# AGREEMENT ON TRADE BETWEEN THE ROYAL GOVERNMENT OF BHUTAN AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH

The Royal Government of Bhutan and the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh (hereinafter referred to as "Bhutan" and "Bangladesh" respectively);

Being urged by the desire to maintain, further develop and strengthen the existing cordial relations and spheres of co-operation on the basis of equality and mutual advantage;

Being convinced of the benefits that would accrue to their peoples as a consequence of expansion and diversification of trade and commerce between their territories;

Have agreed as follows:-

#### ARTICLE-I

Both Bhutan and Bangladesh shall explore and undertake all measures necessary to promote, facilitate, expand and diversify trade in goods between the two countries.

### ARTICLE-II

Both Bhutan and Bangladesh shall accord each other the most favoured nation treatment in respect of issue of licenses, customs formalities, customs duties and other taxes, storage and handling charges, fees and charges of any kind levied on export and import of goods to be exchanged between the two countries.

#### ARTICLE-III

With a view to promoting and expanding trade further, the two countries may accord tariff concessions to each other through mutual consultations and may form a Joint Working Group for this purpose.

### ARTICLE-IV

The provision of Article II shall not, however, apply to the grant or continuance of any;

- (a) Advantages accorded by either Bhutan or Bangladesh to facilitate border trade;
- (b) Preference or advantages accorded by either Bhutan or Bangladesh to any third country before the date of the entry into force of this Agreement; and
- (c) Advantages resulting from any Customs Union or from an Agreement on free trade zone or from regional or multilateral arrangement to which either Bhutan or Bangladesh is or may become a member.

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## ARTICLE-V

Both Bhutan and Bangladesh shall conduct mutual trade in goods in accordance with the schedule A and B annexed to this Agreement and within the framework of their respective laws, regulations and procedures relating to import and export of goods. This shall not, however, preclude Bhutan and Bangladesh to conduct the trade in goods not enumerated in the said schedules.

#### ARTICLE-VI

Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, either Bhutan or Bangladesh may maintain or introduce such restrictions as are necessary for the purpose of:

- (a) Protecting public morals;
- (b) Protecting human, animal and plant life;
- (c) Safeguarding the implementation of law relating to the import and export of gold and silver bullion; and
- (d) Safeguarding such other interests as may be mutually agreed upon.

#### ARTICLE-VII

All payments in connection with exportation or importation of goods as well as other payments shall be effected through mutually accepted mechanisms.

## ARTICLE-VIII

The mutual trade in goods between the two countries shall take place by means of transportation and through the routes as may be mutually agreed upon.

## ARTICLE-IX

For facilitating the movement of goods, both Bhutan and Bangladesh agree to provide necessary number and means of transportation, warehousing and handling facilities at point or points of entry, exit or breakpoints, on such terms as may be mutually agreed upon, for the storage and speedy movement of trade cargo.



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#### ARTICLE-X

The movement of goods between the two countries shall be governed by the procedures as laid down in the protocol hereto annexed. Except in case of failure to comply with the prescribed procedures, goods to be exported to or imported from either Bhutan or Bangladesh shall not be subject to unnecessary delays or restrictions.

#### ARTICLE-XI

Both Bhutan and Bangladesh shall consult each other as and when necessary and also review the implementation of this Agreement. For this purpose, representatives of Bhutan and Bangladesh shall meet on request by either Government at a place and time to be mutually agreed upon but not later than sixty days after the date of request.

Mutually agreed amendment(s) or supplement(s), if any, to this Agreement shall be made by exchange of letters between the two countries through diplomatic channel.

## ARICLE -XII

Both Bhutan and Bangladesh shall encourage mutual exchange of information, particularly concerning their respective legislation and trade programs, as well other information of mutual interest.

Both Bhutan and Bangladesh agree to promote trade cooperation by means of measures aiming to improvement of mutual trade, including:

- (a) Arrangement of fairs, exhibitions, conferences, advertising, consultancy and other business services;
- (b) Development of contacts between trade entities, manufacturers associations, chambers of commerce and other business associations of both countries; and
- (c) Coordination of trade research on mutual basis to explore new trade potential in goods.

#### ARTICLE - XIII

This Agreement shall come into force from the date of its signing and shall remain valid for a period of five years. It shall be automatically extended for a period of five years unless one of the countries hereto gives notice in writing, six months in advance, of its intention to terminate this Agreement.



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Done in Dhaka on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of December, Two Thousand and Fourteen and in two original copies in the English language.

(H.E. Norbu Wangchuk) Minister

Ministry of Economic Affairs

On behalf of The Royal Government of Bhutan (H.E. Tofail Ahmed, MP)

Minister

Ministry of Commerce

On behalf of The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

# SCHEDULE- A

# Exportable Items of Bhutan to Bangladesh

| SI. No. | H.S Code          | Description of goods   |
|---------|-------------------|--|
| 1.      | 0403.10.00        | Yogurt   |
| 2.      | 0406.10 - 0406.90 | Cheese and curd.   |
| 3.      | 0409.00.00        | Natural honey.   |
| 4.      | 0701.90.00        | Potatoes   |
| 5.      | 0704.10.00        | Cauliflowers and headed broccoli   |
| 6.      | 0704.20.00        | Brussels sprouts   |
| 7.      | 0704.90.00        | Other  |
| 8.      | 0706.10.00        | Carrots and turnips  |
| 9.      | 0706.90.00        | Other  |
| 10.     | 0708.10 - 0708.90 | Leguminous vegetables, shelled or unshelled, fresh or chilled.   |
| 11.     | 0709.20.00        | Asparagus  |
| 12.     | 0709.51.00        | Mushrooms of the genus Agaricus  |
| 13.     | 0709.60.20        | Chilies, fresh   |
| 14.     | 0712.30.00        | Mushroom & truffles, dried   |
| 15.     | 0713.33.00        | Kidney beans, including white pea beans  |
| 10.     | 0.10.00.00        | (Phaseolus vulgaris)   |
| 16.     | 0802.31.00        | In shell (Walnut)  |
| 17.     | 0805.10.00        | Oranges  |
| 18.     | 0805.20.00        | Mandarins  |
| 19.     | 0808.10.00        | Apples   |
| 20.     | 0808.20.00        | Pears and quinces  |
| 21.     | 0809.10.00        | Appricots  |
| 22.     | 0809.30.00        | Peaches, including nectarines  |
| 23.     | 809.4             | Plums and sloes, fresh.  |
| 24.     | 0810.10- 0810.90  | Other fruit, fresh ( Strawberries & Persimmon)   |
| 25.     | 0813.40.00        | Other fruit ( Dried Persimmon)   |
| 26.     | 0814.00.00        | Peel of citrus fruit or melons (including  |
| 20.     | 0814.00.00        | watermelons), fresh, frozen, dried, or provisionally preserved in brine, in sulpher water or in other preservative solutions.  |
| 27.     | 0904.20.00        | Fruits of the genus Capsicum or of the genus Pimenta, dried or crushed or ground   |
| 28.     | 0908.30.00        | Cardamoms  |
| 29.     | 1005.10-1005.90   | Maize  |
| 30.     | 1006.20.00        | Husked brown rice  |
| 31.     | 0910.10.00        | Ginger   |
| 32.     | 1511.10-1511.90   | Palm oil and its fractions, whether or not refined but not chemically modified   |
| 33.     | 1517.10 - 1517.90 | Margarine, edible mixtures or preparations of animal or vegetable fat or oils or of fractions of different fats or oils of this Chapter, other than edible fats or oils or their fractions of heading No. 15.16. |





| SI. No.    | H.S Code                        | Description of goods   |
|------------|---------------------------------|--|
| 34.        | 2001.90.00                      | Other (Pickles)  |
| 35.        | 2002.10.00                      | Tomatoes, whole or in pieces   |
| 36         | 2003.10.00                      | Mushrooms of the genus Agaricus  |
| 37.        | 2005.10.00                      | Homogenised vegetables   |
| 38.        | 2005.60.00                      | Asparagus  |
| 39.        | 2005.80.00                      | Sweet corn (Zea mays var. saccharata)  |
| 40.        | 2005.90.00                      | Other vegetables and mixtures of vegetables,   |
|            |                                 | prepared /preserved  |
| 41.        | 2006.00.00                      | Vegetables, fruit, nuts, fruit-peel and other parts of plants, preserved by sugar (drained, glace or crystallised).  |
| 42.        | 2007.10 - 2007.99               | Homogenised preparation of Jams, fruit jellies, marmalades, fruit or nut puree and fruit or nut pastes, being cooked preparations, whether or not containing added sugar or other sweetening matter.   |
| 43.        | 2008.11.00                      | Groundnuts   |
| 44.        | 2008.19.00                      | Other, including mixtures  |
| 45.        | 2008.20.00                      | Pineapples   |
| 46.        | 2008.30.00                      | Citrus fruit   |
| 47.        | 2008.40.00                      | Pears  |
| 48.        | 2008.50.00                      | Apricots   |
| 49.        | 2008.60.00                      | Cherries   |
| 50.        | 2008.70.00                      | Peaches, including nectarines  |
| 51         | 2008.91.00                      | Palm hearts  |
| 51         | 2008.91.00                      | Orange juice   |
| 50         | 2009.11.00                      | Frozen   |
| 52.        |                                 | Not frozen, of a Brix value not exceeding 20   |
| 53.        | 2009.12.00                      | Other  |
| 54.<br>55. | 2009.19.00<br>2009.29 - 2009.80 | Fruit juices (including grape must) and vegetable juices, unfermented and not containing added spirits, whether or not containing added sugar or other sweetening matter.  |
| 56.        | 2009.90.00                      | Mixtures of juices   |
| 57.        | 2103.20.00                      | Tomato ketchup and other tomato sauces   |
| 58.        | 2201.10.00                      | Mineral waters and aerated waters  |
| 59.        | 2202.10.00                      | Waters, including mineral waters and aerated waters, containing added sugar or other sweetening matter or flavoured  |
| 60.        | 2506.10 -2506.20                | Quartz(other than natural sands);quartize, whether or not roughly trimmed or merely cut, by sawing or otherwise, into blocks or slabs or a rectangular (including square) shape.   |
| 61.        | 2515.11 - 2515.12               | Marble, travertine, ecaussine and other calcareous monumental and building stone of an apparent specific gravity of 2.5 or more, and alabaster, whether or not roughly trimmed or merely cut, by sawing or otherwise, into blocks or slabs of a rectangular shape. |
| 62.        | 2515.12.00                      | Merely cut, by sawing or otherwise, into blocks or slabs of a rectangular (including square) shape.  |





| SI. No. | H.S Code          | Description of goods                                   |
|---------|-------------------|--|
| 63.     | 2516.11-2516.90   | Granite, porphyry, basalt, sandstone and other         |
|         |                   | monumental or building stone, whether or not           |
|         |                   | roughly trimmed or merely cut, by sawing or            |
|         |                   | otherwise, into blocks or slabs of a rectangular       |
|         |                   | (including square) shape.                              |
| 64.     | 2517.10.00        | Pebbles, gravel, broken or crushed stone, of a kind    |
|         |                   | commonly used for concrete aggregates, for road        |
|         |                   | metalling or for railway or other ballast, shingle and |
|         |                   | flint, whether or not heat-treated                     |
| 65.     | 2517.41.00        | Granules, Chippings, Powder of Marble                  |
| 36.     | 2518.10 - 2518.30 | Dolomite, whether or not calcined; dolomite roughly    |
|         |                   | trimmed or merely cut, by sawing or otherwise, into    |
|         |                   | blocks or slabs of a rectangular (including            |
|         |                   | square)shape; agglomerated dolomite (including         |
|         |                   | tarred dolomite).                                      |
| 67.     | 2520.10.00        | Gypsum; anhydrite                                      |
| 68.     | 2520.20.00        | Plasters   |
| 69.     | 2521.00.00        | Limestone flux; limestone and other calcareous         |
|         |                   | stone, of a kind used for the manufacture of lime or   |
|         |                   | cement.  |
| 70.     | 2522.10 - 2522.30 | Quicklime, slaked lime and hydraulic lime, other       |
|         |                   | than calcium oxide and hydroxide of heading No.        |
|         |                   | 28.25.   |
| 71.     | 2523.10.00        | Cement clinkers  |
| 72.     | 2523.21 -2523.29  | Portland cement:                                       |
| 73.     | 2526.10 - 2526.20 | Natural steatite, whether or not roughly trimmed or    |
|         |                   | merely cut, by sawing or otherwise into blocks or      |
|         |                   | slabes of a rectangular (including square) shape;      |
|         |                   | talc.  |
| 74.     | 2701.11-2701.19   | Coal   |
| 75.     | 2849.10 -2849.90  | Carbides, whether or not chemically defined.           |
| 76.     | 3301.29.00        | Other (Essentials oils)                                |
| 77.     | 3806.1            | Gum resin  |
| 78.     | 3917.21-3917.40   | Tubes, pipes and hoses, rigid (HDPE Pipes)             |
| 79.     | 4410.11 - 4410.90 | Particle board, oriented strand board (OSB) and        |
|         |                   | similar board (for example, waferboard) of wood or     |
|         |                   | other ligneous materials, whether or not               |
|         |                   | agglomerated with resins or other organic binding      |
|         |                   | substances.  |
| 80.     | 4411.12 -4411.94  | Fibreboard of wood or other ligneous materials,        |
|         |                   | whether or not bonded with resins or other organic     |
|         |                   | substances.  |
| 81.     | 4412.10 - 4412.99 | Plywood, veneered panels and similar laminated         |
| ٠       |                   | wood.  |
| 82.     | 4418.10 - 4418.90 | Builders' joinery and carpentry of wood, including     |
| J       |                   | cellular wood panels, assembled flooring panels,       |
|         |                   | shingles and shakes.                                   |
| 83.     | 5402.33 - 5402.47 | Textured Polyester Yarn                                |
| 84.     | 7202.21 -7202.29  | Ferro-silicon  |
| 85.     | 7206.10 - 7206.90 | Iron and non-alloy steel in ingots or other primary    |
| 00.     | 1200.10 - 1200.00 | forms (excluding iron of heading No. 72.03).           |





| SI. No. | H.S Code          | Description of goods  |
|---------|-------------------|---|
| 86.     | 7207.11- 7207.20  | Semifinished products of iron or non-alloy steel.                         |
| 87.     | 7216.10 - 7216.99 | Angles, shapes and sections of iron or nonalloy steel.                    |
| 88.     | 7222.11 - 7222.40 | Bars and rods, not further worked than hot-rolled, hot-drawn or extruded. |
| 89.     | 7408              | Copper wire   |
| 90.     | 9403.30 - 9403.90 | Furniture   |



# SCHEDULE - B

# Exportable items of Bangladesh to Bhutan

| SI.No | H.S. Code          | Description of goods   |  |
|-------|--------------------|--|--|
| 1.    | 0305.59            | Dried fish, whether or not salted but not smoked                                   |  |
| 2.    | 0402.99            | Condensed milk   |  |
| 3.    | 0701.90            | Potatoes, fresh or chilled   |  |
| 4.    | 0902.30            | Black tea (packed)   |  |
| 5.    | 1704.90            | Other sugar confectionary-candy  |  |
| 6.    | 1905.10 to 1905.90 | Bread & biscuits   |  |
| 7.    | 2009.31            | Juice of any other single fruit: other   |  |
| 8.    | 2009.32            | Juice of any other single fruit: of a Bricks value                                 |  |
| 0.    |                    | not exceeding 20   |  |
| 9.    | 2104.20            | Food packed preparations   |  |
| 10.   | 2523.29            | Cement   |  |
| 11.   | 2710.19            | Other: petroleum oils obtained from bituminous                                     |  |
| 11.   | 27.10.10           | material   |  |
| 12.   | 3003.10 to 3006.92 | All products   |  |
| 13.   | 3304.91            | Powders, whether or not compressed   |  |
| 14.   | 3304.99            | Other beauty/makeup/skin care preparations   |  |
|       | 3305.10            | Shampoos   |  |
| 15.   | 3305.90            | Hair dyes and oil and tonic  |  |
| 16.   | 3306.10            | Dentifrices  |  |
| 17.   | 3307.10 to 3307.90 | Cosmetics  |  |
| 18.   |                    | Soap toilet use  |  |
| 19 .  | 3401.11 to 3401.20 | Soap tollet use  |  |
| 20.   | 3401.19            | Tubes, pipes and hoses of polymers of vinyl  |  |
| 21.   | 3917.23            | chloride   |  |
| 22.   | 3919.90            | Other plastic goods and sheets   |  |
| 23.   | 3921.90            | Plastic strips, other  |  |
| 24    | 3923.10            | Boxes, cases, crates and similar articles of plastic                               |  |
| 25.   | 3923.21            | Sacks and bags (incl. cones) of polymers of ethylene                               |  |
| 26.   | 3923.20            | Sacks and bags (incl. cones) of other plastic                                      |  |
| 27.   | 3924.10            | Tableware and kitchenware of plastics  |  |
| 28.   | 4202.11            | Trunks, suitcase, briefcase of leather   |  |
| 29.   | 4911.10            | Trade advertising material, commercial   |  |
| 29.   | 4311.10            | catalogues and the like  |  |
| 30.   | 5310.10            | Unbleached fabrics of jute   |  |
| 31.   | 5310.90            | Other fabrics of jute  |  |
| 32.   | 5607.10            | Twine, cordage. ropes and cables of jute   |  |
|       | 5702.20            | Jute or coconut fibers carpets   |  |
| 33.   | 5703.90            | Jute carpet and other textile floor coverings                                      |  |
| 34    | 6103.32            | Jacket and blazers of cotton   |  |
| 35.   |                    | T-shirts, sing lets and other vests knitted or                                     |  |
| 36.   | 6109.10            | crocheted of cotton  |  |
| 37.   | 6109.90            | T-shirts, sing lets and other vests Knitted or crocheted of other textile material |  |
| 38.   | 6117.10            | Hosiery goods, shawls, scarves, mufflers, veils etc.                               |  |
| 39.   | 6201.99            | Overcoats, wind jackets, etc. of other textile materials                           |  |





| SI.No      | H.S. Code          | Description of goods  |   |
|------------|--------------------|---|---|
| 40.        | 6203.32            | Jacket and blazers of cotton  |   |
| 41.        | 6205.10            | Men's or boys' shirts of wool and fine animal hair  |   |
| 42.        | 6205.20            | Men's or boys' shirts of cotton   |   |
| 43.        | 6205.30            | Men's or boys' shirts of man-made fiber   |   |
| 44.        | 6205.90            | Men's or boys' shirts of other textile materials  |   |
| 45.        | 6208.11            | Women's or girls' slip and petticoats of man-made fiber   |   |
| 46.        | 6208.21            | Women's or girls' nightdresses and pajamas of cotton  |   |
| 47.        | 6211.31            | Garments for male, of wool  |   |
| 48.        | 6211.41            | Garments for female, of wool  |   |
| 49.        | 6303.29            | Bed sheets, bed linen of other materials  |   |
| 50.        | 6305.10            | Sacks and bags of a kind used for the packing of jute   |   |
| 51.        | 6403.20            | Footwear with outer, soles of leather, and uppers consisting of leather straps across the instep and around the big toe |   |
| 52.        | 6404.20            | Footwear with outer soles of leather or composition leather   |   |
| 53.        | 6405.90            | Other footwear (sandals, slipper, etc.)   |   |
| 54.        | 6505.90            | Other hats and headgear   |   |
| 55.        | 6902.10 to 6902.90 | Ceramic tiles   |   |
| 56.        | 6911.10            | Tableware and kitchenware of porcelain or china   |   |
| 57.        | 7210.41            | C. I. Sheet   |   |
| 58.        | 7214.10 to 7214.60 | Iron rods   |   |
| 59.        | 7408.11 to 7408.19 | Copper wire   |   |
| 60         | 7610.10            | Aluminium doors & windows   |   |
| 61.        | 8212.20            | Safety razor blades, including razor blade in strips  |   |
| 62.        | 8414.51            | Fans: table, floor, wall, ceiling   |   |
| 63.        | 8504.21 to 8504.40 | Electrical transformer and Static converters  |   |
| 64.        | 8506.10            | Dry cell battery  |   |
| 65.        | 8507.10            | Lead-acid, of a kind used for starting piston engines   |   |
| 66.        | 8539.22            | Other filament lamp of a power not exceeding 200w and for a voltage exceeding 100v                                      |   |
| 67.        | 8544.11 to 8544.59 | Wires and cables  |   |
| 68.        | 9032.89            | Other automatic voltage stabilizer  | = |
| 69.        | 9102.19            | Pocket and wrist watches  |   |
| 70.        | 9105.29            | Wall clocks   |   |
| 71.        | 9403.10 to 9403.90 | Furniture including metal & plastic furniture   |   |
| 71.<br>72. | 9603.21            | Tooth brushes including dental plate brushes  |   |
| 73.        | 9608.10            | Ball-point pen  |   |
|            |                    |   |   |
| 74.<br>75  | 6103.42            | Men's or Boy's Trousers   |   |
| 75.        | 6104.62            | Women's Or Girls Trousers, Overalls and Shorts-<br>Knitted-Cotton   |   |
| 76.        | 6105.20            | Men's or Boy's Shirts of Man Made Fibres  |   |
| 77.        | 6106.10            | Women's or Girls Blouses, Shirts and Shirt-<br>Blouses-Knitted-Cotton   |   |
| 78.        | 6109.90            | T-Shirts, singlet, other vests of other textile materials   |   |
| 79.        | 6110.20            | Sweaters, Sweat Shirts and Waist-Coats-Knitted-<br>Cotton   |   |





| SI.No | H.S. Code | Description of goods  |   |
|-------|-----------|---|---|
| 80.   | 6110.30   | Sweaters, Sweat Shirts and Waist-Coats-Knitted of man-made fibres         |   |
| 81.   | 6110.90   | Sweaters, Sweat Shirts and Waist-Coats-Knitted of other textile materials |   |
| 82.   | 6111.20   | Sweaters, Sweat Shirts and Waist-Coats-Knitted of cotton                  |   |
| 83.   | 6111.30   | Sweaters, Sweat Shirts and Waist-Coats-Knitted of synthetic fibres        |   |
| 84.   | 6203.42   | Men's/Boys Trousers, Overalls and Shorts -<br>Woven – Cotton              | ua e monte de la composición dela composición de la composición dela composición de la composición de |
| 85.   | 6203.43   | Men's / Boys Trousers, Overalls and Shorts -<br>Woven - Synthetic Fibres  |   |
| 86.   | 6204.52   | Women's / Girls Skirts and Divided Skirts -<br>Woven – Cotton             |   |
| 87.   | 6204.62   | Women's/Girls Trousers, Overalls and Shorts-<br>Woven –Cotton             |   |
| 88.   | 6205.20   | Men's / Boys Shirts - Woven - Cotton                                      |   |
| 89.   | 6205.30   | Men's/Boys Shirts -Woven - Man - Made - Fibres                            |   |
| 90.   | 6206.30   | Women's / Girls Blouses, Shirts and Shirt-<br>Blouses-Woven-Cotton        |   |



