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### **Prohibitory Order under Section 163 BNSS, 2023**

#### ***Against Illegal Transportation and Sale of Fish Imported from Bangladesh in East Khasi Hills***

**Shillong, February 02, 2026:** The i/c District Magistrate, East Khasi Hills District, Shillong has under Section 163 BNSS, 2023 issued a Prohibitory Order prohibiting the transportation, storage, sale or distribution of fish illegally imported from Bangladesh without valid legal documents, using of any vehicle, vessel, boat, or conveyance, assisting, harbouring, or facilitating individuals or groups involved in such illegal activities within the jurisdiction of East Khasi Hills district.

This Order has been issued in view of reports received that illegal transportation of fish from Bangladesh is taking place through various border routes, riverine channels, roads, and market points within the state, and such illegal items may enter the district through various channels. Further, such illegal transportation and entry of unregulated fish is a violation of Customs, Import-Export, and other relevant Food Safety regulations including the potential of introducing diseased or restricted species. The Order also states that such illegal, unchecked and uncertified sale and distribution of these foreign-origin fish pose a serious risk to public health and sanitation, negatively impact the bio-security of local aquatic ecosystem and cause economic loss to legitimate fish traders and the State Government.

Any person violating this Order shall be liable for action under Section 223 of the BNS, 2023 and other relevant provisions of law including the Customs Act, Foreigners Act, Passport Act etc.

This Order shall come into force with immediate effect and until further orders.