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Report Highlights:

On April 4, 2024, the Government of Bangladesh issued a Statutory Regulatory Order (SRO) allowing the bulk import of animal feed ingredients without labels; fixing an issue that was causing tariffs to be applied to shipments of feed ingredients when bulk containers did not have labels in them.

Background

On June 3, 2020, the Government of Bangladesh (GOB) issued a Statutory Regulatory Order (SRO) no. S.R.O. No. 128-Act/2020/79/Customs- that removed tariffs on most feed ingredients. However, since the beginning of 2024, Bangladesh Customs has maintained a strict stance on clearing consignments of animal feed ingredients, including distiller's dried grains with solubles (DDGS) and soybean meal, imported in bulk in containers. Importers were instructed by Customs to label the containers with the product's name and origin, along with a declaration stating its intended use for animal feed, poultry, fish feed, fish farming, or similar purposes to get the duty-free benefit. This directive led to numerous complaints from both exporters and importers regarding the additional duties imposed by Bangladesh Customs. Exporters noted that labeling bulk feed ingredients in containers was not feasible.

On April 4, 2024, the GOB issued a new SRO that exempts animal feed ingredients shipped in bulk in containers from the labeling requirement. This revision allows DDGS and soybean meal shipments to clear Customs duty-free. This new SRO is an amendment of the original SRO published in June 2020.

To get a copy of the official SRO (in Bangla), please follow the link below.

http://www.dpp.gov.bd/upload_file/gazettes/53165_59484.pdf

The unofficial English translations of the original SRO (published in 2020) and the new amended SRO are attached, along with the list of HS codes that are duty-free under the SRO.

Attachments:

[2024 Amendment of SRO-128-English Version.docx](#)

[2020 Original SRO-128 feed Ingredients \(English Version\).docx](#)

[HS Code for duty-free import under the SRO-128.xlsx](#)