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**DETERMINATION OF CUSTOMS VALUES OF CAUSTIC SODA FLAKES UNDER
SECTION 25-A OF THE CUSTOMS ACT, 1969**

(VALUATION RULING No. 852/2016)

No. Reg. Misc/01/2008-II

Dated: 16-05-2016

In exercise of the powers conferred under Section 25-A of the Customs Act, 1969 Customs values of Caustic Soda Flakes are determined as follows:-

2. Background of the valuation issue: Since the earlier customs values of Caustic Soda Flakes were determined more than two years ago through Valuation Ruling No. 654/2014 dated 27-03-2014 a re-determination of customs values of these goods was deemed necessary to reflect the current price trend of these goods in the international markets. This prompted an exercise to re-determine the customs values of Caustic Soda Flakes.

3. Stakeholders' participation in determination of customs values: Meeting with stake holders and local manufacture was held on 04-05-2016, to discuss the current International prices of subject goods. The view point of all participants was heard in detail and considered to arrive at customs value for subject goods.

4. Method adopted to determine Customs values: Valuation methods given in Section 25 of the Customs Act, 1969 were examined to ascertain which methods were applicable to the valuation issue in hand in terms of Section 25A(I) of the Act. Transaction value method provided in Section 25 (I) was found inapplicable because the sufficient information with respect to adjustments to be made to the transaction value in terms of Section 25(2) was not available. Identical/similar goods value methods provided in Section 25(5) & (6) were examined for applicability to the valuation issue in the instant case. These methods furnished unreliable values and were not found applicable. Local market enquiry in terms of Section 25(7) of the Customs Act, 1969, was also conducted. Since the manufacturers' costs of producing the goods in question in the country of exportation were not available. Computed value method as provided in Section 25(8) could not be applied for valuation of the aforesaid goods. International Chemical Magazine were Consulted as to know the prevailing international prices of subject items. After scrutiny of the information and records furnished by the local Manufacture and importers Custom value are determined under Subsection (9) of the customs Act, 1969.

5. Customs values of Caustic Soda Flakes: Customs values of Caustic Soda Flakes hereinafter shall be assessed to duty/taxes at the customs values mentioned be low:-

S. No.	Description	HS Code	Proposed PCT for WEBOC	Origin	Customs Values (C&F) US\$/Kg
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
1.	Sodium Hydroxide (Caustic Soda Flakes)	2815.1100	2815.1100.1000	Saudi Arabia	0.50
		2815.1100	2815.1100.1100	Iran by land Route	0.43
		2815.1100	2815.1100.1200	Kuwait	0.45
		2815.1100	2815.1100.1300	Other Middle East origin	0.45
		2815.1100	2815.1100.1400	Taiwan	0.48
		2815.1100	2815.1100.1500	Korea	0.48
		2815.1100	2815.1100.1600	Japan	0.60

		2815.1100	2815.1100.1700	China	0.47
		2815.1100	2815.1100.1800	Other Far East origin	0.55
		2815.1100	2815.1100.1900	Europe	0.50
2.	Sodium Hydroxide (Caustic Soda CH6 Oval Shape)	2815.1100	2815.1100.2000	Japan	2.68

6. In cases where declared/ transaction values are higher than the Customs values determined in this Ruling, the assessing officers shall apply those values in terms of Sub-Section (1) of Section 25 of the Customs Act, 1969. In case of consignments imported by air, the assessing officer shall take into account the differential between air freight and sea freight while applying the Customs values determined in this Ruling. The Customs Value determined in the ruling are for the descriptions and specification as mentioned herein. HS Codes are mentioned for illustrative Purposes so that Valuation Ruling values are made accessible to the assessing officers. The assessment shall be finalized in the correct classification after fulfilling requisite formalities relating to importability or any other certifications required thereon.

7. **Validity of this Valuation Ruling:** The values determined vide this Ruling shall be the applicable Customs value for assessment of subject imported goods until and unless it is rescinded or revised by the competent authority in terms of Sub-Sections (1) or (3) of Section 25-A of the Customs Act, 1969. fealty

8. **Revision of the value determined vide this Valuation Ruling:** A revision petition may be filed against this Ruling, as provided under Section 25 -D of the Customs Act, 1969, within 30 days from the date of issue of this ruling, before the Director General, Directorate General of Customs Valuation, 7th Floor, Custom House, Karachi. The Collectors of Customs may kindly ensure that the values given in the Ruling for the given description of goods are applied by the concerned staff without fail. Any anomaly observed may kindly be brought to the notice of Directorate General immediately.

10. ***This ruling supersedes Valuation Ruling No. 654/2014, dated 27-03-2014.***

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Director

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11. Directors, Intelligence & Investigation, Karachi / Lahore / Islamabad/ Quetta Peshawar/ Faisalabad.
12. Director, Directorate of Customs Valuation (Camp Office), Lahore.
13. Deputy Director (HQ), Directorate General of Customs Valuation, Karachi, for uploading in One Customs & WeBOC database system and deleting Valuation Ruling No. 654/2014, dated 27-03-2014 from the system on the date of issue of this ruling.
14. Chairman (Valuation Committee), FPCC&I, Federation House, Clifton, Karachi.
15. Chambers of Commerce & Industry, Karachi, Lahore, Islamabad, Hyderabad, Quetta & Peshawar.

16. Law Section, Customs Valuation, 7th Floor, Custom House, Karachi.
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