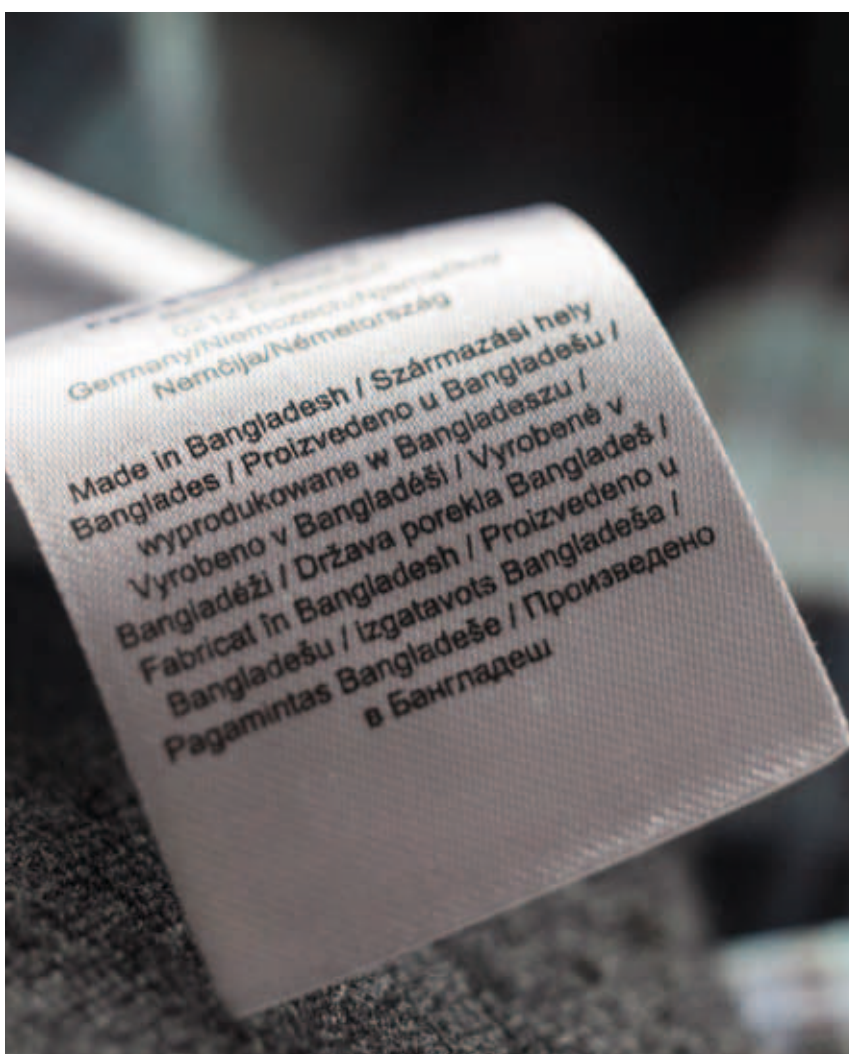


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Over 90% of Bangladeshi exporters are facing regulatory and procedural obstacles to trade.

A survey of 1,000 companies in Bangladesh identified long waiting times, administrative hurdles and lack of accredited laboratories in the country to be the main causes of the reported difficulties when exporting or importing. The report recommends upgrading domestic infrastructure and streamlining procedures, enhancing enterprise competitiveness and sector development, and improving transparency in trade and trade facilitation.

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## Acronyms

Unless otherwise specified, all references to dollars (\$) are to United States dollars, and all references to tons are to metric tons.

APTA	Asia-Pacific Trade Agreement
ASEAN	Association of South-East Asian Nations
BGMEA	Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporter Association
BSTI	Bangladesh Standards and Testing Institution
EU	European Union
FDI	Foreign direct investment
GATT	General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
GNI	Gross National Income
GSP	General System of Preferences
HS	Harmonized System
IEC	International Electrotechnical Commission
ISO	International Organization for Standardization
ITC	International Trade Centre
LDC	Least developed country
NTM	Non-tariff measure
PO	Procedural obstacle
SAARC	South Asian Association For Regional Cooperation
SARSO	South Asian Regional Standards Organization
SME	Small and medium-sized enterprise
SPS	Sanitary and phytosanitary measures
TBE	Trade-related business environment
TBT	Technical barriers to trade
TFA	Trade Facilitation Agreement
UNCTAD	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
WTO	World Trade Organization

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