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Determination of Customs Values of **Copper Clad Laminated Sheets** Under Section 25-A of the Customs Act, 1969

(VALUATION RULING NO. **821**/2016)

No. Misc/18/2014-VI/**8523**

Dated: March 18, 2016

In exercise of the powers conferred under Section 25-A of the Customs Act, 1969, Customs values of Copper Clad Laminated Sheets are determined as follows : -

2. **Background of the valuation issue:** Recently importers of Copper Clad Laminated Sheets have agitated against the customs values determined vide Valuation Ruling No.752 / 2015 dated 23-06-2015 mainly on the ground that the values of China origin copper clad laminated sheets have considerably decreased in the international market. Accordingly, to ascertain the current prices prevailing in the international market, an exercise to determine the customs values of Copper Clad Laminated Sheets afresh was undertaken by this Directorate General.

3. **Stakeholders' participation in determination of Customs values :** A meeting for the determination of customs values of copper clad laminated sheets with stakeholders was scheduled on 15-03-2016. Different stakeholders, including importers, representatives of Chamber of Commerce and Federation, besides clearance Collectorate were requested to attend. It was attended by a few commercial importers. The participants had been requested to submit the following documents to substantiate their contentions of decrease in market prices.

- (i) Invoices of imports made during last three months showing factual value.
- (ii) Websites, names and E-mail addresses of known foreign manufacturers of the item in question through which the actual current value 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 taxes) to substantiate that the benefit of difference in price is passed on to the local buyers.



4. A few documents were submitted but all the requisite documents were not furnished. The importers were of the view that due to fall in the prices of petrochemical, copper and materials used for laminates have reduced significantly in the international market which have resulted in decrease in the prices of copper clad laminated sheets. During the meeting they also presented their LCs and invoices indicating values much lower than the existing values in the ruling. It was also clarified during the meeting, that almost all import of the subject goods is from China. They also contended that there are different types of copper clad laminated sheets, but the import in

Pakistan is mostly of low quality sheets where base material is paper phenolic resin which is cheaper than glass epoxy resin base laminates.

5. **Method adopted to determine Customs values:** Valuation methods given in Section 25 of the Customs Act, 1969 were followed to arrive at customs value of copper clad laminated sheets. Transaction value method provided in Section 25 (1) was found inapplicable because the requisite information was not available. Identical / similar goods value methods provided in Section 25(5) & (6) were examined for applicability to the valuation issue in the instant case which provided some reference values of the subject goods but the same could not be exclusively relied on due to wide variation in declared values of subject goods. It was also observed that the major quantum of import of the subject goods was from China. Thereafter, market enquiry as envisaged under Section 25(7) of the Customs Act, 1969, was conducted. The prices of Copper Clad Laminated Sheets were heavily dependent on quality of the Copper Clad Laminated Sheets and the location of the selling point or shop in the city. The computed value method as provided in Section 25(8) of the Customs Act, 1969, could not be applied as the conversion costs from constituent material at the country of export were not available. Online values of subject goods was also obtained. All the information so gathered was evaluated and analyzed for the purpose of determination of customs values. Consequently, the Customs values of Copper Clad Laminated Sheets have been determined under Section 25(9) of the Customs Act, 1969.

6. **Customs values for Copper Clad Laminated Sheets :** Customs Values of Copper Clad Laminated Sheets *hereinafter specified* are proposed as under :-

S. No	Description of goods	PC Heading	Proposed PCT for WeBOC	Origin	Customs Value (C&F) US\$ / Kg
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
01	Copper Clad Laminated Sheets	7410.2100	7410.2100.1000	China	3.05

7. In cases where declared/ transaction 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 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 value for assessment of subject imported goods until and unless it is rescinded or revised by the competent authority in terms of Sub-Sections (1) or (3) of Section 25-A of the Customs Act, 1969.

9. **Revision of the value determined vide this Valuation Ruling:** A revision petition may be filed against this Ruling, as provided under Section 25-D 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 the 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.

11. ***This ruling supersedes Valuation Ruling No.752 / 2015, dated 23-06-2015.***


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Director

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12. Director, Directorate of Customs Valuation (Camp Office), Lahore.
13. Deputy Director (HQ), Directorate General of Customs Valuation, Karachi, for uploading in WeBOC database system and deleting Valuation Ruling No.752 / 2015, dated 23-06.2015.
14. Chairman (Valuation Committee), FPCC&I, Federation House, Clifton, Karachi.
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