GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF CUSTOMS VALUATION 7TH FLOOR, CUSTOM HOUSE, KARACHI

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<u>DETERMINATION OF CUSTOMS VALUES OF THERMAL PAPER/FAX MACHINE</u> <u>PAPER IN ROLL UNDER SECTION 25-A OF THE CUSTOMS ACT, 1969</u>

(VALUATION RULING NO. 1767/2023)

C. No. Misc/06/2019-III/427

In exercise of the powers conferred under Section 25-A of the Customs Act, 1969, Customs values of Thermal Paper / Fax Machine Paper in Rolls are determined as follows:-

Dated: 17th April, 2023

- **2. Background of the valuation issue:** Earlier, the Customs values of Thermal Paper/Fax Machine Paper in Roll were determined under Section 25A of the Customs Act, 1969 vide Valuation Ruling No.1388/2019 dated 05-09-2019. However, the Valuation Ruling was more than three years old and needed to be revised in view of the prevailing international prices. Therefore, an exercise has been undertaken by this Directorate to determine the same.
- 3. Stakeholders' participation in determination of Customs values: A meeting was convened on 07 -04-2023 and 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 meetings. The stakeholders contended that the prices of the said items have shown a slight upwards trend and requested to rationalize the Customs Values in line with the prevalent international trends. They submitted their proposals for consideration and the same were considered pertaining to the valuation of subject goods.
- **4. Analysis / Exercise done to determine Customs Values:** Ninety (90) days' clearance data has been retrieved and the same has been scrutinized.
- Method (s) adopted to determine Customs values: Valuation methods specified in Section 25 of the Customs Act, 1969, were duly applied in sequential order to arrive at the Customs values 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, the requisite information under law was not available to arrive at correct/transaction value. Therefore, identical goods value method provided in Section 25(5) ibid was 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 quantities and qualities and variation in declaration. Then similar goods value methods provided in Section 25(6) ibid was examined for applicability to determine Customs values of subject goods. The data provided some references; however, it was found that the same could also not be solely relied upon due to afore-stated reasons. 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 Thermal Paper/Fax Machine Paper in Roll. However, the item was not readily available in the market. On the basis of available data / information collected and exercise conducted, the values of Thermal Paper/Fax Machine Paper in Roll have been determined under subsection (5), read with Section 25(9), of Section 25 of the Customs Act, 1969.

6. Customs values for Thermal Paper / Fax Machine Paper in Rolls: Thermal Paper / Fax Machine Paper in Rolls hereinafter specified shall be assessed to duty/taxes at the Customs values as per the following table:

S#	Description of goods	PCT	Proposed PCT for WeBOC	Origin	Customs Values (C&F) in US\$/kg
1	Thermal Paper in Roll Length	4811.5910	4811.5910.1000	China	2.20
	upto 500 meter, Width less than		4811.5910.1100	Korea	2.25
	210 mm		4811.5910.1200	Others	2.30
2	Thermal Paper/ Fax paper in	4811.5910	4811.5910.1300	China	2.00
	Roll (for Fax machines) Length		4811.5910.1400	Korea	2.05
	upto 500 meter, Width 210 mm		4811.5910.1500	Others	2.10
3	Thermal Paper / Fax Paper in	4811.5910	4811.5910.1600	China	1.80
	Jumbo Roll Length more than		4811.5910.1700	Korea	1.85
	500 meters of any width.		4811.5910.1800	Others	1.90

Note: Any kind of Printing on any size of Roll, US\$ 0.50/kg will be added in the C&F Customs value.

- 7. 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, I969. In case of consignments imported by air, the assessing officers shall take into account the difference between air freight and sea freight while applying the Customs values in this Ruling.
- **8. 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.
- **9. Revision of the values 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.
- 10. The Collectors of Customs may kindly ensure that the values given in this Valuation Ruling are applied by the concerned staff without fail. Any anomaly observed may kindly be brought to the notice of this Directorate immediately. Customs values determined in the Ruling are for the description and specification as mentioned in the table above of this Ruling. PCT Codes are mentioned for illustrative purposes 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 certifications 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 Valuation Ruling supersedes the Valuation Ruling 1388/2019 dated 05-09-2019.

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- 15) The Director, Directorate of Customs Valuation, Lahore/Quetta/Peshawar.
- 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.
- 18) 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.
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