



# FISH IMPORTER'S ASSOCIATION

for fish connoisseurs from beyond borders...

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To  
Janab Touhid Hossain  
Hon'ble Adviser  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
Government of Bangladesh  
Dhaka, Bangladesh

**Subject: Request to allow Bangladesh's export of Hlsha Fish for the upcoming Durga Puja-2025.**

Dear Sir,

Most humbly and respectfully this is to inform you that last year due to your kind intervention your office granted permission for export of 2420 Metric Tons of Hilsha Fish to India. "Aei paarer Baanglar manush aapnar kache gobheer bhabe kritoggo". Poddar ilish is a delicacy for the connoisseurs of Fish in West Bengal, Assam and Tripura.

As the countdown for Durga Puja-2025 has begun we would request you to please allow export of Hilsha Fish for the upcoming Durga Puja. It may please be noted that this year Durga Puja falls in the month of September 2025 instead of October 2025.

Sir, last year out of 2420 Metric Tons of Hilsha fish permission granted by your Office, only 577 Metric Tons of Hilsha Fish could be exported. Similar situations rose in the previous year's also. Please find data of actual Hilsha Fish export from Bangladesh for the last 6 consecutive years, mentioned herein below:-

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>QUANTITY PERMITTED</u>	<u>QUANTITY EXPORTED</u>
SEPTEMBER 2019	500 MT	500 MT
SEPTEMBER 2020	1850 MT	1850 MT
SEPTEMBER 2021	4600 MT	1200 MT
SEPTEMBER 2022	2900 MT	1300 MT
SEPTEMBER 2023	3950 MT	587 MT
SEPTEMBER 2024	2420 MT	577 MT

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It would be worthy to note that almost every year we failed to consume the full quantity of Hilsha Fish permitted due to the reason that the export permits are time bound, like the entire quantity have to be exported within 30 to 45 days time. Such time frame is actually insufficient for exporting such a huge quantity. As such we may suggest you and also request you to please consider giving Hilsha fish export permissions without any time frame. Your early sanctioning of the permission will also be a booster. These steps will definitely lead to maximum exports.

Sir, we would also like to invite your kind attention towards the fact that most of the Exporter's who get permits for Hilsha Fish export are not from the Fish industry. Consequently they end up not exporting even a kilogram of Hilsha fish. For them getting Hilsha fish export permission from the Government is like a reward or like lottery which they try to encash by passing it to another Exporter from the Fish industry. This creates lot of unnecessary buzz.

Under such circumstances we seek your kind intervention to allow export of Hilsha Fish for the upcoming Durga Puja-2025 and do the needful and oblige. We congratulate the current Government for successfully completing ONE YEAR and many more to come. With our good wishes we are looking forward towards *notun Bangladesh* with stronger bilateral ties with our country.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Yours Faithfully,

**for FISH IMPORTER'S ASSOCIATION**

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