

ADDENDUM TO MODE OF OPERATION OF BORDER HAATS ACROSS THE BORDER BETWEEN BANGLADESH AND INDIA

Whereas, on October 23, 2010, the Government of India and the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh (hereinafter referred to as "parties") entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (along with Mode of Operation of Border Haats) to promote the wellbeing of the people dwelling in remote areas across the borders of two countries, by establishing border haats at selected areas;

Whereas, this Memorandum of Understanding and Mode of Operation of Border Haats remains in force and effect, and

Whereas, the said parties now have agreed to make an addendum to the Mode of Operation to facilitate Border Haats.

Now, therefore, the parties hereto agree as follows:

For the purpose of mutual benefits of the Parties, article 3 and article 14 of the Mode of Operation of Border Haats are amended and will read as follows.

Article 3 Commodities

1. Following commodities produced in Bangladesh/ India will be allowed to be traded in the Border Haats:

- (a) Vegetables, food items, fruits, spices;
- (b) Minor forest produce e.g. bamboo, bamboo grass, and broom stick but excluding timber;
- (c) Products of cottage industries like Gamcha, Lungi etc;
- (d) Small agriculture household implements e.g. dao, plough, axe, spade, chisel, etc;
- (e) Garments, melamine products, processed food items, fruit juice, toiletries, cosmetics, plastic products, aluminium products, cookeries.

2. The list of items allowed for trade in designated Border Haats may be expanded/modified by mutual consent. The vendees may offer immediate consumption items of snack foods/juices as may be allowed by the haat management committee.

Article 14 Medium of exchange

The commodities will be allowed to be exchanged in the designated Border Haats in local currency and/or barter basis. Each individual will be allowed to

Purchase only as much of the commodities produced in Bangladesh/ India which are reasonable for bona-fide personal/family consumption. Estimated value of such purchases shall not be more than respective local currency equivalent of US\$ 100 (One hundred) for any

particular day. This limit may be re-fixed by mutual consent. The regulations relating to foreign exchange will be suspended in the designated Border Haats. The notifications issued to this effect will be exchanged through diplomatic channels.

The Addendum to the Mode of Operation of Border Haats shall enter into force from the date of its signing and remain in force till the validity of the MOU.

IN WITNESS WHERE OF, the undersigned duly authorized thereto by their respective Governments have signed this addendum to MOU.

Signed on 15th day of May 2012, in two originals in English Language.

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