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DETERMINATION OF CUSTOMS VALUES OF NON-CARBON RELEASING PAPER, ART CARD/ COATED BOARD/ PAPER AND LIGHT WEIGHT COATED PAPERS UNDER SECTION 25-A OF THE CUSTOMS ACT, 1969.

(VALUATION RULING NO. 1534/2021)

C. No. Misc/01/2008-III/377

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In exercise of the powers conferred under Section 25-A of the Customs Act, 1969, the custom values of Non-Carbon Releasing Paper, Art Card/ Coated Board/Paper and Light Weight Coated Papers are determined as follows:

2. Background of the valuation issue: Earlier Custom values of Non-Carbon Releasing Paper, Art Card/ Coated Board/Paper and Light Weight Coated Papers were determined vide Valuation Ruling 1460/2020 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 Non-Carbon Releasing Paper, Art Card/ Coated Board/Paper and Light Weight Coated Papers under Section 25-A of the Customs Act, 1969.

3. Stakeholders' participation in determination of Customs values: Meetings with all stakeholders, trade bodies including representatives of clearance Collectorates were held in this Directorate General on 06-04-2021 and 12-04-2021. 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
2. Websites, names and E-mail addresses of known foreign manufacturers of the item in question through which the actual current value can be ascertained.
3. Copies of Contracts made / LCs opened during the last three months showing the value of item in question.
4. 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 Aced Ahmed Associates on behalf of various importers intimated that prices of Non-Carbon Releasing Paper, Art Card/ Coated Board/Paper and Light Weight Coated Papers 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 Non-Carbon Releasing Paper, Art Card/ Coated Board/Paper and Light Weight Coated Papers under Section 25(9) of the Customs Act, 1969.

6. Customs values for Non-Carbon Releasing Paper, Art Card/ Coated Board/Paper and Light Weight Coated Papers - hereinafter specified shall be assessed to duty/taxes on the following minimum customs values given against them in the Table below:-

Table A-(Non Carbon Releasing Papers)						
S. No.	Description of goods	Specifications	PCT	Proposed PCT for WeBOC	Origin	Customs Value (C&F) US\$/KG
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
1	Non Carbon	In sheets	4809.2000	4809.2000.1000	China	1.470
2	Releasing Paper Coated Front & Back			4809.2000.1100	Indonesia	1.500
3.	Non Carbon			4809.2000.1200	China	1.440
4	Releasing Paper Coated Back			4809.2000.1300	Indonesia	1.470
5	Non Carbon			4809.2000.1400	China	1.440
6	Releasing Paper Coated Front			4809.2000.1500	Indonesia	1.470

Note: US\$ 25/PMT to be subtracted for assessable value of reels.

Table B-(Art Card/Coated Board/Paper and Light Weight Coated Papers)					
S. No.	Description of Goods	PCT	Proposed PCT for WeBOC	Origin	Customs Value (C&F) US\$/KG
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
1	One/Both sided Coated Art Card/ Board with Kaolin (China Clay) or other in-organic substances or any kind of coating printing or other graphic purpose	4810.1990 4810.9900	4810.1990.1000	China	0.890
			4810.9900.1000		
			4810.1990.1100	Indonesia	0.910
			4810.9900.1100		
			4810.1990.1200	Korea	0.920
			4810.9900.1200		
4810.1990.1300	Japan	0.910			
4810.9900.1300					
4810.1990.1400	Europe	0.940			

			4810.9900.1400				
			4810.1990.1500	Others	0.940		
			4810.9900.1500				
2	Coated Art paper in sheets both inside with Kaolin (China Clay) or other in-organic substances or any kind of coating printing or other graphic purpose	4810.1310 4810.1390 8410.1910	4810.1310.1000	China	0.830		
			4810.1390.1000				
			8410.1910.1000				
					4810.1310.1100	Indonesia	0.840
				4810.1390.1100			
				8410.1910.1100			
					4810.1310.1200	Korea	0.870
				4810.1390.1200			
				8410.1910.1200			
					4810.1310.1300	Japan	0.830
		4810.1390.1300					
		8410.1910.1300					
			4810.1310.1400	Europe	0.900		
		4810.1390.1400					
		8410.1910.1400					
			4810.1310.1500	Others	0.900		
		4810.1390.1500					
		8410.1910.1500					
3	Light Weight Coated Papers.	4810.2200	4810.2200.1000	All Origins	0.900		
4	Others.	4810.2900	4810.2900.1000	All Origins	0.910		
Notes 1: Light weight coated paper shall be constructed as defined at S.No.7 of sub heading notes to chapter-48 of Pakistan Customs Tariff which is reproduced as under: <i>"Serial No 7 for the purpose of sub heading 4810.22, "Light Weight Coated Paper" means paper coated on both sides, of a total weight not exceeding 72gram/m² with a coating weight not exceeding 15 gram/m² per side, on a base, which is not less than 50% by weight of total fiber content consist of wood fibers obtained by mechanical process"</i>							
Notes 2: US\$ 25/MT to be subtracted for assessable value of 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 30 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. 1460/2020, dated 20.07.2020.

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13. The Director, Transit Trade, Custom House Karachi
14. The Director, Directorate of Customs Valuation, Lahore.
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, Bohri Road, Karachi.
19. The Webmaster, Federal Board of Revenue, Islamabad.