

Monthly FAEA Report (12/26/2020)

Highlights

Signing Ceremony of Bangladesh-Bhutan Preferential Trade Agreement (BB-PTA) and Celebration of 50 years of Relationship between the two countries was held on 06 December 2020

BFSA: Bangladesh Food Safety Authority published a new Food Safety (Obligation of Food business operators) Regulation 2020

BSTI: A Technical Working group of the Bangladesh Standards and Testing Institution (BSTI) drafted two preliminary BDS and standards documents are uploaded in BSTI webpage for public comments.

Monthly Developments

Food Safety

Bangladesh Food Safety Authority (BFSA):

Food Safety (obligations of food business Operators) regulation for 2020 was formally approved by the Ministry of Law. This regulation includes the mandatory roles and responsibilities of all food business operators and is applicable to FAEA products exported to Bangladesh.

Bangladesh Standards and Testing Institution (BSTI):

A Technical Working group of Bangladesh Standards and Testing Institution (BSTI) drafted two preliminary BDS and standards documents that were uploaded on to the BSTI webpage for public comments and feedback. However, they apply to Quick Frozen French Fries and Cakes (BDS 1574:2012), which are not FAEA represented products. The final draft of the standards documents are available on the BSTI webpage(<http://www.bsti.gov.bd>)

Animal Health and Production

Department of Livestock Services:

No significance changes to report in DAE or PQW (Plant Quarantine Wing) regulations or policies

Department of Agriculture Extension (DAE):

No significance changes to report in DAE or PQW (Plant Quarantine Wing) regulations or policies.

Ministry of Commerce:

Bangladesh signed a duty-free bilateral Preferential Trade Agreement (PTA) with Bhutan in December which is expected to boost trade between both the countries. The products that will get duty free access include a few FAEA's represented products, i.e., milk and milk products and food preparations of soybeans. Bangladesh is expected to sign 11 more PTAs and Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) with different countries including Indonesia and Nepal by June 2021.

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