

The Cotton Transport Act, 1923

(ACT NO. III OF 1923)

¹♣An Act to provide for the restriction and control of the transport of cotton in certain circumstances.

WHEREAS it is expedient for the purpose of maintaining the quality and reputation of the cotton grown in certain areas in Bangladesh to enable the restriction and control of the transport by rail and the import of cotton into those areas; It is here by enacted as follows:-

Short title and extent

- 1.(1) This Act may be called the Cotton Transport Act, 1923.
- (2) It extends to the whole of Bangladesh.

Definitions

2. In this Act, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context,-
 - (a) "certified copy", in relation to a licence, means a copy of the licence certified in the manner described in section 76 of the Evidence Act, 1872, by the authority by which the licence was granted;
 - (b) "cotton" means every kind of unmanufactured cotton, that is to say, ginned and unginned cotton, cotton waste and cotton seed;
 - (c) "cotton waste" means droppings, strippings, fly and other waste products of a cotton-mill other than yarn waste;
 - (d) "licence" means a licence granted under this Act;
 - (e) "notified station" means a railway station specified in a notification under section 3;
 - (f) "prescribed" means prescribed by rules made under this Act; and
 - (g) "protected area" means an area into which the import of cotton or of any kind of cotton has been prohibited wholly or partly by a notification under section 3.

**Power to
issue
notification
prohibiting
import of
cotton into
protected
area**

3.(1) The Government may, for the purpose of maintaining the quality or reputation of the cotton grown in any area in ²[Bangladesh], by notification in the official Gazette, prohibit the import of cotton or of any specified kind of cotton into that area by rail, road, river and sea, or by any one or more of such routes save under, and in accordance with the conditions of, a licence:

Provided that no such notification shall be deemed to prohibit the import into any protected area of packages containing any kind of cotton and not exceeding ten pounds avoirdupois weight.

(2) Any such notification may prohibit the delivery to, and the taking of delivery by, any person, at any specified railway station situated in the protected area, of any cotton, the import of which by rail into that area is prohibited when such cotton has been consigned from a railway station not situated in that area, unless such person holds a licence for the import by rail of the cotton into that area.

**Refusal to
carry
unlicensed
cotton**

4.(1) Notwithstanding anything contained in the Railways Act, 1890, or any other law for the time being in force, the station master of any railway station or any other railway servant responsible for the booking of goods or parcels at that station may refuse to receive for carriage at or to forward or allow to be carried on the railway from, that station any cotton consigned to a notified station, being cotton of a kind of which the delivery at such notified station has been prohibited unless both stations are in the same protected area, or unless the consignor, produces a certified copy of a licence for the import of the cotton by rail into the protected area in which such notified station is situated.

(2) Every certified copy of a licence when so produced shall be attached to the invoice or way-bill, as the case may be, and shall accompany the consignment to its destination, and shall there be dealt with in the prescribed manner.

(3) [Omitted by section 3 and 2nd Schedule of the Bangladesh Laws (Revision And Declaration) Act, 1973 (Act No. VIII of 1973).]