

**Trade Agreement Between
the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
and the Government of the German Democratic Republic**

The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh and the Government of the German Democratic Republic, desirous of developing trade relations between the two states on the basis of equality and mutual advantage, have agreed as follows:

Article 1

Both Contracting Parties shall propose and facilitate the exchange of goods between the two states in accordance with the laws and other legal regulations governing exports from and imports into the two states.

Article 2

The deliveries of goods between the People's Republic of Bangladesh and the German Democratic Republic shall be effected on the basis of the lists of goods. "A" (Exports from the People's Republic of Bangladesh to the German Democratic Republic) and "B" (Exports from the German Democratic Republic to the People's Republic of Bangladesh), attached to this Agreement. The lists of goods "A" and "B" shall form an integral part of this Agreement and may be amended or changed in any other way only through mutual consent of the Contracting Parties.

Article 3

Both Contracting Parties shall ensure that the necessary export and import licenses will be issued in good time. Both Contracting Parties agree that goods other than those included in the lists of goods "A" and "B" may also be supplied in accordance with the stipulations of this Agreement.

Article 4

Both Contracting Parties shall, for the purpose of promoting and facilitating trade between the two states, grant most-favoured-nation treatment in all matters concerning trade between the two states. Most-favoured-nation treatment shall be applied, in particular, in respect of customs duties and other charges, and of the way in which they levied, and to the regulations and formalities governing customs clearance.

The above provisions shall not, however, apply to:

- a) advantages, which either Contracting Party has granted or may grant in the future to the neighbouring countries in order to facilitate border trade and traffic;
- b) advantages, resulting from a customs union, of which either Contracting Party has become or may become a member;
- c) advantages, granted or received by either Contracting Party to or from one state or group of states within the framework of Free Trade Area or economic associations

or similar organisations of which one or both Contracting Parties have become or may become member, or special trading arrangement to which either Party may enter.

Article 5

The deliveries of goods between the People's Republic of Bangladesh and the German Democratic Republic shall be effected on the basis of contracts, subject to foreign trade regulations, to be concluded between juridical persons of the German Democratic Republic authorized to participate in foreign trade, on the one hand, and juridical and natural persons of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, on the other hand. Natural and juridical persons having their place of business in either of the two states, shall carry out their commercial transactions in every respect on their own responsibility. Juridical persons having their place of business in one of the two states and legally existing according to its laws and other legal regulations, shall also be recognized as legally existing in the other state.

Article 6

Both Contracting Parties agree that the prices of goods supplied under this Agreement shall be established on the basis of world market prices i.e. the prices on the principal markets for goods of the same type.

Article 7

All payments resulting from the implementation of this Agreement shall be effected in Pound Sterling or in any other freely convertible currency.

Article 8

All contracts, invoices and other documents relating to commercial and non-commercial payments to be made under this agreement shall be expressed in Pound Sterling or any other freely convertible currency.

Article 9

Either Contracting Party shall permit the implementation of permanent or temporary fairs or exhibitions by the other Contracting Party or its organisations on its territory in accordance with the laws and other legal regulations in force in its state and moreover shall give sympathetic consideration to its participation in international fairs being held on the territory of the other Contracting Party.

Article 10

Both Contracting Parties shall guarantee the recognition and execution of arbitrator's awards of disputes resulting from commercial or other transactions effected by their juridical persons, provided that the settlements of the disputes will be effected by the court of arbitration which has been specially formed for this purpose or which is acting permanently and which has been legally agreed upon by the Contracting Parties. The permission of

execution and the execution of the arbitrator's award itself shall be effected in accordance with the laws of that state in which the arbitrator's award is to be executed.

Article 11

Both Contracting Parties shall, in accordance with the laws and other legal regulations in force in their states, exempt the following goods from customs duties, taxes and other charges, when brought in or taken out;

- a) goods, samples and advertising material required for the sole purpose of obtaining offers and of advertising;
- b) tools and other objects brought in for the purpose of installation or repair work, provided that they will be taken out after installation or repair work has been completed;
- c) objects for the implementation of experiments or tests, provided that they will be taken out after the experiments and tests have been completed;
- d) goods and objects for permanent or temporary fairs and exhibitions, provided that these goods and objects will not be sold; and
- e) marked packages brought in for filling purposes as well as packing material of brought-in goods which will be taken out after a fiscal period of time.

Article 12

To ensure the implementation of this Agreement and to deliverate on principal issues concerning the mutual trade relations representatives of both Contracting Parties shall meet alternately in Dacca and Berlin at the request of either Contracting Party.

Such meetings shall be held not later than two months after such a request has been made by either Contracting Party.

Article 13

For the implementation of this Trade Agreement the Contracting Parties may conclude commodity exchange protocols and other arrangements aiming at facilitating and expansion of exchanges of goods and other economic relations between the two states.

Article 14

The stipulations of this Agreement shall also be applied to contracts concluded during the period of validity of this Agreement but not fulfilled before its expiry.

Article 15

Amendings of and supplements to this Agreement shall be made in writing and are subject to the mutual consent of both Contracting Parties.

Article 16

This Agreement shall come into force on the day of its signing and shall remain valid until 31st December 1975. The period of validity shall automatically be renewed by one year each, unless either Contracting Party gives three months' notice in writing before the expiry of its validity.

Done and signed in Dacca on twenty-fourth of July nineteen hundred and seventy-two in two originals, each in the English Language.

**For the Government of
the People's Republic
of Bangladesh**

Signed

**For the Government
of the German Democratic
Republic**

Signed

LIST OF GOODS "A"

Exports from the People's Republic of Bangladesh to the German Democratic Republic

1. Raw Jute
2. Tea
3. Semi-tanned, wet blue, tanned and raw, skins, hides and leather
4. Leather goods
5. Jute products
6. Coir and jute rope and yarn
7. Coir mat, coir fibre, rubberised coir mat and rubber mat
8. Newsprint and other kinds of paper
9. Handicrafts
10. Oil cakes
11. Bone meal, bone crushed
12. Fish meal
13. Spices
14. Human hair
15. Hosiery and handloomed products
16. Tinned fruit and fruit juice
17. Tinned and frozen shrimps

LIST OF GOODS "B"

Exports from the German Democratic Republic to the People's Republic of Bangladesh

1. Typewriters and other office equipment, calculating machines.
2. Textile machinery and spare parts
3. Printing and book-binding machinery and other printing equipment and spare parts
4. Diesel engines and compressors
5. Diesel generators, diesel generating sets
6. Agricultural machines and utensils, irrigation facilities such as pumps
7. Electrical distribution, transmission equipment, cables , accessories
8. Machines for the food industry such as oil extraction equipment, rice and flower mills
9. Optical and precision instruments
10. Laboratory instruments including instruments and equipment for veterinary laboratory
11. Equipment and instruments for the public health service
12. Rolling stocks
13. Machine tools
14. Teaching aids including audio-visual units
15. Wireless and wired transmission equipments
16. Dyes and chemicals including chemicals for leather tanning, textile industry etc.
17. Insecticides and plant-protective agents
18. Inorganic and organic chemicals
19. Pharmaceuticals
20. Film and film materials
21. Laboratory glass-ware
22. Products of textiles industries.