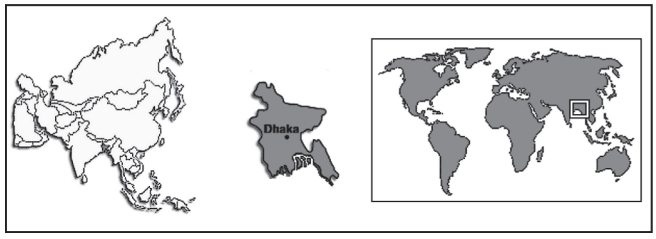
Bangladesh (BD)

Amounts shown are expressed in Taka (BDT)



0. General Information

- IATA Area : 3
- Capital : Dhaka (DAC)
- Local Time : GMT + 6
- Daylight Saving Time : Bangladesh does not observe DST.
- ☎ Country Code : + 880
- Local Currency : Taka (BDT)
- Bank Information : Closed on Friday and Saturday.
- Public Holidays :

Date
01 Jan 2015
03 Jan 2015
21 Feb 2015
26 Mar 2015
14 Apr 2015
01 May 2015
16 May 2015
25 May 2015
13 Jul 2015
18 Jul 2015
23 Sep 2015
13 Oct 2015
22 Oct 2015
07 Nov 2015
16 Dec 2015

- **Cargo Claims Information**
  The following Protocols / Conventions have been ratified:
  1. Warsaw Convention (1929)
  2. Hague Protocol (1955)

  For further details, explanation and how to apply these Protocols / Conventions see paragraph 2.1.5. (General Rules) including list of countries.
- **E-freight and e-AWB status of airports**
  For e-freight and e-AWB implementation status of airports please refer to chapter 6.4.

1. Airport Information

1.1. Customs Airports
Chittagong - CGP, Dhaka - DAC, Sylhet - ZYL.

1.2. Airport Facilities
Dhaka
1.2.1. Loading/Unloading equipment
Forklift available.
1.2.2. Storage
At Customs Air Freight Unit for a maximum period of 30 days; thereafter goods are auctioned.
Cold storage: Available for small quantities. Prior permission is required for over 45 kg. shipments from cargo import section. Otherwise USD 100.00 will be charged per shipment from the concerned airlines.
1.2.3. Clearance
At the airport by Customs agent.
1.2.4. Customs hours
Sunday through Thursday 09.00 - 17.00 hrs.
Friday, Saturday and public holidays closed. Clearance after customs hours or on holidays possible, after prior Customs approval.
1.2.5. Delivery
Possible.
1.2.6. (Re)-Forwarding
Possible to final destination by air. Biman Bangladesh Airlines (BG) is permitted to reforward by surface only under special circumstances.

2. Import

2.1. General
2.1.1. Packing
a. Packing of parcels/packages have to be made in commensurate with the weight of contents. Heavy parcels have to be packed with stronger materials so that the parcels/pieces can withstand normal handling and that the contents do not bulge out
b. Paste-board cartons/materials can be used only for packing light items/commodities so that the parcels do not get damaged in handling.
c. For mixed type of pieces/packages under a consignment, number of each type must be mentioned in the handling column of the MAWB, weight of each heavy piece over 100 kg. must be mentioned on the body of each individual piece.
d. Textiles/fabrics have to be wrapped properly with polythene wrapping inside so that the contents does not soak water and get damaged.

Plant material prohibited.
2.1.2. Marking
MAWB number/piece(s) and date of MAWB-ORIGIN/DESTINATION are to be inserted on the body of parcels in marking per:
a. Name and address of the consignee must be mentioned in block print on all the pieces with telephone number(s).
b. Shipping marks and running numbers of pieces must be mentioned on the body of pieces and in the AWB.
c. Contents must be mentioned on the body of parcels.
d. Costly items which do not fall under valuable class must also be indicated in the nature of goods column of the AWB.
2.1.3. Routing
Via any country permitted.
2.1.4. Language on documents
English.
2.1.5. Other requirements
Full names and addresses of consignee must be legible and durable on the wrapper of each component part of the shipment.
Consignment on a “Letter of Credit” basis must meet the following requirements:
1. Full name and address of consignee indicated on the AWB.
2. Name of the Bank and particular of its branch in Bangladesh, which has opened the Letter of Credit.
3. To faciliatate production of full flight air cargo manifest for submission to customs in accordance with Bangladesh Import and Export customs rules. Airlines are responsible to transmit FFM/FWB/FHL electronically to computer systems specified by airlines 02 (two) hours before landing and departure respectively.

Delivery Rules/Precautions/Charges involved in Handling at Airports in Bangladesh
a. As per Bangladesh Land Customs Statutes, Biman Bangladesh Airlines as handling Agent-cum-warehouse keeper are to handover all import cargo to Bangladesh Customs Authority for their disposal after 30 days of its arrival, if the consignee does not turn-up or fails to retire the consignment and in that case Biman will not be responsible/liable for any wear and tear, pilferage, damage, loss etc. despite Biman’s sincere efforts to deliver the consignment to the consignee(s) in time.
b. Delivery of the consolidated shipments is to be taken by the consignee of the Master AWB and shifted to their own bonded premises in a lot to avoid discrepancies in handling at Dhaka.
c. All charges, such as storage, cold stores charges, destruction charges, if involved due to non-delivery of consignment(s) at Dhaka, Chittagong or Sylhet shall be realised from the issuing carrier through IATA Clearing House in full against submission of Bill by the Finance Department of Biman Bangladesh Airlines.

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2.2. Documentary Requirements

2.2.1. Commercial consignments

- 3 Commercial Invoices signed by shipper, containing:
  Total goods, unit price (CIF value) which must correspond with value stated on the AWB, Terms of payment and delivery, and origin of consignment.
  The invoice must be attached to the covering AWB. Do not state under any circumstances "PRO FORMA" in the invoice.
- Import Licence: Must be held by consignee for all items except for unaccompanied baggage and the following:
  Books, Magazines, Journals and Medicines up to the value of BDT 500.00 per annum, both for Bangladeshis and foreigners.
  Other goods excluding textiles (not made-up garments), imitation jewellery, watches and watchbands of all sorts, fountain-pens, cameras, radio sets, Transistors, Refrigerators, Television sets, Spices, Alcoholic drinks, Beers and other alcoholic preparations etc. or items which are not otherwise importable as per Import Policy, provided the value of such parcels does not exceed BDT 500.00 per annum.
  Note:
  Goods not covered by an Import Permit/Licence, when such is required, are subject to heavy fines upon arrival.
- 3 Certificates of Origin, signed by shipper and legalised by a Chamber of Commerce must be attached to the covering AWB.

2.2.2. Sample consignments

(incl. advertising material sent free of charge).

- 2 Commercial Invoices;
- Import Licence if the CIF value exceeds BDT 500.00 per annum.

Note:
The Commercial Invoice should show the words "SAMPLES FREE OF COST" in spite of being free goods; a certain value for Customs purposes only should be entered, since samples are subject to payment of usual duties and, if no value is stated. Customs determine the value for levying duty themselves. (See also 2.2.1.). Subject to that consignee is registered importer or indenter under the registration (Importers & Exporters) orders, 1952 (as adopted in Bangladesh) of has been exempted from registration thereunder.

2.2.3. Gift consignments

- Number and date of Letter of Credit against which the consignment has been forwarded.
- Invoice required.
- Import Permit not required.

2.2.4. Unaccompanied baggage

No documents. Passengers intending to send their baggage as cargo (either in advance or to follow) must be advised;

- that it cannot be cleared through Customs in the same way as accompanied baggage; it will normally have to be cleared at the Airport Customs Warehouse, involving some delay, and
- any such baggage shipped as cargo must be declared by passenger when clearing accompanied baggage on arrival for which a declaration certificate (Form A) must be obtained; Customs duty will otherwise be levied on the baggage shipped as cargo in the same way as on ordinary cargo.
  Baggage shipped as cargo arriving on the same flight on which passenger himself arrives, may be cleared at the airport at the discretion of the Customs Inspector on duty.

Note:
Suitcases must be locked or sealed with steel bands.

2.2.5. Other consignments

No special requirements.

2.3. Restrictions

2.3.2. Live animals

Must be accompanied by a Health Certificate issued by the veterinary authorities in the country of departure/origin, stating that there is no sign of infections or communicable disease.
Dogs and pets must be accompanied by a Health Certificate from a Government Veterinary Doctor in the country of origin, which should not be issued later than 7 days before importation into Bangladesh. Consignee must be in possession of an Import Licence issued by the Bangladesh Ministry of Health.
Monkeys must be accompanied by an additional Certificate issued by the Government authority of the country of shipment, showing that they have not originated, were not borne, lived in or transited a yellow fever area in the past 21 days, and they must be branded for identification purposes.

2.3.3. Plants and plant material

Plants, fruits, seeds and cut flowers: Special permission required from the Director of Plant Protection, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, Dhaka. These consignments must be accompanied by Phyto- sanitary Certificates issued at origin.

2.3.4. Arms, ammunition and explosives

Requirements as for commercial consignments. All necessary special documentation for the importation must be completed by consignee.

2.3.5. Narcotics and drugs

Special permission must be obtained from the Director General of Health, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, before importation.

2.3.6. Human remains

Must be accompanied by a Medical Certificate in 4 copies, stating full particulars of the deceased and certifying cause of death.

2.3.15. Others

Currency: Any amount of foreign currency may be brought in on person but must be declared on Customs counter on currency declaration form. Exchange only by authorised dealers.
Gold and silver bullion, sheet, coin or ingots: Special permission from the Bangladesh Bank, Central Directorate, Dhaka, Bangladesh.

2.4. Prohibitions

Gold and silver bullion, sheets, coin or ingots, plants and seeds, drugs and dangerous narcotics are strictly prohibited importation, unless consignee holds special permission.

2.5. Charges

2.5.2. Handling

Per kg	3.50
Minimum charge	150.00

2.5.3. Clearance

Dhaka

Customs Bill of Entry: free.
Clearance and Handling charges: 1% of CIF value.

2.5.6. Storage

Dhaka

First 5 days from date of arrival	free
From 6th day to 15th day, per day, per unit of 50 kg.	25.00
From 16th day to 30th day, per day, per unit of 50 kg.	35.00
From 31th day onwards up to delivery, per day, per unit of 50 kg.	100.00

Notes

1. 5 (five) days free of general cargo. Exceptions, UNDP, Unicef, religious books and relief goods 15 (fifteen) days free. Cargo for diplomatic mission 15 (fifteen) days free subject to production of exemption certificate from MOFA.

2. **Cold storage charge** 200% of normal storage charge.

First 15 days from date of arrival, per day, per unit of 50 kg.	50.00
From 16th day to 30th day, per day, per unit of 50 kg.	70.00
From 31th day onwards up to delivery, per day, per unit of 50 kg.	200.00

   No free period for cool room shipment.

   Strong Room charge 200% of normal storage charge for precious/special handling, cargo/chemical, drams/Mobile accessories and others which are kept in strong room. From date of arrival, first 5 days free.

3. Forklift charge for 100 kg. and above at the rate of BDT 2.00 per kg. with a minimum of BDT 300.00 per parcel.

4. Human remains (coffin) and goods with coffin all charges free.

2.5.10. Others

1. Destruction charge Per 100 kg. or any fraction thereof	USD	10.00
2. Re-weight charge Per 100 kg. or any fraction thereof	USD	10.00
3. Re-packing charge Per parcel	USD	5.00
4. Unmanifested cargo handling charge Per AWB/AV-7	USD	100.00
5. Charge for non receipt of original for consignee and delivery copy of MAWB/HAWB/AV-7/C-38 at Destination in Bangladesh, charge will be	USD	20.00
6. Dangerous Goods handling Per shipment	USD	100.00
7. Live Animal handling Per shipment	USD	10.00
8. Security Escorting for VAL Per shipment	USD	10.00
9. Amendment/pod Per shipment	USD	10.00
10. Frustrated Cargo/Re-export handling Per shipment	USD	10.00
11. IRP AWB delivery charge after 30 days of arrival, per AWB	USD	5.00
12. Survey charge per AWB	USD	15.00

13. Charges Collect Shipment, as per TACT rule 7.2.2.
    No CC shipment is allowed to Bangladesh, If any violation a fee of USD 100.00 will be assessed.

14. Charge for Non availability of IGM / FFM / FWAB / FHWB through system at destination in Bangladesh. Charge will be per MAWB / HAWB	USD	5.00

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3. Transhipment/transit

3.1. General
All transit shipments must be accompanied by an AWB.

3.2. Documentary Requirements
If transported by foreign carriers to points in Bangladesh, the goods will have to be transferred against Transfer Manifest.

3.3. Restrictions
3.3.2. Live animals
Monkeys: Must be accompanied by Health Certificate from an officially recognised veterinary surgeon of the country of despatch, stating that the monkeys are not suffering from any disease, and have not been in any yellow fever epidemic area during 6 months immediately preceding despatch.
3.3.3. Plants and plant material
Plants and seeds: May transit Bangladesh if remaining on board, otherwise a Special Permit is required.
3.3.4. Arms, ammunition and explosives
Fire-arms and ammunition (sporting or otherwise) are prohibited unless Prior Permission has been obtained from the Ministry of Defence, Bangladesh, Dhaka.
3.3.5. Narcotics and drugs
May transit Bangladesh, if remaining on board, otherwise a Special Permit from the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh in Dhaka is required.

Note:
The airline in Dhaka may arrange to obtain the Special Transit Permit for any consignment requiring such permission, provided the following details have been supplied at least 3 weeks before shipment:
Name and address of shipper and of consignee.
Detailed description, quantity and weight of the goods.
In no event shall the consignment be despatched before information is obtained from the airline in Dhaka, that they hold the required permission.

3.3.14. Radio-active materials
Special Permit from Secretary, Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission, Dhaka, required unless goods specifically exempted under International Atomic Energy Commission regulations. Applications should be filed at least seven days in advance and goods not be forwarded before receipt of the permit.

3.4. Prohibitions
Ammunition and Implements of war; explosives.

3.5. Charges
3.5.5. Transhipment

- For international transhipment:
  Per day, per kg ..... USD 0.05
  Minimum charge per shipment ..... USD 10.00
- For International to Domestic:
  24 hours free from arrival.
  After 24 hours, per day, per kg ..... USD 0.03
  Minimum charge per shipment ..... USD 10.00

4. Export

4.1. General
4.1.1. Packing
All shipments must be properly marked.
4.1.2. Marking
See 2.1.2.

4.2. Documentary Requirements
- Vegetables: Phytosanitary Certificate.
- Live animals: Health Certificate.
- No Objection Certificate from Director General Forest.

4.3. Restrictions
Antiques and wild animal skins.

4.4. Prohibitions
Export of gold, silver, currency notes, bank notes is controlled by the Bangladesh Bank.

4.5. Charges
4.5.2. Handling

Terminal handling/weighing charges per kg	USD	0.08
Minimum charge per consignment	USD	2.10
Scanning charges per kg	USD	0.04
Minimum		Nill
Storage charges of export warehouse after grace period of 30 hours per unit (1000 kg. or part thereof) per day (24 hours or part thereof)	USD	12.00
Dangerous goods handling charge per shipment	USD	100.00
Security Escorting charge for VAL Cargo per shipment	USD	100.00
Re-weighing charge per 1000 kg. or fraction thereof	USD	10.00
Live Animal handling charge per shipment	USD	10.00

4.5.4. Documentation

AWB fee per shipment	USD	2.10

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