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Determination of Customs Values of Contact Lenses Under Section 25-A of the Customs Act, 1969

(VALUATION RULING No. 904/2016)

No. Misc/12/2013-VIII (B)/IX/9222

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In exercise of the powers conferred under Section 25-A of the Customs Act, 1969, Customs values of Contact Lenses without power are determined as follows:-

2. Background of the valuation issue: Customs values of Contact Lenses were determined vide Valuation Ruling No.681/2014, dated 03-09-2014. The previous Valuation Ruling required revision in line with the prevailing prices in the international market. Therefore, this Directorate General initiated an exercise for determination of customs values for Contact Lenses.

3. Stakeholders' participation in determination of Customs values: Meeting with stakeholders was held on 21-07-2016 and 04-08-2016. The importers were also requested to furnish the following documents:-

- A. Invoices of imports during last three months showing factual value.
- B. Websites, names and E-mail addresses of known foreign manufacturers of the item in question through which the actual current value can be ascertained.
- C. Copies of Contracts made / LCs opened during the last three months showing the value of item in question.
- D. Copies of Sales Tax Invoices issued during last four months showing the difference in price (excluding duty and taxes) to substantiate that the benefit of difference in price is passed on to the local buyers.

4. The meeting was attended by different importers. The importers, during the meeting, were of the view that the prices of the subject commodity have not increased in the international market. They claimed that the market values of the contact lenses were equivalent to, rather less than the values determined vide previous Valuation Ruling. However, they could not submit any corroboratory evidence/documents in support of their contentions. The importers also contended that there should not be made any differentiation between contact lenses with power and/or without power. They also requested that conventional/ yearly category was not being imported, and hence may be deleted from the Valuation Ruling.

5. Method adopted to determine Customs values: Valuation methods given in Section 25 of the Customs Act, 1969 were followed to arrive at fair value of Contact Lenses. Transaction value method provided in Section 25 (1) was found inapplicable owing to wide variation in the values being declared to the customs and incomplete descriptions. Identical/ similar goods value methods provided in Section 25(5) & (6) were examined for applicability to the valuation issue in the instant case which provided some reference values of the subject goods but the same could not be exclusively relied on due to wide variation in declared values of subject goods. Thereafter, market enquiry, as envisaged under Section 25(7) of the Customs Act, 1969, was conducted. Online prices were also obtained to corroborate the finding of the market surveys. Computed Value Method as provided in Section 25 (8) could not be applied for valuation of the aforementioned goods as the cost of raw material and fabrication charges under clause (a) and amount of profit and general expenses under clause (b) of Section 25 (8) of the Act, in the country of export, could not be ascertained. All the information so

gathered was evaluated and analyzed for the purpose of determination of customs values of Contact Lenses, under Section 25 (9) of the Customs Act, 1969.

6. Customs values for Contact Lenses: Contact Lenses hereinafter specified shall be assessed to duty/taxes at the following Customs Values:-

S. No.	Description	PCT Code	Proposed PCT for WEBOC	Origin	Category	Customs Values (C&F) US\$/Pair
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
1.	Contact Lenses	9001.3000	9001.3000.1000	China	Daily/One day use	0.55
2.			9001.3000.1100		Monthly/Frequent replacement	1.10
3.			9001.3000.1200		Conventional/Yearly	2.20
4.			9001.3000.1300	Korea/Singapore/Indonesia/Philippine	Daily/One day use	0.85
5.			9001.3000.1400		Monthly/Frequent replacement	1.70
6.			9001.3000.1500		Conventional/Yearly	2.8
7.			9001.3000.1600	USA/ Europe/Australia	Daily/One day use	1.0
8.			9001.3000.1700		Monthly/Frequent replacement	2.0
9.			9001.3000.1800		Conventional/Yearly	3.3

7. 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 or in case of import through Land Customs Stations, the differential amount between the Sea freight and land transport charges while applying the Customs values determined in this Ruling.

8. 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.

9. 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.

10. The Collectors of Customs may kindly ensure that the values given in this Valuation 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 this Directorate General immediately. Customs values determined in the ruling are for the description and specification as mentioned in the tables above of this Ruling. HS Codes are mentioned for illustrative purposes so that valuation ruling values are made accessible to the assessing officers. The assessment shall be finalized on the basis of correct classification after fulfilling requisite formalities related to importability or any other certification

required thereon. In addition to this, it is further necessary to verify that there is no mis-declaration of any sort or violation of Import Policy Order or Section 15 of the Customs Act, 1969 or any other law in vogue therein.

11. This Valuation Ruling supersedes Valuation Ruling No. 681/2014, dated 03-09-2014.

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Director

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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. 861/2014, dated 03-09-2015.
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.
17. Review Section, Customs Valuation, 7th Floor, Custom House, Karachi.
18. Karachi Customs Agents Group, Bohri Road, Karachi.
19. CHO, Customs Valuation, Custom House, Karachi.
20. Notice Board, Customs Valuation 7th Floor, Custom House, Karachi / MCC, Appraisement, (East/West), Custom House, Karachi.
21. Webmaster, Federal Board of Revenue, Constitution Avenue, Islamabad, for uploading FBR website and deleting Valuation Ruling No. 861/2014, dated 03-09-2014.
22. Guard File.