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DETERMINATION OF CUSTOMS VALUES OF MILK PREPARATION FOR INFANT USE
UNDER SECTION 25-A OF THE CUSTOMS ACT, 1969

(VALUATION RULING NO. 1771/2023)

Misc/31/2013-I/441

Dated: 18th April, 2023

In exercise of the powers conferred under Section 25A of the Customs Act, 1969, the Customs values of Milk Preparation for Infant Use are determined as follows:-

Background of the valuation issue: Earlier, the Customs values of Milk Preparation for Infant Use were determined under Section 25A of the Customs Act, 1969 vide Valuation Ruling No. 1725/2023 dated 09-01-2023 which were set-aside by the Director General of Customs Valuation vide O-in-R No. 13/2023 dated 15.03.2023 wherein the following was directed "*After hearing contentions of the appellants, it appears that the Customs value notified vide impugned Valuation Ruling suffers from procedural impropriety. Therefore, the case is remanded to the Director of Customs Valuation, Karachi for denovo consideration and he is directed to undertake a fresh exercise in terms of Section 25A of the Customs Act, 1969 by having recourse to the valuation methodologies elaborated in Section 25 of the Customs Act, 1969 within 30 days in line with the prevailing international prices of the impugned item.*" 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 05-04-2023 which was attended by 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 the same has been scrutinized in view of the input / views by the stakeholders. 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 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 absence of information as required under sub-section (2) of Section 25 of Customs Act, 1969. Therefore, identical/similar goods value methods provided in Section 25(5) & (6) ibid were examined for applicability to determine Customs values 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 and variation in declaration. 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 subsection (7) of Section 25 of the Customs Act, 1969. Various Retail/Wholesale Markets were visited to observe the actual prices of Milk Preparation for Infant Use. On the basis of available data / information collected and exercise conducted, the values of Milk Preparation for Infant Use have been determined under sub-section (7), read with Section 25(9), of Section 25 of the Customs Act, 1969.

5. Customs values for Milk Preparation for Infant Use: Milk Preparation for Infant Use 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) US\$/kg
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
1.	Milk Preparation for Infant Use. * Infant Formula * Follow Up Formula * Grown Up Formula	1901.1000	1901.1000.1000	Europe, Australia, New Zealand	7.00
		1901.1000	1901.1000.1100	Far East	6.50
		1901.1000	1901.1000.1200	KSA	6.00
		1901.1000	1901.1000.1300	All Other Origins	6.50
2.	Milk Preparation for Infant Use. * Lactose Free Formula	1901.1000	1901.1000.1400	Europe, Australia, New Zealand	8.50
		1901.1000	1901.1000.1500	Far East	8.00
		1901.1000	1901.1000.1600	KSA	7.00
		1901.1000	1901.1000.1700	All Other Origins	8.00
3.	Milk Preparation for Infant Use. * Premature Formula	1901.1000	1901.1000.1800	Europe, Australia, New Zealand	9.00
		1901.1000	1901.1000.1900	Far East	8.50
		1901.1000	1901.1000.2000	KSA	7.75
		1901.1000	1901.1000.2100	All Other Origins	8.50
4	Infant Milk Formula (Soft Pack)	1901.1000	1901.1000.2200	Belarus/KSA	4.30
		1901.1000	1901.1000.2300	All Other Origins	5.00

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 officers 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 is 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 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.

9. 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.

10. This Valuation Ruling supersedes the Valuation Ruling No. 1725/2023 dated 09-01-2023.

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Director

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- 14) The Director, Transit Trade, Custom House, Karachi.
- 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.
- 21) Guard File.