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**DETERMINATION OF CUSTOMS VALUES OF CIGARETTE PAPER**  
**UNDER SECTION 25-A OF THE CUSTOMS ACT, 1969**

(VALUATION RULING NO. <sup>1073</sup> / 2017)

No. Mics/07/2017-III

Dated: March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017

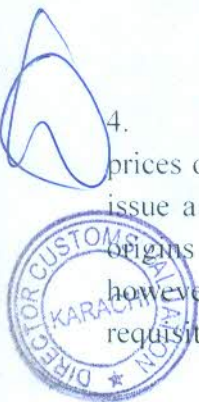
In exercise of the powers conferred under Section 25-A of the Customs Act, 1969, the Customs values of Cigarette Paper are determined as follows:-

2. **Description of the valuation issue:** The Customs values of Cigarette Paper were circulated vide VDB letter No.36, dated 23-08-2016. It was deemed expedient to issue a Valuation Ruling, hence, an exercise was conducted to determine Customs values of Cigarette Paper in line with current price trends in the international market.

3. **Stakeholder's participation in determination of Customs values:** Stakeholders' meetings were scheduled on 28-02-2017 & 06-03-2017. All participants were requested to submit the following documents : -

- i. Invoices of imports 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 three 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 meetings were attended by importers of Cigarette Paper. The importers discussed the prices of the subject commodity imported from Indonesia origin at length and it was decided to issue a value which would cater to at least the lower grades of cigarette paper imported from origins mentioned in the Ruling. Some import documents were submitted by one importer however, the remaining requisite documents were not submitted by them. None of the requisitioned documents were submitted by the other importers of subject goods.





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 as per law. Identical / similar goods value methods provided in Section 25(5) & (6) were examined which provides some reference values but could not be exclusively relied upon. Market enquiry as envisaged under Section 25(7) of the Customs Act, 1969, could yield no results because the subject goods are industrial item. Online values were also checked. Since the manufacturers' costs and raw material prices of producing the goods in question in the country 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 consequently, reliance was placed upon Sub-Section (9) of Section 25 of the Customs Act, 1969 for determination of customs values of Cigarette Paper.

6. **Customs Values of Cigarette Paper hereinafter specified,** shall be assessed to duty/taxes on the Customs values mentioned against them in the Table below: -

S. No.	Description of Goods	PCT	Proposed PCT For WEOC	Origin	Customs Values (C&F) US\$/kg
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
1.	Cigarette Paper	4813.2000	4813.2000.1000	Vietnam	2.00
2.	Cigarette Paper	4813.2000	4813.2000.1100	Indonesia	1.75
3.	<i>Note: The customs values determined in this Ruling are for the above mentioned origins only. The clearance collectorates shall assess the subject goods imported from other origins under Section 25 of the Customs Act, 1969.</i>				

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 Section 25 of the Customs Act, 1969. In case of consignments imported by air, the assessing officer shall take into account air freight while applying the Customs values determined in this Ruling.

8. **Validity of 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, before the Director General, Directorate General of Customs Valuation, 7<sup>th</sup> 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 the ruling are for the description and specification as mentioned in the table above of this Ruling. HS Codes are mentioned for illustrative purpose 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.

  
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4. Chief Collector of Customs, South (Enforcement), Custom House, Karachi.
5. Chief Collector of Customs (Central), Lahore.
6. Chief Collector of Customs (North), Islamabad.
7. Director General, Intelligence and Investigation, Islamabad.
8. Director General, Post Clearance Audit, Islamabad.
9. Director, Intelligence & Investigation, Karachi/ Lahore/ Islamabad/Quetta/Peshawer/Faisalabad.
10. The Project Director, WeBOC, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor, Custom House, Karachi.
11. Director, Customs Valuation, Custom House, Lahore.
12. Deputy Director (HQ), Directorate General of Customs Valuation, Karachi, for uploading this Val. Ruling in One Customs & WeBOC database and deleting values circulated vide VDB letter No.36, dated 23-08-2016 from the System.
13. Chairman (Valuation Committee), FPCC&I, Federation House, Clifton, Karachi.
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