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**DENMARK
and
BANGLADESH**

**Agreement concerning a pilot scheme in the field of rice
drying (with plan of operation). Signed at Dacca on
26 August 1972**

Authentic text: English.

Registered by Denmark on 21 March 1973.

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**Accord relatif à un projet pilote en matière de séchage du riz
(avec plan d'opérations). Signé à Dacca le 26 août 1972**

Texte authentique : anglais.

Enregistré par le Danemark le 21 mars 1973.

AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF DENMARK AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH CONCERNING A PILOT SCHEME IN THE FIELD OF RICE DRYING

Introduction. With reference to the General Agreement regarding technical assistance between Bangladesh and Denmark signed on the 26th of August, 1972,² and in pursuance of the aims and objectives of that Agreement, the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh and the Government of Denmark have agreed to co-operate in a pilot project concerning the introduction of mechanical rice drying.

Article I. The objectives of the pilot project will be:

- i) to assess the effectiveness of different types and sizes of rice driers,
- ii) to estimate the economics of mechanical rice drying, namely the expenses and probable economic advantages in the introduction of such driers vis-a-vis the traditional methods,
- iii) to examine at which level in the rice production and rice processing such driers can most profitably be introduced,
- iv) to determine the facilities to be extended to those engaged in rice production and/or processing in order to motivate them to utilize mechanical driers.

Article II. The maximum commitments of the Government of Denmark under this Agreement are:

- (a) to supply different types of rice driers with spare parts and to bear the local costs in connection with the installation and the operation of the driers, all up to Danish kroner 950,000,
- (b) to supply two vehicles for transport of equipment and personnel,
- (c) to recruit and provide two Danish experts, an agronomist and a mechanical engineer for three years,
- (d) to grant fellowships for the two counterparts or two other suitable persons for studies abroad in the field of rice drying.

Article III. The minimum commitments of the Government of Bangladesh under this Agreement are:

- (a) to recruit and pay the salaries of two counterparts for the Danish experts for three years,
- (b) to supply two qualified drivers for the project vehicles throughout the project period,
- (c) to extend to the Danish experts all the privileges mentioned in the General Agreement on technical assistance of 26th August, 1972, article IV,
- (d) to arrange for the import and transport of the equipment supplied by the Government of Denmark in accordance with article V of the General Agreement on technical assistance of 26th August, 1972.

Article IV. Delivery of the items mentioned under article II and III and the service of the experts, counterparts and personnel mentioned under the same articles will take

¹ Came into force on 26 August 1972 by signature, in accordance with article VIII.

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 863, No. 1-12380.

place in accordance with the stipulations laid down in a Plan of Operation agreed upon by the two parties.

Article V. The items provided by the Government of Denmark will become the property of the Government of Bangladesh upon the completion of the project. As long as the Danish experts are working in Bangladesh, the two vehicles will be at the entire disposal of the Danish team.

Article VI. The Government of Bangladesh will ensure that the equipment donated by the Government of Denmark, after the completion of the project, will continue to be used for the purpose for which it is intended.

Article VII. A continuation and expansion of the project may be mutually agreed upon by the two parties before the expiry of this Agreement.

Article VIII. The present Agreement shall enter into force on the date of its signature and shall remain in force till the 31st of December, 1975. The Agreement may be terminated at any time by either party giving six months notice in writing to the other party.

The present Agreement may be amended by exchange of letters.

DONE in Dacca on this the 26th day of August, 1972 in two originals in the English language, both texts being equally authentic.

For the Government of Denmark:

HANS JESPERSEN
Head of Department

For the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh:

SALAHUDDIN AHMED
Secretary

PLAN OF OPERATION

1. The implementation of the project will be the responsibility of the Directorate of Agriculture, Ministry of Agriculture, Government of Bangladesh, and the Danish International Development Agency, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Denmark.

2. The project will be carried through in three phases:

- i) Initial survey and consultation between the two parties on the basis of which a specific geographic area is selected for the pilot project.
- ii) Purchase, delivery and installation in the selected area of a smaller quantity of various types of rice driers suitable for the country; a period of experimental operation; selection of the type of drier which seems most suitable.
- iii) Purchase, delivery and testing of larger quantity of driers of the selected type in different parts of Bangladesh.

3. It is the aim of the two parties to start the project as soon as possible. To fulfil this objective the following time schedule has been agreed upon:

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| i) Arrival of Danish experts and appointment of counterparts | Sept/Oct 1972 |
| ii) Delivery in Bangladesh of vehicles (possibly from Singapore) | Sept/Oct 1972 |
| iii) Selection of geographical area | Ult. Oct 1972 |
| iv) Delivery in Bangladesh of small quantity of different driers | Nov/Dec 1972 |
| v) Testing of driers (1st phase) | Jan/Dec 1973 |

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| vi) | Delivery of larger quantity of selected drier | March/May 1974 |
| vii) | Installation of these driers in different parts of Bangladesh | April/Jun 1974 |
| viii) | Testing of the driers for one year | Jun 74/April 1975 |
| ix) | Final collection of results; writing of report | April/Jun 1975 |
| x) | End of project | July 1975 |