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DETERMINATION OF CUSTOMS VALUES OF PET FOOD (CAT AND DOG FOOD)
UNDER SECTION 25-A OF THE CUSTOMS ACT, 1969

(VALUATION RULING No. 1705/2022)

C. No. Misc/34/2016-I/1276

Dated: 8th December, 2022

In exercise of the powers conferred under Section 25-A of the Customs Act, 1969 Customs values of Pet Food (Cat And Dog Foods) are determined as follows:-

Background of the valuation issue: Earlier, the Customs values of Pet Food (Cat and Dog Food) were determined under Section 25A of the Customs Act, 1969 vide Valuation Ruling No.1570/2021 dated 25-11-2021 which was set-aside by the Director General of Customs Valuation vide 0-in-R No.24/2022 dated 31.03.2022 with directions to re-determine the Customs values of Pet Food (Cat and Dog Food). Therefore, an exercise has been undertaken by this Directorate to determine the same.

2. Stakeholders' participation in determination of Customs values: Meetings were convened on 10.11.2022 and 18-11-2022 which were 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 clearance data has been retrieved and same has been scrutinized. It is revealed from the analysis of the recent/past data that import value of the subject goods (during April, 2022 to October, 2022) has decreased to Rs. 424 Million (-27%) vis-a-vis import value (i.e. Rs 581 Million) during the corresponding/preceding period (i.e. Sep, 2021 to March, 2022). It is also observed that imports from some of the origins in the above referred Valuation Ruling are considerably reduced and the impugned goods are shifted in great quantities to those origins which are not mentioned in the said Valuation Ruling. 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.

4. 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 Section 25 of the Customs Act, 1969, was found inapplicable due to wide variation of values in import data. Moreover, die 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) of Section 25 of the Customs Act, 1969. Various Retail markets were visited to observe the actual prices of Pet Food (Cat and Dog Food). On the basis of available data/information collected and exercise conducted the values of Pet Food (Cat and Dog Food) have been determined under sub-Section (7), read with Section 25 (9), of Section 25 of the Customs Act, 1969.

5. Customs values for Pet Food (Cat and Dog Foods) – Pet Food (Cat and Dog Food), hereinafter specified shall be assessed to duty / taxes at the Customs Values as per the following Table:-

S. No.	Description of Goods	PCT Code	Proposed PCT for WEBOC	Origin	Customs Values C&F (US\$/Kg)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
1	Pet Food (Cat and Dog Food)	2309.1000	2309.1000.1000	North America/ Europe	1.10
		2309.1000	2309.1000.1100	Turkey	1.05
		2309.1000	2309.1000.1200	China/ Thailand	0.90
		2309.1000	2309.1000.1300	All Other Origins	1.05
2	Pet Food (Treats/Toffees/Sticks)	2309.1000	2309.1000.1400	All Origin	1.50

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: This Ruling, containing the Customs values for assessment of subject imported goods, shall be applicable until and unless the same are rescinded or revised by the competent authority in terms of sub-Section (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 Para-6 of this Ruling. HS Codes are mentioned for illustrative purposes so that Valuation Ruling is 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 8c WeBOC database system.
17. The Chairman (Valuation Committee), FPCC&I, Federation House, Clifton, Karachi.
18. The Chambers of Commerce & Industry, Karachi, Lahore, Islamabad, Hyderabad, Quetta & Peshawar.
19. The Karachi Customs Agents Association, Bohri Road, Karachi.
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