

Cooking Ingredients and Meals in Bangladesh

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Consumer preferences become increasingly international

Higher unit costs dampen the popularity of health and wellness cooking ingredients and meals

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Growing demand among most socioeconomic groups as product variety develops

Widening distribution of cooking ingredients and meals over the forecast period

Growing variety of lower cost local products characterises the industry

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Bangladesh Edible Oil Ltd leads the industry thanks to the popularity of edible oils

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Unit price rises and growth in local production subdue demand over the forecast period

Product innovation is rare over the forecast period

Policy support needed to foster fair competition over the forecast period

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Bangladesh Edible Oil Company Ltd retains the lead in edible oils

Unpackaged edible oils remain popular among the country's low socioeconomic groups despite potential health risks and availability of fortified low cost

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Soup remains the dominant category in meals and soups

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