

The Imports and Exports (Control) Act, 1950

(ACT NO. XXXIX OF 1950)

¹♠♣♠An Act to [* * *] prohibit or control imports and exports.

WHEREAS it is expedient to [* * *] prohibit, restrict or otherwise control imports into and exports from Bangladesh;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

**Short title,
extent ²[and
commencement]**

1. (1) This Act may be called the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, 1950.
- (2) It extends to the whole of Bangladesh.
- (3) It shall come into force ³[at once].

Definitions

2. In this Act-

- (a) “Chief Controller” means the officer appointed by the Government to perform the duties of Chief Controller of Imports and Exports under this Act;
- (b) “Collector of Customs” means an officer appointed as such under ⁴[section 3] of the Customs Act, 1969 (IV of 1969); and
- (c) “import” and “export” mean respectively bringing into, and taking out of, Bangladesh by sea, land or air.

**Powers to
prohibit or
restrict
imports and
exports**

3. (1) The Government may, by order published in the official Gazette and subject to such conditions and exceptions as may be made by or under the order, prohibit, restrict or otherwise control the import or export of goods of any specified description, or regulate generally all practices (including trade practices) and procedure connected with the import or export of such goods, and such order may provide for applications for

licences under this Act, the evidences to be attached to such applications, the grant, use, transfer, sale or cancellation of such licences, and the form and manner in which and the periods within which appeals and applications for review or revision may be preferred and disposed of, and the charging of fees in respect of any such matter as may be provided in such order.

(2) No goods of the specified description shall be imported or exported except in accordance with the conditions of a licence to be issued by the Chief Controller or any other officer authorised in this behalf by the Government.

(3) All goods to which any order under sub-section (1) applies shall be deemed to be goods of which the import or export has been prohibited or restricted under section 16 of the Customs Act, 1969 (IV of 1969), and all the provisions of that Act shall have effect accordingly.

(4) Notwithstanding anything contained in the aforesaid Act the Government may, by order published in the official Gazette, prohibit, restrict or impose conditions on the clearance whether for home consumption or ware-housing or shipment abroad of any imported goods or class of goods.

**Continuance
of existing
orders**

4. All orders made under section 3 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, 1947, and in force immediately before the commencement of this Act, shall so far as they are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, continue in force and shall be deemed to have been made under this Act.

**Prohibition
to sell or
purchase
import
licence**

⁵[4A. No person shall sell, purchase or otherwise deal in any import licence other than an import licence issued under the Export Bonus Scheme.

Explanation.- In this section "Export Bonus Scheme" means the scheme introduced by Government ⁶[* * *].

**Prohibition
regarding
sale and**

4B. Except with the previous permission in writing of the Chief Controller or any other officer authorised in this behalf by the Government, no person