

*(This Ruling has been revised / superseded vide Valuation Ruling No. 1305/2018 dated 21-05-2018)*

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

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

**DETERMINATION OF CUSTOMS VALUES OF SODIUM LAURYL ETHER SULPHATE  
AND SODIUM LAURYL SULPHATE UNDER SECTION 25-A OF THE CUSTOMS ACT,  
1969**

**(VALUATION RULING No. 1018/2017)**

No. Misc/02/2014-II

Dated: 23<sup>rd</sup> January, 2017

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

**2. Background of the valuation issue:** The values of the Sodium Lauryl Ether Sulphate and Sodium Lauryl Sulphate were earlier determined vide Valuation Ruling No. 800/2016 dated 22.01.2016. There were several representations from different importers/ traders and Pakistan Chemicals and Dyes Merchants Association (PCDMA) for determination of customs value of the Sodium Lauryl Ether Sulphate and Sodium Lauryl Sulphate. Hence, existing valuation ruling which is over one year old is required to be revised in the light of honorable High Court of Sind. at Karachi's orders dated 10.11.2015 in Constitutional Petition No. D- 6918/2015. Since 90 days have passed and representations were received from commercial importers regarding / values, determined in afore mentioned valuation ruling, an exercise was initiated to re-determine the values of Sodium Lauryl Ether Sulphate and Sodium Lauryl Sulphate in the light of international price trend, in terms of Section 25-A of the Customs Act, 1969.

**3. Stakeholders' participation in determination of Customs values:** Meeting with all the stakeholders including importers, trade bodies i.e. Pakistan Chemicals and Dyes Merchant Association (PCDMA) and representatives from clearance Collect orates was held on 21.01.2017 to discuss the current international prices of Sodium Lauryl Ether Sulphate and Sodium Lauryl Sulphate. The view point of all participants was heard in detail and considered to arrive at Customs value for Sodium Lauryl Ether Sulphate and Sodium Lauryl Sulphate. The unit values, of the subject chemicals are determined with consent of the local manufacturers commercial importers and Pakistan Chemicals and Dyes Merchants Association.

**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 in light of the wide variety of invoices submitted at import stage the veracity of which could not be ascertained fully, 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 re lied 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 another 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 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 no t 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 the Sodium Lauryl Ether Sulphate and Sodium Lauryl Sulphate.

**5. Customs values for Sodium Lauryl Ether Sulphate and Sodium Lauryl Sulphate;;** Sodium Lauryl Ether Sulphate and Sodium Lauryl Sulphate *hereinafter specified* shall be assessed to duty / taxes at the following Customs Values:-

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Origin</b>	<b>PCT</b>	<b>Proposed PCT for WEBOC</b>	<b>Customs Values US\$/ KG (C&amp;F)</b>
<b>(01)</b>	<b>(02)</b>	<b>(03)</b>	<b>(04)</b>	<b>(05)</b>	<b>(06)</b>
01	Sodium Lauryl Ether Sulphate	China	3402.1190	3402.1190.1000	1.40
		India	3402.1190	3402.1190.1100	1.42
		All other origins	3402.1190	3402.1190.1200	1.45
02	Sodium Lauryl Ether Sulphate	China	3402.1190	3402.1190.1000	1.50
		India	3402.1190	3402.1190.1100	1.60
		All other origins	3402.1190	3402.1190.1200	1.65

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, 7<sup>th</sup> 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 Nos. 800/2016 dated 22.01.2016.*

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