

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

The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh and the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt hereinafter referred to as "the Contracting Parties" being inspired by the desire of further developing and strengthening the friendship traditionally existing between them, and of promoting close commercial and economic relations between Bangladesh and Egypt, have on the basis of equality and mutual benefit agreed as follows:

ARTICLE -I

The Contracting Parties shall within the framework of their laws and regulations as in force from time to time, afford necessary facilities for the import/export of commodities mentioned in attached Schedule "A" and "B" which are indicative and not exhaustive. They shall also provide facilities for import into and export from either country for commodities not specifically mentioned in the attached Schedules "A" and "B".

ARTICLE -II

1. The two Contracting Parties have agreed to accord to each other the most-favoured-nation treatment, in all matters connected with trade between the two countries.
2. The provision of Paragraph I above shall not, however, apply to:
 - a) Advantages and privileges which either party accords or will accord to the bordering countries in order to facilitate frontier trade;
 - b) Advantages and privileges resulting from any customs union or free trade zone or regional arrangements of which either party is or may become a member;
 - c) Advantages accorded by virtue of multilateral economic agreements designed to liberalise international commerce;
 - d) Prohibition or restrictions imposed for the protection of public health or preservation of public morals or for the protection of plants or animals against disease, degeneration or extinction.

ARTICLE-III

The Bangladeshi and Egyptian commodities delivered in fulfillment of this Agreement shall not, under any circumstances be re-exported to a third country without prior approval of the competent authorities of the two countries.

ARTICLE-IV

The Contracting Parties agree that the exchange of commodities and goods under this Agreement will be subject to the world prices prevailing in the principal markets.

ARTICLE-V

The Contracting Parties agree to set up a Joint Commission composed of the representatives of their Governments, to jointly draw up a trade plan for exchange of commodities and review the progress in the implementation of this Agreement alternately in Dacca and Cairo at the request of either party and propose necessary changes in the lists attached to this Agreement. The Commission may also examine issues hindering development of trade and consider appropriate measures to remove them.

ARTICLE-VI

The Contracting Parties agree to establishment and promotion of close economic and technical cooperation between the two countries.

ARTICLE-VII

Each Contracting Parties shall grant merchant vessels of the other party, while entering, putting off and lying at its ports, most-favoured-nation treatment accorded by the respective laws, rules and regulations to the vessels under the flag of any third country. This article shall not apply to any concessions made to ships engaged in the coastal trade of either Party.

ARTICLE-VIII

Payments for goods and services exchanged between the two countries shall be made in convertible currency subject to foreign exchange regulations of the country concerned.

ARTICLE-IX

Within a view to increasing the commercial exchanges between the two countries, fairs and commercial exhibitions would be organised by each of the Contracting Parties on the territory of the other Contracting Party.

The Contracting Parties would mutually accord within the framework of their laws and respective regulations the exemption of customs regulations for the commodities which are temporarily imported from their country and which are brought for above mentioned fair and commercial exhibitions.

ARTICLE-X

The Contracting Parties agree, to give full consideration to suggestions that may be made from time to time by the other party for the expansion and diversification of trade.

ARTICLE-XI

This Agreement shall come into force from the date of the exchange of the notes following ratification by the two Governments and shall be valid for a period of three years unless previously terminated by three months notice given in writing by either of the contracting parties before the expiry of the validity of this Agreement.

Done in Cairo on 22nd July 1974 in two original copies in English language.

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF
BANGLADESH

Signed

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Signed

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SCHEDULE-A

LIST OF EXPORTABLE ITEMS FROM BANGLADESH TO EGYPT

1. Raw Jute
2. Jute manufactures
3. Newsprint
4. Writing and printing paper
5. Lowgrammage paper
6. Rayon yarn
7. Cellophane
8. Hard board
9. Particle Board
10. Drugs and medicines
11. Animal and human hair
12. Electrical wires and cables (upto II KV)
13. Crushed bones
14. Chemicals and pharmaceuticals
15. Tea
16. Raw leather, half-tanned leather and leather products
17. Fish (frozen and dry)
18. Processed shrimps
19. Raw silk
20. Specialised textiles
21. Spices
22. Tamarind
23. Coir yarn
24. Coir ropes and twine
25. Handicrafts and handloom products
26. Cotton waste
27. Oil cakes
28. Mild steel heavy plates
29. G.I. Pipes and M.S. Pipes (1/2" to 3" dia)
30. Welding electrodes
31. Tube lights (2' to 4' long)
32. Lathe machine, (4' to 8' bed) drilling machine and different machine tools.
33. Super enamel copper wires (round section)
34. Agar attar dust and attar bati
35. Sugar
36. Match boxes
37. Miscellaneous

SCHEDULE-B

LIST OF EXPORTABLE ITEMS FROM EGYPT TO BANGLADESH

1. Cotton
2. Rice
3. Citrus and fresh fruit
4. Fresh vegetables
5. Yarn cotton
6. Textile
7. Cement
8. Flax seed cakes
9. Dehydrated onion & garlic
10. Pharmaceuticals
11. Flex fibre and its products
12. Rock phosphate
13. Electric lamps
14. Asbestos pipes
15. Glasses
16. Machine tools
17. Ferro alloys
18. Glass house hold articles
19. Bulbs
20. Fresh onion and garlic
21. Ground nuts
22. Medical and aromatic plants
23. Sanitary fittings
24. Base metals and articles thereof
25. Naphta
26. Iron and steel products
27. Miscellaneous