

# Bangladesh - Foreign Trade Statistics of Bangladesh 2005-2006

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## Overview

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### Overview

#### ABSTRACT

Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS) has been publishing the Foreign Trade Statistics of Bangladesh since 1974. This publication presents key statistical tables on Foreign Trade Statistics (flows of exports and imports) of commodities for the fiscal year 2005-06. This issue of the "Foreign Trade Statistics" is the 20th edition in the series. Although this publication has been slightly belated and it is expected that the next edition will be printed in time, so as to bring the sequence of the publication up to date.

#### KIND OF DATA

Sample survey data [ssd]

### Scope

#### NOTES

Foreign trade statistics include all commodities which pass through the boundary of customs territory, in the case of import, all goods and commodities entering into the country and for exports, all goods and commodities leaving the country, excluding certain items such as military hardware, bullion, currency notes, coins and goods in transit.

### Coverage

#### GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE

National Coverage

#### UNIVERSE

The foreign trade statistics covers all goods imported into and exported from the country along with the commodities imported for and exported from Export Processing Zones (EPZ). The entire exports and imports by various routes, sea, air, land and postal parcels, are taken into account.

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# Questionnaires

## **Overview**

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## Data Collection

### Data Collection Dates

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2005	2006	N/A

### Data Collection Mode

Other [oth]

### Data Collection Notes

In the past, Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics collected foreign trade data from the primary sources, "bills of entry" for imports and "shipping bills" for export only for sea-originated trade data. For customs clearance, the importers and the exporters have to submit these bills to the custom houses located at the sea port of Chittagong and Mongla for every consignment imported into or intended for export from Bangladesh by sea. BBS's personnel posted at Chittagong and Mongla Customs Houses were responsible for collecting and sending these bills to Foreign Trade Section of National Accounting Wing, BBS. The staffs posted at the said two customs houses were used to collect the documents and carry them to Dhaka twice or thrice in a month. Still the system of data collection remains unchanged only for Mongla Sea-port-based data. An assigned official posted at the Regional Statistical Office, Khulna, not at Mongla Customs House, is responsible for collecting the documents from Mongla Custom House and sending the same to BBS. But the method of data collection for Chittagong sea-port-based data has completely been changed. Data produced at Chittagong Sea Port have been collected from National Board of Revenue, Dhaka on monthly basis in CD-ROM that contains data in tabular form with many fields of which BBS takes into consideration only a few as its requirements.

Accordingly in the past, the land borne foreign trade data were compiled from the monthly returns received from the land customs stations across the country, which deals with border trade with neighboring countries. Air-borne data were collected from the air-borne trade returns, bill of entry for imports and customs statements for exports received from the air freight unit in Dhaka. At present, both land-borne and air-borne foreign trade data have been collected from NBR in CD-ROM.

### Questionnaires

### Data Collectors

Name	Abbreviation	Affiliation
Statistics and Informatics Division	SID	Ministry of Planning

## Data Processing

### Data Editing

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After collecting CDs from NBR by Foreign Trade Section (FTS) of BBS on monthly basis, these are sent to Computer Wing of BBS for rearranging, processing, tabulation etc. After completion of the work, data are sent to Foreign Trade Section, BBS which does the work of correction, compilation and editing and then sends to the Computer Wing for rearranging the said data. Again, the Computer Section sends the printed form of data to FTS. Finally, after correction and amendment by FTS, these are again sent to the Computer Wing for final print out.

On receipt of shipping bills from Khulna, entries are made in the control register and the bills are sorted out according to the date and type of trade. Aftersorting, the documents are bound in the form of a book which is known as batch. Each batch consists of 50-60 bills covering the bills of a particular date. The batches are distributed among the coders for coding the information. The basic information, such as commodity specified by type, quantity of each commodity according to units prescribed in the HS, value, export destination and other relevant information are coded, checked and edited properly on the documents. On completion of coding work, the value is typed from the documents. Batch totals are entered in the control register for subsequent matching with computer totals. Batches are then sent to the Computer Wing for capturing the data in diskettes.

Though most of the tabulations are made according to Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System, selected tabulations are done on the basis of category of goods by different exporting or importing accounts. Selected monthly tables are published in the Monthly Statistical Bulletin and other monthly and annual publications of BBS. Foreign Trade Statistics are published on a fiscal year basis, from July 1 to June 30.

### Other Processing

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Foreign trade statistics of Bangladesh are compiled and classified on the basis of "harmonized commodity description and coding system (HS)" which is based on the (Standard International Trade Classification) SITC Rev-3. These classifications are arranged in 21 sections and 98 chapters which cover all commodities of international trade. They include broad headings of commodities at 4-digit level and detailed description at 5-digit level. Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics has prepared the HS at 2 to 8-digit level to meet the need of the country. Imports are recorded by country of consignment and exports by country of last known destination.

Quantities and values are recorded as shown in the trade bills and checked by customs officials. The weight recorded in the trade bills is taken as net weight. Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics follows metric system of weight for compiling and publishing the quantity of exports and imports. Missing quantities of entries are estimated, wherever possible, on the basis of unit price calculated for the reported items.

BBS follows Brussels Definition of Value (BDV) for the purposes of valuation. The Brussels definition of valuation of goods has been accepted by almost all countries of the world. The BDV was introduced in December, 1950 under the Principles of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trades (GATT) with the object of providing a comparable system of valuation. Under the BDV, the dutiable value of goods imported for home consumption is calculated at normal price. Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics records import value on CIF (cost, insurance and freight) basis and export value on FOB (free on board) basis.

## Data Appraisal

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