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<u>Determination of Customs Values of Printed Circuit Board under Section 25-A of</u> <u>the Customs Act, 1969</u>

(Valuation Ruling No. 1168/2017)

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

- 2. **Background of the valuation issue:** Customs values of Printed Circuit Boards were determined under Section 25A of the Customs Act, 1969, vide Valuation Ruling No.555/2013, dated 04-06-2013. The 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 printed circuit boards.
- 3 Stakeholders' participation in determination of Customs values: Meetings with stakeholders were held on 16-02-2017 and 18-05-2017. Importers had been requested to furnish the following documents before or during the course of the 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.
- 4. During the course of the meetings, the stakeholders pointed out that values of Printed Circuit Board required revision in accordance with current price trends. They stated that printed circuit board single / double sided (bare board) and single / double sided Printed Circuit Board Assembly (stuffed) are of different in prices, thus needed to be differentiated accordingly. Resultantly, this Directorate General conducted a comprehensive exercise to determine Customs Values of Printed Circuit Boards of both types viz Bare Board (Single/Double side) and stuffed (Single/Double side).
- 5. **Method adopted to determine Customs values:** Valuation methods given in Section 25 of the Customs Act, 1969 were followed to arrive at customs values of Printed Circuit Board. 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 upon due to wide variation in declared values of subject goods. Thereafter, market enquiry as envisaged under section 25(7) of the Customs Act,

1969, was conducted. For the purpose, different markets were surveyed repeatedly. 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 were also obtained. All the information so gathered was evaluated and analyzed for the purpose of determination of customs values. Consequently, the Customs values of Printed Circuit Boards have been determined under Section 25(9) of the Customs Act, 1969

6. **Customs values for Printed Circuit Board:** Printed Circuit Board, hereinafter specified, shall be assessed to duty/taxes at the Customs Values mentioned below against them.

S.No.	Description of goods	PCT	Proposed PCT for WeBOC	Origins	Customs value (C&F) US\$/Kg
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
1	Single Sided (Bare Board) Printed Circuit Boards Single Sided (Stuffed) Printed Circuit Board Assembly	8534.0000	8534.0000.1000	China/ Hong Kong	6.50
2			8534.0000.1100	Europe/USA/ Japan	8.45
3			8534.0000.1200	Other Origins	7.47
4			8534.0000.1300	China/ Hong Kong	13.00
5			8534.0000.1400	Europe/USA/ Japan	16.90
6			8534.0000.1500	Other Origins	14.95
7	Double Sided (Bare Board) Printed Circuit Boards Double Sided (Stuffed) Printed Circuit Board Assembly		8534.0000.1600	China/ Hong Kong	15.00
8			8534.0000.1700	Europe/ USA/Japan	18.00
9			8534.0000.1800	Other Origins	16.00
10			8534.0000.1900	China/Hong Kong	30.00
11			8534.0000.2000	Europe/USA/ Japan	37.00
12			8534.0000.2100	Other Origins	34.00

- 7. In cases where declared/transaction values are higher than the Customs values determined in this Valuation 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 Valuation 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 Valuation 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 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 ruling supersedes Valuation Ruling No.555/2013, dated 04-06-2013.

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Director

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- 2. Director General, Customs Valuation, Custom House, Karachi.
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- 09. Director General, Post Clearance Audit (PCA), Islamabad.
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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.555/2013, dated 04-06-2013.
- 14. Chairman (Valuation Committee), FPCC&I, Federation House, Clifton, Karachi.
- 15. Chambers of Commerce & Industry, Karachi, Lahore, Islamabad, Hyderabad, Quetta, Gujranwala, Faisalabad, Sialkot, Rawalpindi & 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 (East/West), Custom House, Karachi.
- 21. Webmaster, Federal Board of Revenue, Constitution Avenue, Islamabad, for uploading FBR website and deleting Valuation Ruling No.555/2013, dated 04-06-2013.
- 22. Guard File.