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Report Highlights:

On May 17, 2023 the Bangladesh Ministry of Agriculture published a special regulatory order amending the Plant Quarantine Rules 2018, thereby allowing the importation of U.S. cotton into Bangladesh without fumigation on-arrival.

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The Plant Quarantine Rules-2018 has been amended as per the following:-

1. Rule 14 will be replaced as follows:-

14. American and U.S. Cotton Imports:

(1) The following conditions should be applied in the case of American cotton imports:

(a) The plant quarantine officer, with the consent of the port authority, shall fumigate them for disinfection within the place specified by the port authority;

(b) No more than 10 (ten) kilogram (kg) samples of American cotton can be imported by air, post office, or courier services and in this case, the concerned airport, post office, or courier services authority should hand it over to the plant quarantine officer to test and fumigate before clearance; and

(c) In the case of transit or transshipment of a partial of or full consignment of American cotton that requires discharge at the port site or on barges, it should be disinfected by fumigation.

(2) The following condition should be applied in case of U.S. cotton imports:

(a) Cotton consignments shall be released in subject to the declaration that they are free from cotton boll weevil (*Anthonomus grandis*) in the phytosanitary certificate issued by the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) for every consignment, and in this case, no fumigation is required;

(b) No more than 10 (ten) kg samples of cotton can be imported by air, post office, or courier services and the consignment can be released subject to the declaration that it is free from cotton boll weevil (*Anthonomus grandis*) in the phytosanitary certificate issued by the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS);

(3) If American cotton, U.S. cotton, and other cotton bales or garments made with cotton are imported on same ship;

(a) For American cotton and other cotton bales or garments made with cotton, sub-rule (1) should be applied;

(b) For U.S. cotton bales or garments made with cotton, sub-rule (2) should be applied;

Explanation:

1. "American cotton" means cotton produced in North- (except the United States of America), South-, and Mid-America and its adjacent islands.
2. "U.S. cotton" means cotton produced in the United States of America

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