

(This Ruling has been revised / superseded vide Valuation Ruling No. 1863/2024 dated 07-03-2024)

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

The Collectors of Customs, Collectorates of Customs Appraisement - West / Appraisement – East / Appraisement - Port Muhammad Bin Qasim / SAPT, Enforcement / JIAP, Karachi, Hyderabad / (Appraisement / Enforcement), Quetta / Gawadar / (Appraisement / Enforcement / AIIA), Lahore / Appraisement, Faisalabad / Appraisement, Sambrial (Sialkot) / Enforcement, Multan / Islamabad / Gilgit-Baltistan / (Appraisement / Enforcement), Peshawar / Enforcement, Dera Ismail Khan / Exports (Port Qasim / Custom House, Karachi) / Transit Trade, Karachi.

**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. 1801/2023)

C. No. Misc/06/2012-III/939

Dated: 12th September, 2023

In exercise of the powers conferred under Section 25A of the Customs Act, 1969, the Customs 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, the Customs values of subject goods were determined under Section 25A of the Customs Act, 1969 vide Valuation Ruling No.1717/2022 dated 20-12-2022. However, different stakeholders requested to re-determine Customs values afresh in line with values prevalent in the international market. Therefore, an exercise has been undertaken by this Directorate to determine the same.
- 3. Stakeholders' participation in determination of Customs values:** Meeting was convened on 07-09-2023 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 meetings. The stakeholders contended that the international prices have declined approximately upto 30% on Pulp (Raw material for paper) and the end product has also considerably declined. They further contended that the overall freight has also decreased, thus, resulting in decreased import values of subject items. 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:** In this regard, Ninety (90) days' clearance data has been retrieved and the same has been scrutinized. Subsequently, contention of stakeholders regarding decline in international prices of raw material by 30% and end product price decline has been examined in the light of prices retrieved from the international publication, namely Asian Pulp & Paper Monitor (Risi Info), showing price trend of the subject goods in the international market.
- 4. Method (s) adopted to determine Customs values:** The 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 considered. In furtherance thereof, the declarations by the importers, along-with the contracts made by them, have been analyzed in view of the international market prices as referred in Risi Info. Finally, the values of offset paper for writing, printing and photocopy have been determined in terms of Section 25(1) read with proviso to Section 25(A)(1) of the Customs Act, 1969.
- 6. Customs values of Non-Carbon Releasing Paper, Art Card/Coated Board/Paper and Light Weight Coated Papers –** Customs values of Non-Carbon Releasing Paper, Art Card/Coated

Board/Paper and Light Weight Coated Papers, hereinafter specified, shall be assessed to duty / taxes at the following Customs values:-

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 Releasing Paper Coated Front & Back	In Sheets	4809.2000	4809.2000.1000	China	1.40
2				4809.2000.1100	Indonesia	1.43
3.	Non Carbon Releasing Paper Coated Back			4809.2000.1200	China	1.37
4				4809.2000.1300	Indonesia	1.40
5	Non Carbon Releasing Paper Coated Front			4809.2000.1400	China	1.37
6				4809.2000.1500	Indonesia	1.40
Note: US\$ 25/MT 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	.75
			4810.9900.1000		
			4810.1990.1100	Indonesia	.76
			4810.9900.1100		
			4810.1990.1200	Korea	.77
			4810.9900.1200		
			4810.1990.1300	Japan	.78
4810.9900.1300					
4810.1990.1400	Europe	.79			
4810.9900.1400					
4810.1990.1500	Others	.79			
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 4810.1910	4810.1310.1000	China	.78
			4810.1390.1000		
			4810.1910.1000		
			4810.1310.1100	Indonesia	.79
			4810.1390.1100		
			4810.1910.1100		
			4810.1310.1200	Korea	.82
			4810.1390.1200		
			4810.1910.1200		
			4810.1310.1300	Japan	.83
			4810.1390.1300		
4810.1910.1300					
4810.1310.1400	Europe	.84			
4810.1390.1400					
4810.1910.1400					
4810.1310.1500	Others	.84			
4810.1390.1500					
4810.1910.1500					

3	Light Weight Coated Papers.	4810.2200	4810.2200.1000	All Origins	.84
4	Others	4810.2900	4810.2900.1000	All Origins	.85
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 coated 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.					

6. In cases, where declared values are higher than the Customs values determined in this Valuation 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 contains 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 determined Publication values: If aggrieved, a revision petition may be filed against the determined values as provided under Section 25D of the Customs Act, 1969, within 30 days from the date of issue of these publication values 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 assessing officers/officials without fail. Any anomaly observed may kindly be brought to the notice of the Directorate of Customs Valuation, Karachi immediately. Customs values determined in the Ruling are for the description and specification as mentioned in the table above of this Valuation 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 No. 1717/2022, dated 20.12.2022.

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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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