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Determination of Customs Values of Gypsum Board , Gypsum Tile and Fiber Cement Board under Section 25-A of the Customs Act, 1969

(VALUATION RULING NO. 951 / 2016)

No. Misc/13/2010-V

Dated: October 13, 2016

In exercise of the powers conferred under Section 25-A of the Customs Act, 1969, Customs values of Gypsum Board, Gypsum Tile and Fiber Cement Board are determined as follows: -

2. **Background of the valuation issue:** Customs values of Gypsum Board, Gypsum Tile and Fiber Cement Board were determined vide Valuation Ruling No.777/2015, dated 04-12-2015. Certain importers have requested for revision of the same in the light of order of the Honourable High Court in C.P No. 6918 dated 10-11-2015 as the same was more than ninety days old. Therefore, this Directorate General initiated an exercise to re-determine the values of imported Gypsum Board, Gypsum Tile and Fiber Cement Board.
3. **Stakeholders' participation in determination of Customs values:** Stakeholders' meeting was held on 05-10-2016. The importers were also requested to furnish the following documents: -

- (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. The documents as requisitioned were not submitted during or even after the meeting by any of the participants or other stakeholders. One local manufacturer submitted a proposal during the meeting that values pertaining to gypsum board should be increased and those of fiber cement board should be maintained. On scrutiny, it transpired that the said manufacturer is also an importer of fiber cement board. The importers on the other hand requested for downward revision of values as they contended that the prices of the subject goods have decreased in the international market.

5. **Method adopted to determine Customs values:** Valuation methods given in Section 25 of the Customs Act, 1969 were followed. 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 also not found helpful in



determination of values due to wide variation in values. Consequently, market enquiries as envisaged under Section 25(7) of the Customs Act, 1969, were conducted. Online values were also checked. Since the manufacturers' costs and raw material prices of producing the goods in question in the countries of exportation were not available, computed value method as provided in Section 25(8) could not be applied for valuation of the aforesaid goods. All the information so gathered was evaluated and analyzed for the purpose of determination of customs values of Gypsum Board, Gypsum Tile and Fiber Cement Board. Consequently, reliance was placed upon Sub-Section (9) of Section 25 of the Customs Act, 1969, and customs values Gypsum Board, Gypsum Tile and Fiber Cement Board were determined under Section 25(9) of the Customs Act, 1969. Online values were also checked.

6. **Customs values for Gypsum Board, Gypsum Tile and Fiber Cement Board hereinafter specified** shall be assessed to duty / taxes at the following Customs Values :-

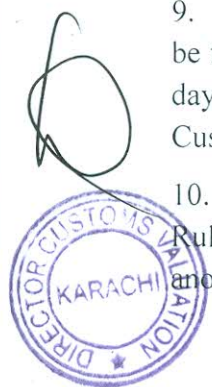
S. No.	Description of goods	Specifications	H.S Code	Proposed PCT for WeBOC	Origin	Customs Values C & F (US\$/Kg)
1	Gypsum Board	Plain	6809.1100	6809.1100.1000	China/ Thailand	0.225
			6809.1100	6809.1100.1100	Middle East	0.24
			6809.1100	6809.1100.1200	Other origins	0.265
		Decorated	6809.1100	6809.1100.1300	China/ Thailand	0.25
			6809.1100	6809.1100.1400	Middle East	0.27
			6809.1100	6809.1100.1500	Other origins	0.30
2	Fiber Cement Board	Plain	6811.8200	6811.8200.1000	China/ Thailand / India	0.21
			6811.8200	6811.8200.1100	Other origins	0.24

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 air 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 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 table above of this 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 Ruling supersedes Valuation Ruling No.777/2015 dated 04-12-2015.


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Director

Copy for information to :-

1. Member (Customs), F.B.R., Islamabad.
2. Director General, Customs Valuation, Custom House, Karachi.
3. Chief Collector of Customs, South (Appraisement), Custom House, Karachi.
4. Chief Collector of Customs, South (Enforcement), Custom House, Karachi.
5. Chief Collector of Customs (Central), Lahore.
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7. Director General, Intelligence and Investigation-FBR, Islamabad.
8. Director General, Audit (Customs & Petroleum), 1st Floor, PT&T Audit Building, Mauj-e-Darya Road, Lahore.
09. Director General, Post Clearance Audit (PCA), Islamabad.
10. Director General, Internal Audit (Customs), Karachi.
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 One Customs & WeBOC database system and deleting the Valuation Ruling No.777/2015, dated 04-12-2015.
14. Chairman (Valuation Committee), FPCC&I, Federation House, Clifton, Karachi.
15. Chambers of Commerce & Industry, Karachi, Lahore, Islamabad, Hyderabad, Quetta & Peshawar.
16. Law Section, Customs Valuation, 7th Floor, Custom House, Karachi.
17. Review Section, Customs Valuation, 7th Floor, Custom House, Karachi.
18. Karachi Customs Agents Group, Bohri Road, Karachi.
19. CHO, Customs Valuation, Custom House, Karachi.
20. Notice Board, Customs Valuation 7th Floor, Custom House, Karachi / MCC, Appraisement, 1st Floor, Custom House, Karachi.
21. Guard File.