

[বিদেশী সংস্থা জড়িত থাকায় ইংরেজিতে লিখিত]

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[Customs]

Standing Order No. 42/2017/Customs/199 In exercise of the power conferred by Section 13 and Section 219(B) of the Customs Act, 1969 (IV of 1969), read with item 23 of the third schedule thereof, the National Board of Revenue is pleased to make the following procedures, namely:

The Customs (Economic Zones) Procedures, 2017

1. Short Title and Extent:

- (1) These procedures may be called the Customs (Economic Zones) Procedures, 2017.
- (2) They shall apply to all Zones specified by the government under section 4 of the Bangladesh Economic Zones Act, 2010 (Act No. 42 of 2010).

2. Definitions:

In these procedures, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context-

- a) "Act" means the Customs Act, 1969 (IV of 1969);
- b) "Zone" means such area as is specified by the Government to be a Zone under section 4 of Bangladesh Economic Zone Act, 2010 (42 of 2010).
- c) "Authority" means the Bangladesh Economic Zones Authority (BEZA) established under section 17 of the Bangladesh Economic Zones Act, 2010 (Act no. 42 of 2010);
- d) "Board" means the National Board of Revenue constituted under the Presidential Order No 76 of 1972;
- e) "Commissioner of Customs (Bond)" in relation to a Zone means the Commissioner of Customs (Bond) or any other Commissioner of Customs authorized by the Board under whose jurisdiction such Zone is situated;
- f) "Import" in relation to Zone means import from outside Bangladesh and includes goods brought into a Zone from the Tariff Area or from any Export Processing Zone or from any other Zone;
- g) "Export" from a Zone means export to outside Bangladesh and includes goods supplied from a Zone to the Tariff Area or to Export Processing Zones or to any other Zone;
- h) "Tariff Area" means any area in Bangladesh outside the limit of a Zone;
- i) "Export Processing Area" means the area within the Zone established under Section 07 (a) of the Bangladesh Economic Zone Act, 2010 (Act no 42 of 2010) specified for export- oriented processing/manufacturing industries ;
- j) "Domestic Processing Area" means the area within the Zone established under Section 07(b) of the Bangladesh Economic Zone Act, 2010 (Act no 42 of 2010) specified for processing/manufacturing units to be established to meet the demand of the domestic market in the Tariff Area;
- k) "Commercial Area" means the area within the Zone established under Section 07(c) of the Bangladesh Economic Zone Act, 2010 (Act no 42 of 2010) specified for business organizations, banks, warehouses or any other organization;

- l) "Licence" means Bonded Warehouse Licence provided to any person, company or industry as per section-13 of the Customs Act, 1969 and rules made there under;
- m) "Licensee" means any person, company or industry in the Zone who has been provided with a Bond Licence as per the Act and the rules made there under;
- n) "Bonded Warehouse" means the warehouse where goods/semi processed goods/raw materials can be stored for export/re-processing/processing/sale in the domestic market of the country;
- o) "In-bond" means entry of imported raw materials or semi-finished materials in the bond register as well as in the bonded warehouse which are imported for licensed bonded warehouse industries without paying any duty or taxes in a manner determined by the Board or the Commissioner of Customs (Bond) or any other Commissioner of Customs authorized by the Board;
- p) "Ex-bond" means removal of finished materials or semi-finished materials from the bond register as well as in the bonded warehouse for export or domestic sale which is processed by the licensee from raw materials of semi-finished materials imported without paying any duty of taxes under bond in a manner determined by the Board or the Commissioner of Customs (Bond) or any other Commissioner of Customs authorized by the Board;
- q) "Wastage" means such materials which has been completely or partially damaged and has lost quality to be re-utilized after being used in the manufacturing process;
- r) "Defected goods not fit for export" includes processed or manufactured goods which could not qualify for export as per the criteria of the foreign buyer but may be sold to the domestic market.

3. Procedures in relation to Export Processing Area of the Zone

3.1 Import of Goods into the Export Processing Area of a Zone:-

- a) Subject to Sub-clause 3.1.g and 3.1.h, any goods may be imported into a Zone from outside Bangladesh or from the Tariff Area or from any Export Processing Zone or from another Zone.
- b) A separate bill of entry in respect to goods imported by any bonded warehouse in the Export Processing Area of a Zone along with other documents showing details of other goods as required under the Act and the rules made there under shall be presented to the Commissioner of Customs (Bond) for assessment and clearance.
- c) Goods imported into a Zone shall be assessed in accordance with the procedure laid down in the Act and the rules made there under.
- d) Goods which are entitled to exemption of Customs duties and Value Added Tax on exportation by the government under the Act shall qualify for such exemption when imported by any bonded warehouse in the Export Processing Area of a Zone.
- e) Goods imported and admitted into any bonded warehouse in the export processing area of a Zone shall be assessed as per Customs procedure but Customs Duty, Regulatory Duty, Supplementary Duty, Value Added Tax and Advanced Income Tax (if applicable) will be realized at the time of giving permission for domestic sale.

- f) All goods cleared shall be secured and forwarded to the Export Processing Area of a Zone under Customs supervision and a pass shall be sent with the goods specifying the name of the importer and clearing agent, if any, number of conveyance, description and quantity of goods with the marks and numbers and contents thereof and on receipt of the goods in the Zone, the officer of Customs allowing the goods to enter the Zone shall retain the pass.
- g) Admission of goods imported for a Zone shall not be refused except when the goods are liable to restrictions or prohibitions imposed on the grounds of public morality or order, public security, public hygiene or health or for veterinary or phyto-pathological consideration or relating to protections of patent, trade mark or copy rights .
- h) Hazardous goods may be allowed to be admitted to a Zone only when an area specially designed for its storage is made available within the Zone.
- i) Goods admitted to a Zone may remain there for such period as per the provisions of the Act.

3.2 Introduction of Goods into the Export Processing Area of a Zone from Tariff Area:

- a) Goods from the Tariff Area required for further processing in the Export Processing Area of the Zone shall be admitted after completion of export formalities which are normally observed for export out of the country.
- b) Goods which are entitled to exemption or repayment of Customs duties and Value Added Tax on exportation shall qualify for such exemption or repayment immediately after these have been admitted into any bonded warehouse in the Export Processing Area of a Zone in accordance with the provisions of the Act and the rules made there under.

3.3 Export of Goods from the Export Processing Area of a Zone:

- a) Any person exporting goods from any bonded warehouse in the Export Processing Area of a Zone shall follow the export procedure as laid down in the Act and the Rules made there under.
- b) Goods cleared for export shall be secured and forwarded to the Customs station under Customs supervision, and a pass shall be sent with the goods, specifying the name of the importer and the clearing agent, if any, number of conveyance, description and quantity of goods with the marks and number and contents thereof, and on receipt of the goods at the Customs stations, the officer of Customs allowing the export of goods shall retain the pass.
- c) All Customs formalities regarding removal of goods from the Export Processing Area shall be completed at the Customs stations or at any place within the Zone approved for this purpose by the Commissioner of Customs (Bond).