

# Bangladesh - Foreign Trade Statistics of Bangladesh 1979-1980

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#### ABSTRACT

To meet the demand of diverse users of Foreign Trade Statistics, Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics published a full fledged volume in August, 1982 entitled "Foreign Trade Statistics of Bangladesh" containing detailed information from 1976-77 through 1978-79. The present publication is brought out as a continuation of Foreign Trade Statistics publications programme and contains information from 1979-80 through 1981-82. The improvement made in the present publication over the first one is that it contains a brief analytical report on the data.

I thank all the Officers and Staff of Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics who were associated with the works of Foreign Trade Statistics and rendered valuable service to bring out this publication.

I believe this publication will be very much useful to all users in general and research workers, planners and business community in particular. Suggestions for its improvement will be thankfully received.

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Sample survey data [ssd]

### Scope

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#### NOTES

The Price Indices of Export and Import' are designed to measure the general overall direction of price movements of commodities bought and sold by Bangladesh in the international market. These indices are used as indicators for relative price movements of export and import of the country.

Price valuation includes FOB values for export and CIF values for import.

### Coverage

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1976-77 fiscal year has been chosen as the base year. The reason which dominated in choosing so, are as follows.

- a) This was a normal year for Bangladesh in the field of foreign trade since liberation.
- b) Necessary details of foreign trade data for computation of the UPI' were not available for earlier periods. Because, foreign trade data were not computed in the erstwhile East Pakistan. Computation of foreign trade data had to be organised afresh by the Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics.

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## **Overview**

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## Data Collection

### Data Collection Dates

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1979	1980	N/A

### Data Collection Mode

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### Data Collection Notes

Foreign Trade Statistics of Bangladesh are compiled from the Customs returns. The primary sources for sea-borne trade data are the "Bills of Entry" for imports and "Shipping Bills" and "B" form for exports. For customs clearance, th exporters and importers submit these bills to the customs houses at two sea ports Chittagong and Chalna for every consignment imported into or intended for. export from Bangladesh by Sea, on an average about seven thousand "Bills of Entry" twelve hundred "Shipping Bills" and two thousand "B" forms are received from the two sea ports in each month. The land borne export/import data are compiled from the monthly returns received from customs stations which deal with Border trade with neighbouring countries like India & Nepal. About one thousand land borne trade returns (Bill of Entry of customs return/statements) are received per month. Air-borne trade data are compiled from the air-borne trade returns (Bills of Entry for imports and customs statements for exports) received from the air freight unit of land customs station at Dhaka. Besides these, monthly returns of import/export of goods through postal parcels are received from the customs in foreign post office of Bangladesh. In addition to the above mentioned documents, daily lists of chltagong and Chalna customs houses are used for compilation of import/export data and published in the monthly Advance Releases.

### Questionnaires

### Data Collectors

Name	Abbreviation	Affiliation
Statistics and Informatics Division	SID	Ministry of Planning

## Data Processing

### Data Editing

#### Document collection,

Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics has its own collection units in Chittagong and Chalna customs houses. The staff posted to these units collect the documents and carry them to Dhaka two to three times every month after getting them matched with the daily list and customs entry register. Land borne trade returns are directly received from the concerned land customs stations and air borne trade returns are collected from the air freight unit of land customs stations at Dhaka. Foreign post offices directly forward their returns to the Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics.

#### Classification of commodity & country

The foreign trade statistics of Bangladesh are compiled and classified on the basis of the commodity trade classification of Bangladesh named as Bangladesh Standard Trade Classification-Revised (BS'IC-R) which is based on the SITC-R2. Both of these classifications are arranged into 10 sections, 63 divisions and 233 groups. There are 784 subgroups of the BSTC which include all commodities of international trade. Of these, 435 are further divided into 1573 subsidiary headings to provide additional detail. There are 1924 basic items in the BSTC, and any of these may be further subdivided if desired for national use. Some of the 1924 basic items are further subdivided in the BSTC at the 7 digit level. Recording of imports are made by country of consignment and exports by country of last known destination.

#### Recording of quantity, value and duty

The quantity, value and duty are recorded as they are shown on the trade bills and checked by the customs officials. The weight recorded is the net weight exclusive of the weight of packing or container. Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics follows Metric System for compiling and publishing of quantity of export and import. The missing quantity data are estimated, wherever possible, on the basis of unit value calculated from the reported part of the quantity and value of the same article.

Brussels definition of value (BDV) is usually followed in Bangladesh for the purpose of valuation of exported or imported goods. Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics record the value of import on CIF (Cost, Insurance and freight) basis and that of export on FOB (Free on Board) basis.

### Other Processing

#### Coverage of data

Foreign Trade Statistics includes all goods and commodities which pass through the boundary of customs territory excluding goods such as military goods, gold, etc.

#### Processing of data

After receiving the aforesaid trade bills, proper entry is made in the control register and sorted out according to the data and type of trade. After sorting, the documents are bound in the form of book which is known as batch. Each batch consists of 50-60 bills covering all the bills for a particular date. The batches are distributed among the coders for coding the information. The desired basic information, such as, commodity specified by type, quantity of each commodity according to units prescribed in the BSTC-R, value, duty, importing and exporting country, and other relevant information are coded on the documents. When coding work is completed, the quantity, value and duty are typed from the documents. Total of these sheets are entered in the control register for subsequent matching with the total of computer. When all these formalities are completed, these books are sent to the computer unit for processing of data by the computer. All the relevant data are manually keyed into Diskette. These are subjected to detail 'computer edit for ensuring coverage, accuracy of quantity, value, other duties and taxes, BSTC code, country code, etc. When the data are 'clean' and updated, all desired tabulations are prepared through computer.

#### Tabulation of data

Tabulations are usually made as per Bangladesh Standard Trade Classification-Revised (BSTC-R). Tabulations are also made on the basis of category of goods by different exporting or importing Accounts. Selected monthly Tabulations are published in the monthly statistical Bulletin of BBS.

#### Reference period of data

Foreign Trade Statistics published in this report are on fiscal year basis and thus time reference period is July 1 to June, 30.

## Data Appraisal

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