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Determination of Customs Values of Sodium Sulphate Anhydrous under Section 25-A of the Customs Act, 1969

(VALUATION RULING No. 891/2016)

No. Misc/09/2010-II

Dated: 27-07-2016

In exercise of powers conferred under Section 25-A of the Customs Act, 1969, Customs values of Sodium Sulphate Anhydrous are determined as follows:

2. Background of the valuation issue: A number of provisional relies cases were referred by the clearance collect orates, also representation by commercial importers and PCDMA were received for revision of Valuation Ruling No. 802/2016 dated 22-01-2016 as they contended that the values of the subject item have fallen in the international market hence the existing valuation ruling, which is over 90 days old be revised in light of honorable court orders. An exercise was therefore undertaken to re-determine the Customs Values of Sodium Sulphate Anhydrous, In terms of Section 25-A of the Customs Act, 1969.

3. Stakeholders' participation in determination of Customs values: Meeting in this regard was held on 27-07-2016 with all the stakeholders of subject goods including PCDMA and representatives of clearance Collect orate who participated in the meetings.

4. Method adopted to determine Customs values: Valuation methods provided in Section 25 of the Customs Act, 1969 were duly applied in their regular sequential order to address the particular valuation issue at hand. The transaction value method as provided in Sub-Section (1) of Section 25, found inapplicable due to the variation in the declared import prices of various importers at import stage, hence requisite information required under law was not available to arrive at the correct transaction value. Identical/similar goods value method provided vide Sub-Sections (5) & (6) of Section 25 ibid were examined for applicability to determine Customs value of subject goods, this data provided some references, however, it was found that the same cannot be solely relied upon due to the absence of absolute demonstrable evidence of qualities, and quantities of commercial level etc., and also it was observed that importers usually provided misleading description while declaring goods, as other types and varieties of similar goods to avoid the application of valuation ruling. Information available was, hence, found inappropriate. In line with the statutory sequential order of Section 25, this office then conducted a market inquiry using Deductive Value Method under Sub-Section (7) of the Section 25 of the Customs Act, 1969, however, it was found that the determination of Customs value could not be based solely upon this method either. Therefore, valuation method provided vide Section 25 (8) of Customs Act 1969, could not be applied as the conversion cost from constituent materials and allied expenses, at country of export were are not available. Finally, Pral database, market information and international prices through Web were examined thoroughly. All the information so gathered was analyzed for determination of Customs Value of the subject good. Consequently, the Fall Back Method as provided under section 25(9) of the Customs Act, 1969 was applied to arrive assessable customs values of Sodium Sulphate Anhydrous.

5. Customs values for Sodium Sulphate Anhydrous: Sodium Sulphate Anhydrous of various origins hereinafter specified shall be assessed to duty / taxes at the following Customs Values:-

S. No.	Description of Goods	PCT	Proposed PCT for WeBOC	Origin	Customs Value (C&F)
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					US\$/Kg
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
01	Sodium Sulphate Anhydrous	2833.1100	2833.1100.1000	China and Taiwan	0.110
02	Sodium Sulphate Anhydrous	2833.1100	2833.1100.2000	India	0.119
03	Sodium Sulphate Anhydrous	2833.1100	2833.1100.3000	India via Land Route	0.115
04	Sodium Sulphate Anhydrous	2833.1100	2833.1100.4000	Other Origins	0.130

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 Custom values determined in the Valuation Ruling are for the descriptions and specifications 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 classifications after fulfilling request formalities relating to importability or 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.

8. **Revision of the value determined vide this Valuation Ruling:** This Valuation Ruling is appealable under the law and a revision petition may be filed against this Ruling, 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.

9. 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. 802/2016 dated 22-01-2016*

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- Director in One Customs & WeBOC database system and deleting Valuation Ruling No. 507/2012 dated 20-12-2012.
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