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<u>DETERMINATION OF CUSTOMS VALUES OF IRON & STEEL, DRAWER LOCK, DOOR CLOSERS, HINGES AND DRAWER SLIDER (LOW END BRANDS) UNDER SECTION 25-</u> A OF THE CUSTOMS ACT, 1969

(VALUATION RULING NO. 1845/2024)

No. Misc/05/2009-VI/55

Dated: 19th January, 2024

In exercise of the powers conferred under Section 25A of the Customs Act, 1969, the Customs values of iron & steel drawer locks, door closers, hinges and drawer sliders (Low end Brands) are determined as follows:

- **2. Background of the valuation issue:** Earlier, the customs values of iron & steel drawer locks, door closers, hinges and drawer sliders (Unbranded and Low-end Brands) were determined vide Valuation Ruling No.1692/2022 dated 25-08-2022. Representations were received from importers of subject goods that international prices of raw material of the goods have gone down since issuance of the afore-referred Valuation Ruling; therefore, an exercise was initiated to determine afresh the customs values of the subject goods.
- **3. Stakeholders' participation in determination of Customs values:** Meeting was held on 22.11.2023 with all stakeholders. The participants were requested to submit the following documents so that correct customs value could be determined:
 - i) Invoices of imports during last three months showing actual values.
 - ii) Websites, names and E-mail addresses of known foreign manufacturers of the items in question through which the actual values can be ascertained.
 - iii) Copies of Contracts made / LCs opened during the last three months showing the value of item in question
 - iv) Copies of Sales Tax Invoices issued during last four months showing the difference in price (excluding duty and tares) to substantiate that the benefit of difference in price is not passed on to the local buyers.
- **4. Analysis / Exercise done to determine Customs Values:** During the meeting, the importers submitted that freight has decreased. Hence, the importers were of the view that the prices of commodities in the VR should be rationalized as further dip in the international prices was expected. Ninety (90) days' clearance data has been retrieved and the same has been scrutinized.
- 5. Method adopted to determine Customs values: Valuation methods provided in Section 25 of the Customs Act, 1969 were duly applied in sequential order to arrive at 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 additional information under sub-section (2) of Section 25 of the Customs Act,1969 required to arrive at correct transaction value. Moreover, different values were declared by different importers for same product. Identical and similar goods value methods provided in Sections 25 (5) & (6) ibid were examined sequentially 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 qualities and quantities of commercial level etc. Information available was, hence, found inappropriate. In line with statutory sequential order of Section 25 of the act ibi4 sub-section (7) of

Section 25 of the Customs Act, 1969 was considered and found inapplicable. The valuation method vide section 25(8) was also examined for valuation of the subject goods keeping in view the LME prices of raw material published in LMB (taking strength of proviso to section 25A inserted vide Finance Act, 2021), adding relevant conversion cost and prevalent freight. All the information so gathered was evaluated and, analyzed for the purpose of determination of customs values. The relevant materials used in the manufacturing of the final product were also re-considered. Finally, reliance has been placed upon Sub-section (9) of Section 25 of the Customs Act, 1969, read with Customs Rule 121(2) of Customs Rules, 2001 for the determination of customs values.

6. Customs Values for Iron & Steel Drawer Lock, Door Closer, Hinges and Drawer Slider (Unbranded and Low-End Brands) hereinafter specified shall be assessed to duty / taxes at the following Customs Values:-

S. No.	Description of goods	PCT CODE	Proposed PCT for WEBOC	Origin	Customs values (C&F) (US\$/KG)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
1	Iron & Steel Drawer	8301.3000	8301.3000.1010	China	1.55
	Locks along with Keys		8301.3000.1100	Other Origin	2.16
2	Door Closer	8302.6000	8302.6000.1200	China	2.33
			8302.6000.1300	Other Origin	3.26
3	Door Floor Spring/ Door Hinges	8302.1090 8302.4900 8302.6000	8302.1090.1000 8302.4900.1000 8302.6000.1000	China	1.49
			8302.1090.1100 8302.4900.1100 8302.6000.1100	Other Origin	2.08
4	Hinges (Non Floor Types)	8302.1090 8302.4900 8302.6000	8302.1090.1200 8302.4900.1200	China	1.23
			8302.1090.1300 8302.4900.1300	Other Origin	1.73
5	(Drawer Slider Iron &	8302.4200	8302.4200.1000	China	1.02
	Steel (Roller Slide Type)		8302.4200.1100	Other Origin	1.43
6	Drawer Slider Iron &	8302.4200	8302.4200.1200	China	1.09
	Steel (Ball Bearing Type)		8302.4200.1300	Other Origin	1.52
7	Drawer Slider Stainless	8302.4200	8302.4200.1400	China	1.96
	Steel (Roller Slide Type)		8302.4200.1500	Other Origin	2.74
8	Drawer Slider Stainless	8302.4200	8302.4200.1600	China	2.04
	Steel (Ball Bearing Type)		8302.4200.1700	Other Origin	2.86

Note: High-end Brands like "Yale, Armae Martin, Olympus" etc. will be assessed by the clearance collectorates under Section 25 of the Customs Act, 1969.

- 7. The assessing officers shall take into account first proviso to the sub-section 2 of section 25A of the Customs Act, 1969 which states "provided that where the value declared in a goods declaration, filed under section 79 or section 131 or mentioned in the invoice retrieved from consignment, as the case maybe, is higher than the value determined under sub-section (1), such higher value shall be the customs value". In case of consignments imported by air, the assessing officer shall take into account the differential between air freight and sea freight while applying the Customs values determined in this Ruling.
- **8. Validity of this Valuation Ruling:** The values determined vide this Ruling shall be the applicable Customs values for assessment of subject imported goods until and unless it is rescinded or revised by the competent authority in terms of Sub-sections (4) of Section 25A of the Customs Act, 1969, read with Rule 107(a) Chapter IX, of the Customs Rules, 2001.

- **9. Revision of the value determined vide this Valuation Ruling:** 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 issue of this ruling, 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 for the given description of goods are applied by the concerned staff without fail. Any anomaly observed may kindly be brought to the notice of this Directorate General immediately. Customs values determined in the ruling are for the description and specification as mentioned in the tables 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 certification required thereon. In addition to this, it is necessary to verify that there is no misdeclaration 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. 1692/2022 dated 25-08-2022.

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- 5) The Chief Collector of Customs (Central), Lahore.
- 6) The Chief Collector of Customs (North), Islamabad
- 7) The Chief Collector of Customs, Enforcement), Custom House, Quetta
- 8) The Director General, Intelligence and investigation-FBR, Islamabad
- 9) The Director General, PCA & Internal Audit, Karachi.
- 10) The Director General, IOCO, Karachi.
- 11) The Director General, Transit Trade, Custom House Karachi
- 12) The Directors, Intelligence & Investigation, Karachi, Lahore, Islamabad, Quetta, Peshawar, Faisalabad.
- 13) The Director, Transit Trade, Custom House, Karachi.
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- the Deputy Director (HQ), Directorate General of Customs Valuation, Karachi, for uploading in One Customs & WEBOC database system.
- 16) The Chairman (Valuation Committee), FICC&L, Federation House, Clifton, Karachi
- 17) The Chambers of Commerce & Industry, Karachi, Lahore, Islamabad, Hyderabad, Quetta & Peshawar
- 18) The Karachi Customs Agents Group, Bohri Road, Karachi
- 19) The Web Master Federal Board of Revenue, Islamabad.
- 20) Guard File.