

(This Ruling has been revised / superseded vide Valuation Ruling No. 1165/2017 dated 19-05-2017)

**GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN
DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF CUSTOMS VALUATION
CUSTOM HOUSE KARACHI**

The Collectors of Customs, Model Customs Collectorates, Appraisement (East / West) / Port Qasim / Preventive, Karachi / Lahore (Appraisement / Preventive) / Sambrial (Sialkot) / Faisalabad / Multan / Islamabad / Hyderabad / Quetta / Peshawar / Gawadar / Gilgit-Baltistan.

**DETERMINATION OF CUSTOMS VALUES OF SWITCHES AND SOCKETS UNDER
SECTION 25-A OF THE CUSTOMS ACT, 1969**

(VALUATION RULING No. 993/2016)

No. Misc/11/2013-VII

Dated: 14th December, 2016

In exercise of the powers conferred under Section 25-A of the Customs Act, 1969, Customs values of Switches and Sockets are determined as follows:-

2. Background of the valuation issue: Customs values of Switches and Sockets were determined under Section 25A of the Customs Act, 1969, vide Valuation Ruling No. 652/2014, dated 27-03-2014. The 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 of Switches and Sockets.

3. Stakeholders' participation in determination of Customs values: A meeting with stakeholders was held on 27-09-2016. Importers had been requested to furnish the following documents before or during the course of meeting:

- 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.

The meeting was attended by the importers and representatives of Pakistan Electrical & Electric Merchants Association and the officers from field formations. However, no documents were submitted in this Directorate General by any stakeholder on or even after the said scheduled meeting.

4. During the course of meeting, the importers were of the view that the values of Switches & Sockets have considerably reduced in the international market as compared to the values determined in the existing valuation ruling, therefore, the values may not be increased. However, importers did not submit import invoices, sales tax invoices, literature, representative samples, evidences and other relevant requisite import documents in support of their contentions. They requested that market inquiry shall be conducted from Bolton market / Marriott Road, Karachi. The request was acceded to. The importers agreed that work back values obtained from a market inquiry from the market where these Switches & Sockets are traded will actually reflect correct values. Many samples from venders and shops of Bolton Market/ Marriott Road, opposite KMC Head Office, M.A. Jinnah Road, Karachi were obtained.

5. Method adopted to determine Customs values: Valuation methods given in Section 25 of the Customs Act, 1969 were followed to arrive at customs values of Switches & Sockets. Transaction value method provided in Section 25(1) was found inapplicable owing to wide variation in the values

being declared to the customs. 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 upon 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. For the purpose, different markets were surveyed repeatedly. All the information so gathered was evaluated and analyzed for the purpose of determination of customs values. Consequently, the Customs values of Switches & Sockets have been determined under Section 25(7) of the Customs Act, 1969.

6. Customs Values for Switches & Sockets: Switches & Sockets as *specified herein* shall be assessed to duty/ taxes at the Customs values given are as under:-

S. No.	Description	PCT Code	Proposed PCT for WEBOC	Origins	Customs Values US\$/ Per KG
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
1	Switches & Sockets	8521.9090	8521.9090.1000	China	2
2			8521.9090.1100	Europe/ Japan/ USA/ Canada	6
3			8521.9090.1200	Other Origins	4

7. In cases where declared/transaction values are higher than the Customs values determined in this Valuation 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 element of air freight while assessing the goods.

8. Validity of this Valuation Ruling: The values determined vide this Valuation 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 Valuation 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 this Valuation 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.

10. This Ruling supersedes Valuation Ruling No. 652/2014 dated 27-03-2014.

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