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DETERMINATION OF CUSTOMS VALUES OF UNCOATED OFFSET PAPER FOR WRITING, PRINTING AND PHOTOCOPY UNDER SECTION 25-A OF THE CUSTOMS ACT, 1969.

(VALUATION RULING NO. 1532/2021)

C. No. Misc/26/2010-III/374

Dated: 27th May, 2021

In exercise of the powers conferred under Section 25-A of the Customs Act, 1969, the custom values of Uncoated Offset paper for Writing, Printing and Photocopy are determined as follows:

2. Background of the valuation issue: Earlier Custom values of Uncoated Offset paper for Writing, Printing and Photocopy were determined vide Valuation Ruling 1458/2020 dated 20.07.2020. During data analysis, it was observed that prices of said item has been showing upward trend in international market. Therefore, an exercise was initiated in this Directorate to re-determine the customs values of Uncoated Offset paper for Writing, Printing and Photocopy under Section 25-A of the Customs Act, 1969.

3. Stakeholders' participation in determination of Customs values: Meeting with all stakeholders, trade bodies including representatives of clearance Collectorates was held in this Directorate General on 01-04-2021. The importers/stakeholders were requested to submit their proposals/suggestions as well as following documents before or during the course of stakeholders' meeting so that Customs values could be determined:

- i. Invoices of import during last three months showing factual values
- ii Websites, names and E-mail addresses of known foreign manufacturers of the item in question through which the actual current value can be ascertained.
- iii. Copies of Contracts made / LCs opened during the last three months showing the value of item in question.
- iv. 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 importers and stakeholders and their points of view were heard in detail to arrive at custom values of subject goods. During the meeting it was unanimously agreed by all importers that value of said paper has increased in international market. M/s Aqeel Ahmed Associates on behalf of various importers intimated that prices of Uncoated Offset paper for Writing, Printing and Photocopy have increased in international market and accordingly, the values be revised in the VR. They also provided documentary evidences in support of their claim. The importers also pointed that prices of papers of different kinds are published in weekly 'Paper Business bulletin' and the department can gauge the import value from the prices published therein. The publication is an independent source where prices of paper of various types, as sold in Pakistan, are given and this is an excellent substitute of market surveys. The prices of paper as given in said publication, documents submitted and the argument advanced during meeting were considered to arrive at Custom Values of subject paper.

5. Methods 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 arrive at customs value of subject goods. The Transaction value method as provided in sub-section (1) of Section 25 of the Customs Act, 1969, was found inapplicable because no substantial documents were provided by the stakeholders to prove that their declared values were true transactional values. Moreover, different values were declared by different importers for same product according to different origins. Identical/similar goods value methods provided in Sections 25(5) & (6) *ibid* were examined for applicability to determine customs values of subject goods. The data provided some references; however, it was found that the same could not be solely relied upon due to absence of absolute demonstrable evidence of qualities and quantities of commercial level etc. In line with statutory sequential order of section 25, this office conducted market inquiries using deductive value methods under sub-section (7) of Section 25 of the Customs Act, 1969, wide ranges of prices were observed for some items depending upon variety/quality/count etc. and location of market. Prices as published in Paper business bulletin were also examined but the method solely, was found to be inapplicable. Therefore, valuation method vide Section 25(8) of the Customs Act, 1969, was examined for valuation but the same also could not be applied due to non-availability of conversion and processing cost of exporting country. Finally, clearance data of similar/ identical goods, market information from surveys as well as from the publication, proposal from importers and international prices through internet were examined thoroughly and the information so gathered were utilized and analyzed for determination of Custom Values of Uncoated Offset paper for Writing, Printing and Photocopy under Section 25(9) of the Customs Act, 1969.

6. Customs values for Uncoated Offset Paper for Writing, Printing and Photocopy - hereinafter *specified* shall be assessed to duty/taxes on the following minimum customs values given against them in the Table below:-

S. No.	Description of Goods	PCT	Proposed PCT For WeBOC	Origin	Customs Values (C&F) in US\$/Kg
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
1	Uncoated Offset paper for Writing Printing and Photocopying and Others	4802.5510 4802.5520 4802.5530 4802.5540 4802.5590 4802.5600 4802.5700 4802.6200 4802.6990	4802.5510.1000 4802.5520.1000 4802.5530.1000 4802.5540.1000 4802.5590.1000 4802.5600.1000 4802.5700.1000 4802.6200.1000 4802.6990.1000	Australia	0.840
2		4802.5510 4802.5520 4802.5530 4802.5540 4802.5590 4802.5600 4802.5700 4802.6200 4802.6990	4802.5510.1100 4802.5520.1100 4802.5530.1100 4802.5540.1100 4802.5590.1100 4802.5600.1100 4802.5700.1100 4802.6200.1100 4802.6990.1100	Brazil	0.860
3		4802.5510 4802.5520 4802.5530 4802.5540 4802.5590 4802.5600 4802.5700 4802.6200	4802.5510.1200 4802.5520.1200 4802.5530.1200 4802.5540.1200 4802.5590.1200 4802.5600.1200 4802.5700.1200 4802.6200.1200	China	0.855

		4802.6990	4802.6990.1200		
4		4802.5510	4802.5510.1300	Indonesia	0.850
		4802.5520	4802.5520.1300		
		4802.5530	4802.5530.1300		
		4802.5540	4802.5540.1300		
		4802.5590	4802.5590.1300		
		4802.5600	4802.5600.1300		
		4802.5700	4802.5700.1300		
		4802.6200	4802.6200.1300		
		4802.6990	4802.6990.1300		
5		4802.5510	4802.5510.1400	Japan	0.860
		4802.5520	4802.5520.1400		
		4802.5530	4802.5530.1400		
		4802.5540	4802.5540.1400		
		4802.5590	4802.5590.1400		
		4802.5600	4802.5600.1400		
		4802.5700	4802.5700.1400		
		4802.6200	4802.6200.1400		
		4802.6990	4802.6990.1400		
6		4802.5510	4802.5510.1500	Russia	0.840
		4802.5520	4802.5520.1500		
		4802.5530	4802.5530.1500		
		4802.5540	4802.5540.1500		
		4802.5590	4802.5590.1500		
		4802.5600	4802.5600.1500		
		4802.5700	4802.5700.1500		
		4802.6200	4802.6200.1500		
		4802.6990	4802.6990.1500		
7		4802.5510	4802.5510.1600	Other Origins	0.870
		4802.5520	4802.5520.1600		
		4802.5530	4802.5530.1600		
		4802.5540	4802.5540.1600		
		4802.5590	4802.5590.1600		
		4802.5600	4802.5600.1600		
		4802.5700	4802.5700.1600		
		4802.6200	4802.6200.1600		
		4802.6990	4802.6990.1600		
8	Uncoated Offset paper for Writing Printing and Photocopying and Others Double AA Brand	4802.5510	4802.5510.1700	Thailand	0.870
		4802.5520	4802.5520.1700		
		4802.5530	4802.5530.1700		
		4802.5540	4802.5540.1700		
		4802.5590	4802.5590.1700		
		4802.5600	4802.5600.1700		
		4802.5700	4802.5700.1700		
		4802.6200	4802.6200.1700		
		4802.6990	4802.6990.1700		
9	Uncoated Offset card weighing more than 150 gsm	4802.5810	4802.5810.1000	Australia	0.850
		4802.5830	4802.5830.1000	Brazil	0.860
		4802.5850	4802.5850.1000	China	0.860
		4802.5890	4802.5890.1000	Indonesia	0.860
				Japan	0.870
				Russia	0.850
				Thailand	0.880
				Other	0.880

				Origins	
Note: US\$.30/PMT to be subtracted for assessable value if the above specified paper is imported in reels.					

7. In cases where declared/transaction values are higher than the customs values determined in this Ruling or higher evidential data is available of stipulated period 90 days, the assessing officers shall apply those values in terms of sub-Section (1) of Section 25 of the Customs Act, 1969, and the same may be communicated to this Directorate General forthwith. In case of consignment imported by air, the assessing officer shall take into account the difference between air freight and sea freight while applying the customs values determined in this Ruling.

8. Validity of Valuation Ruling: The values determined vide this Ruling shall be the applicable Customs values for assessment of subject imported goods until and unless it is rescinded or revised by the competent authority in terms of Sub-Sections (4) 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 Hi days from the date of issue, 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 Directorate General immediately. Customs values determined in the ruling are for the description and specification as mentioned in the above table of this Ruling. HS Codes are mentioned for illustrative purpose 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 ruling supersedes the Valuation Ruling No. 1458/2020 dated 20-07-2020.

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15. The Deputy Director (HQ), Directorate General of Customs Valuation, Karachi, for uploading in One Customs & WeBOC database system.

16. The Chairman (Valuation Committee), FPCC&I, Federation House, Clifton, Karachi.
17. The Chambers of Commerce & Industry, Karachi, Lahore, Islamabad, Hyderabad, Quetta & Peshawar.
18. The Karachi Customs Agents Group, Bolui Road, Karachi.
19. The Webmaster, Federal Board of Revenue, Islamabad.