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Determination of Customs Values of Cleaning/Washing/Sweeping/Dusting and similar kind of Brushes Under Section 25-A of the Customs Act, 1969

(VALUATION RULING NO. 933 / 2016)

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Dated: September 22, 2016

In exercise of the powers conferred under Section 25-A of the Customs Act, 1969, Customs values of Cleaning/Washing/Sweeping/Dusting and similar kind of Brushes of all types are determined as follows: -

2. **Background of the valuation issue:** The customs values of different types of brushes were determined under Section 25A of the Customs Act, 1969, of Brushes vide Valuation Ruling No.665/2014, dated 31-03-2014. The current Valuation Ruling required revision in line with the prevailing prices in the international market. Therefore, this Directorate General initiated an exercise for determination of customs values of Cleaning/Washing/Sweeping/Dusting and similar kind of Brushes.

3. **Stakeholders' participation in determination of Customs values:** Meeting with stakeholders was held on 20-09-2016. Importers had been requested to furnish the following documents before or during the course of meeting:

- A. Invoices of imports during last three months showing factual value.
- B. Websites, names and E-mail addresses of known foreign manufacturers of the item in question through which the actual current value can be ascertained.
- C. Copies of Contracts made / LCs opened during the last three months showing the value of item in question.
- D. 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.

During the meeting the importers stressed that all types of Cleaning/ Washing/ Sweeping/ Dusting brushes had similar values due to similar kind of raw material and technology used, hence variation in their prices in the Valuation Ruling No.665/2014, dated 31-03-2014 was not justified. All the stakeholders agreed a single value for all types of cleaning/ dusting/ sweeping/ washing brushes be given, which will mostly sort out problems faced by them at the examination stages. Importers of the Cleaning/ Washing/ Sweeping/ Dusting and similar kind of brushes also requested that the market inquiry conducted by the department and samples presented at the time of meeting should not be relied upon as the



department has purchased Cleaning/ Washing/ Sweeping/ Dusting and similar kind of brushes from retail outlets. They requested that market inquiry shall be conducted from Bolton market/ Marriott Road. The request was acceded to. The importers agreed that work back values obtained from a market inquiry from the market where these brushes are traded will actually reflect correct values. Many samples from venders and shops of Bolton Market/ Marriott Road were obtained. The prices varied depending on the quality and material used. The values were thus determined in view of Section 25 (7) of the Customs Act, 1969.

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 different types of Cleaning/ Washing/ Sweeping/ Dusting and similar kind of Brushes. Transaction value method provided in Section 25 (1) was found inapplicable owing to wide variation in the values being declared to the customs. 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. Stakeholder's meeting was also scheduled but during the meeting very divergent point of regarding international market prices was presented. Consequently, this office conducted market inquiry in terms of Sub-section (7) of Section 25 of the Customs Act, 1969. Accordingly, the Customs values of Cleaning/ Washing/ Sweeping/ Dusting and similar kind of Brushes have been determined under Section 25 (7) of the Customs Act, 1969.

6. Customs values for Cleaning/ Washing/ Sweeping/ Dusting and similar kind of Brushes: Cleaning/Washing/Sweeping/Dusting and similar kind of Brushes *hereinafter* specified *shall* be assessed to duty/taxes at the following Customs Values: -

Description of goods	PCT	Proposed PCT for WeBOC	Origin	Customs Value (C&F) US\$/Kg
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
Cleaning/ Washing/ Sweeping/ Dusting and similar kind of Brushes	9603.9000	9603.9000.1200	China	3.85
		9603.9000.1300	Other Origins	5.05

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 element of air freight while assessing the goods.

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 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 Annexure to this Valuation Ruling. HS 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 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. 665/2014, dated 31-03-2014.***


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7. Director General, Intelligence and Investigation-FBR, Islamabad.
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11. Directors, Intelligence & Investigation, Karachi / Lahore / Islamabad/ Quetta Peshawar/ Faisalabad.
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. 665/2014, dated 31-03-2014.***
14. Chairman (Valuation Committee), FPCC&I, Federation House, Clifton, Karachi.