

**GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN**  
**DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF CUSTOMS (VALUATION)**  
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**DETERMINATION OF CUSTOMS VALUES OF SPICES, HERBS AND EDIBLE/  
NATURAL GUMS UNDER SECTION 25-A OF THE CUSTOMS ACT, 1969**

**(VALUATION RULING NO. 1817/2023)**

No. Misc/15/2016-I/952

Dated: 18<sup>th</sup> October, 2023

In exercise of the powers conferred under Section 25A of the Customs Act, 1969, the Customs values of Spices, Herbs & Edible/Natural Gums are determined as follows:

**2. Background of the valuation issue:** Earlier, the Customs values of Spices, Herbs & Edible/Natural Gums were determined under Section 25A of the Customs Act, 1969 vide Valuation Ruling No.1695/2022 dated 18-11-2022. The existing valuation ruling was around one year (01) old and the Customs values determined therein were not reflective of prevailing 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 04-10-2023 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.

**4. Analysis / Exercise done to determine Customs Values:** Ninety (90) days' clearance data has been retrieved and the 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.

**5. 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 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 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 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 Spices, Herbs & Edible/Natural Gums. On the basis of available data/information collected and exercise conducted, the values of Spices, Herbs & Edible/Natural Gums have been determined under sub-section (7), read with Section 25 (9), of Section 25 of the Customs Act, 1969.

**6. Customs values of Spices, Herbs & Edible/Natural Gums:** Spices, Herbs & Edible/Natural Gums, hereinafter specified, shall be assessed to duty / taxes at the Customs values as per the following table:

S. No.	Description Of Goods	Origin	PCT Code	Proposed PCT for WeBOC	Customs Value (C&F) US\$/Kg
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)

1	Log Pepper	All Origins	0904.1190	0904.1190.1000	2.50
2	Black Pepper (Whole)	All Origins	0904.1110	0904.1110.1000	2.40
3	White Pepper (Whole)	All Origins	0904.1120	0904.1120.1000	3.00
4	Cloves	All Origins	0907.1000	0907.1000.1000	4.82
5	Small Cardamoms	All Origins	0908.3120	0908.3120.1000	5.00
6	Big Cardamoms	All Origins	0908.3110	0908.3110.1000	3.20
7	Mace	All Origins	0908.2100	0908.2100.1000	7.00
8	Cassia/Cinnamon	All Origins	0906.1100	0906.1100.1000	1.50
9	Nutmeg	All Origins	0908.1100	0908.1100.1000	3.25
10	Star Anise	All Origins	0909.6100	0909.6100.1000	3.25
11	Black Seed (Kalonji)	All Origins	0909.6100	0909.6100.2000	1.10
12	Coriander Seed (Dhania)	All Origins	0909.2100	0909.2100.1000	0.70
13	Isabgol	All Origins	1211.9000	1211.9000.1000	3.50
14	Asalia Seeds	All Origins	1211.9000	1211.9000.2000	0.90
15	Gum Arabic / (Skoto) Gum Talah	All Origins	1301.2000	1301.2000.1000	0.60
16	Gum Copal	All Origins	1301.9090	1301.9090.1000	0.80
17	Gum Kamarkas	All Origins	1301.9090	1301.9090.2000	0.50
18	Gum Aloe (Elva)/ Musabbar	All Origins	1301.9090	1301.9090.3000	0.80
19	Tej Patta	All Origins	0910.9910	0910.9910.1000	0.78
20	Tamarind with Seed	All Origins	0813.4010	0813.4010.1000	0.32
21	Seed Lac (Lakh Dana)	All Origins	1301.9020	1301.9020.1000	6.55
22	Dry Ginger	All Origins	0910.1100	0910.1100.1000	1.20
23	Caraway Seeds	All Origins	0909.6100	0909.6100.1000	1.10
24	Fennel Seeds	All Origins	0909.6100	0909.6100.2000	0.60
25	Turmeric	All Origins	0910.3000	0910.3000.1000	0.50
26	Linseed	All Origins	1204.0000	1204.0000.1000	0.20
Note: Reduction of 10% shall be admissible on total of above value on account of freight charges, if goods are imported through land route.					

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, 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.

**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 is 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 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, 7<sup>th</sup> 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 Valuation Ruling No. 1695/2022 dated 18-11-2022.**

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Director

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10. The Director General, Intelligence and Investigation (Customs) FBR, Islamabad.
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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.