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

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DETERMINATION OF CUSTOMS VALUE OF LATEX RUBBER THREADS UNDER SECTION25A OF THE CUSTOMS ACT, 1969

(VALUATION RULING NO.1822/2023)

C.No.Misc/54/2011-III/972

Dated: 27th October, 2023

In exercise of the powers conferred under Section 25A of the Customs Act, 1969, the Custom value of Latex Rubber Threads are determined as follows:

2. Background of the valuation issue: Earlier, the Customs values of Latex Rubber Threads were determined under Section 25A of the Customs Act, 1969 vide Valuation Ruling No. 1633/2022 dated 18-04-2022. However, representations were received from different stakeholders to re-determine the values afresh in line with the prevailing international prices. Moreover, The Honorable Federal Tax Ombudsman, in Complaint No.FTO-4093/CUST/2023 directed Directorate General of Customs Valuation, Karachi to dispose of the complainant's request for a review of VR No. 1633/2022 dated 18-04-2022 and to provide a fair opportunity of hearing. Therefore, an exercise has been undertaken by this Directorate to determine the same.

3. Stakeholders' participation in determination of Customs values. Meetings were convened on 17.08.2023, 28.08.2023, 02.10.2023 and 17.10.2023 and 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 meetings. The stakeholders contended that the prices of the said items have shown downwards 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. Moreover, the international prices of basic raw materials of Latex Rubber Threads were also obtained and analyzed.

5. 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 method 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 not be solely relied upon due to absence of absolute demonstrable evidence of quantities and qualities and variation in declaration. Then similar goods value method 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) of Section 25 of the Customs Act, 1969. However, the item was not readily available in the market. Valuation method provided vide section 25(8) of the Customs Act, 1969, could also not be applied as the conversion cost from constituent materials and allied expenses at country of export were not available. Therefore, on the basis of available data / information collected and exercise conducted, the values of Latex Rubber Threads have been determined under Section 25(9), read with sub-section 25(6), of Section 25 of the Customs Act, 1969.

6. **Customs values for Latex Rubber Threads** - Latex Rubber Threads 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	Origin	Customs
			for WeBOC		Values (C&F)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
1	Latex Rubber Threads (30-44 Counts)	4007.0010 4007.0090	4007.0010.1000 4007.0090.1000	China	2.88
			4007.0010.1100 4007.0090.1100	Malaysia / Thailand	3.00
2	Latex Rubber Threads (45-55 Counts)		4007.0010.1200 4007.0090.1200	China	2.96
			4007.0010.1300 4007.0090.1300	Malaysia / Thailand	3.08
3	Latex Rubber Threads (56-63 counts)		4007.0010.1400 4007.0090.1400	China	3.04
			4007.0010.1500 4007.0090.1500	Malaysia / Thailand	3.16
4	Latex Rubber Threads (64-90 counts)		4007.0010.1600 4007.0090.1600	China	3.12
			4007.0010.1700 4007.0090.1700	Malaysia / Thailand	3.28

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 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 Valuation Ruling 1633/2022 dated 18-04-2022.

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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.