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<u>DETERMINATION OF CUSTOMS VALUES OF SUITCASES (SOFT & HARD TYPES) OF ARTIFICIAL LEATHER (LOW END BRANDS/UN-BRANDED) UNDER SECTION 25-A OF THE CUSTOMS ACT, 1969</u>

(VALUATION RULING NO. 1698/2022)

No. Misc/05/2011-III/1255

Dated: 5th December, 2022

In exercise of the powers conferred under Section 25A of the Customs Act, 1969, the Customs Values of Suitcases Soft & Hard Types) of Artificial Leather (low end Brands/Un-Branded) are determined as follows:

Background of the valuation issue: Earlier, the Customs values of Suitcases (Soft & Hard Types) of Artificial Leather (low end Brands/Un-Branded) were determined under Section 25A of the Customs Act, 1969 vide Valuation Ruling No.1688/2022 dated 05-08-2022 which was set-aside by the Director General of Customs Valuation vide O-in-R No. 84/2022 dated 05.10.2022 with directions to re-determine the Customs values of Suitcases (Soft & Hard Types) of Artificial Leather (low end Brands/Un-Branded). Therefore, an exercise has been undertaken by this Directorate to determine the same.

- 2. Stakeholders' participation in determination of Customs values: Meeting was convened on 25.10.2022 which was attended by all the relevant stakeholders. The issues pertaining to the valuation of subject goods were deliberated upon in detail in the afore-referred meeting.
- 3. Analysis / Exercise done to determine Customs Values: Ninety (90) days data have been retrieved and same has been scrutinized. Subsequently, market inquiry has been conducted and examined in the light of this Directorate's Office Order No. 17/2014 dated 19.03.2014 and in terms of Section 25 (7) read with Section 25 (9) of the Customs Act, 1969.
- Method(s) adopted to determine Customs values: Valuation methods specified in. section 25 of the Customs Act, 1969, were duly applied in their sequential order to arrive at the Customs value of subject goods. The transaction value method as provided in sub-section (1) of import data. Moreover, the requisite information under law was not available to arrive at correct/transaction value. Therefore, identical/similar goods value methods provided in Section 25(5) (6) ibid were examined for applicability to determine customs value of subject goods. The data provided some reference; however, it was found that the same could not be solely relied upon due to absence of absolute demonstrable evidences of quantities and qualities, variation in declaration, variety and specifications. Information available was, hence, found incomplete. In line with statutory sequential order of Section 25 of the Customs Act, 1969, this Directorate conducted market survey under sub-Section (7), read with Section 25 (9), of Section 25 of the Customs Act, 1969. Various Wholesale and Retail markets were visited to observe the actual prices of Suitcases (Soft & Hard Types) of Artificial Leather (low end Brands/Un-Branded). On the basis of available data / information collected and exercise conducted the values of Suitcases (Soft & Hard Types) of Artificial Leather (low end Brands/Un-Branded) have been determined under sub-Section (7), read with Section 25 (9), of Section 25 of the Customs Act, 1969.

5. Customs values of Suitcases (Soft & Hard Types) of Artificial Leather (Low end Brands/Un-Branded): Suitcases (Soft & Hard Types) of Artificial Leather (low end Brands/Un-Branded), hereinafter specified, shall be assessed to duty / taxes at the Customs values as per the following table:

S. No.	Description	Specification of Goods	PCT	Proposed PCT for WEBOC	Origins	Customs Values
110.		Goods		WEBOC		(C&F) US\$/Set
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
1.		Five Pcs 20" 24"		4202.1220.1000	China	54
	Suitcases Soft	28" 30" and 32"		4202.1220.1100	Others Origins	65
	Type (Low end	Four Pcs 24" 28"		4202.1220.1200	China	46
	brands/ un-	30" 32		4202.1220.1300	Others Origins	53
	branded)	Three Pcs 24" 28"		4202.1220.1400	China	38
		and 30"	4202.1220	4202.1220.1500	Others Origins	41
22		Five Pcs 20" 24"	4202.1220	4202.1220.1600	China	63
	Suitcases Hard	28" 30" and 32"		4202.1220.1700	Others Origins	70
	Type (Low end	Four Pcs 24" 28"		4202.1220.1700	China	50
	brands/ un-	30" and 32"			Others Origins	54
	branded)	Three Pcs 24" 28"		4202.1220.1800	China	40
		and 30"			Others Origins	46
	Note:					
	i. Value regarding variation in the sizes in column 3 above shall be determined on Prorata					
	basis					
3.	ii. This Valuation Ruling is only for low end brand and not applicable for branded goods					
	like, Vuitton, Carlton, Samsonite, American Tourister, Summit, Sonada, Logel,					
	iii. Upper and Lower panels or Soft Types suitcases imported separately shall not be					
	assessed at less than US\$ 4.5/Kg					
	iv. Upper and lower panels of Hard Types suitcases imported separately shall not be					
	assessed at less than US\$ 5/Kg					
	v. Suitcase in SKD condition shall be assessed at 20% less than vales specified in Co					
	No. 7.					

- 6. In cases, where declared 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 difference between air freight and sea freight while applying the Customs values in this Ruling.
- **7. Validity of this 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 25A of the Customs Act, 1969.
- **8.** Revision of the value determined vide this Valuation Ruling: If aggrieved, a revision petition may be filed against this ruling as provided under Section 25D of the Customs Act, 1969, within 30 days from the date of its issuance, before the Director General, Directorate General of Customs Valuation, 7th Floor, Custom House, Karachi.
- 9. The Collectors of Customs may kindly ensure that the values given in the Valuation Ruling, for the given description of goods, are applied by the concerning assessing officers / officials without fail. Any anomaly observed may kindly be brought to the notice of this Directorate immediately. The Customs values determined in the ruling are for the descriptions and specifications as mentioned in this Ruling. HS Codes are mentioned for illustrative purposes so that Valuation Ruling values are made accessible to the assessing officers. The assessments shall be finalized on the basis of correct classifications after fulfilling all formalities related to importability or other certifications required thereon.

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Director

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- 16. The Deputy Director (HQ), Directorate General of Customs Valuation, Karachi, for uploading in One Customs & WeBOC database system.
- 17. The Chairman (Valuation Committee), FPCC&I, Federation House, Clifton, Karachi.
- The Chambers of Commerce & Industry, Karachi, Lahore, Islamabad, Hyderabad, Quetta & Peshawar.
- 19. The Karachi Customs Agents Association, Bohri Road, Karachi.
- 20. The Webmaster, Federal Board of Revenue, Islamabad.
- 21. Guard File.