termination of this Agreement six months before the date of its expiry.

Done in Beijing on December 21, 1992 in two original copies, each written in the English and Chinese languages, both texts being equally authentic.

Signed

FOR AND ON BEHALF  
OF THE GOVERNMENT  
OF THE PEOPLE'S  
REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH

Signed

FOR AND ON BEHALF  
OF THE GOVERNMENT  
OF THE PEOPLE'S  
REPUBLIC OF CHINA

## SCHEDULE A

### INDICATIVE LIST OF EXPORTS FROM BANGLADESH TO CHINA

1. Raw jute
2. Jute goods
3. Frozen fish
4. Crust/ finished leather and leather products
5. Sugar
6. Processed timber
7. Tobacco
8. Newsprint, paper and paper pulp
9. Rayon
10. Cellophane
11. Fertilizer
12. Electric wires and cables
13. Telephone cables
14. Pvc products
15. Jute carpets
16. Jute yarn and twine
17. Ready -made garments
18. Toiletries
19. Safety razor blades
20. Tea and packet tea
21. Others

## SCHEDULE B

### INDICATIVE LIST OF EXPORTS FROM CHINA TO BANGLADESH

1. Coal
2. M.S. Billets
3. Pig iron
4. Cotton
5. Rice
6. High speed diesel oil
7. Lubricating base oil
8. Dyes and chemicals
9. Light industrial products
10. Textiles
11. Machinery and equipment
12. Hydroelectric power plant
13. Tools and hardware
14. Others