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Determination of Customs Values of Sodium Lauryl Ether Sulphate and Sodium Lauryl Sulphate Under Section 25-A of the Customs Act, 1969

No.Misc/2/2014-II/548

Dated: May 21, 2018

(VALUATION RULING NO. 1305/2018)

In exercise of powers conferred under Section 25-A of the Customs Act, 1969, Customs values of Sodium Lauryl Ether Sulphate and Sodium Lauryl Sulphate are determined as follows:

2. **Background of the Valuation Issue:** Earlier the customs values of Sodium Lauryl Ether Sulphate and Sodium Lauryl Sulphate were determined vide Valuation Ruling No. 1018/2017 dated 23-01-2017 read with Order-in-Revision No. 315/2017 dated 28-02-2017. There were several representations from importers, wherein they contended that customs values determined in the existing Valuation Ruling are not reflective of prices in international markets. They requested to determine the customs values afresh in accordance with the trend of values in the international market. Keeping in view the prevailing prices in the international markets this Directorate General initiated an exercise for determination of the customs values of the subject items in terms of Section 25-A of the Customs Act, 1969.

3. **Stakeholders participation in determination of Customs values:** Meetings with stakeholders including importers, representatives from Pakistan Chemicals and Dyes Merchants Association (PCDMA) and representatives from field formations were held on 24-04-2018 and 11-05-2018, to discuss the prices of the subject goods. The importers / stakeholders had been requested to submit the following documents before or during the course of stakeholders meetings so that customs values could be determined:

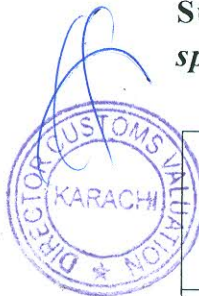
- i) Invoices of imports during last three months showing customs value.
- ii) Websites, names and E-mail addresses of known foreign manufacturers of the item in question through which the actual current value can be ascertained.
- iii) Copies of Contracts made / LCs opened during the last three months 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 their contentions.

4. During the meetings the stakeholders stated that the value of Sodium Lauryl Ether Sulphate were notified more than a year ago and the prices in the international market have declined considerably and requested to align the values with the exist i g

international market trends. The importers submitted documents to substantiate their contentions. The issue of specifications was also discussed at length. The view point of all participants was heard in detail and considered to arrive at Customs values of the subject goods.

5. **Method adopted to determine Customs values:** Valuation methods provided in Section 25 of the Customs Act, 1969 were duly applied in their regular sequential order to arrive at customs values of subject goods. The transaction value method as provided in Sub-Section (1) of Section 25 of the Customs Act, 1969 was found inapplicable due to wide variation of values displayed in the import data. Thereafter, identical / similar goods value method as provided in Sub-Sections (5) & (6) of Section 25 *ibid* were examined for applicability to the valuation issue in the instant case. The wide variations in declarations were observed. Information available was not sufficient to arrive at customs values. In line with the statutory sequential order of Section 25, this office conducted market inquiries under Sub-Section (7) of Section 25 of the Customs Act, 1969. A number of surveys were conducted to arrive at customs values. Resultantly, Customs values of Sodium Lauryl Ether Sulphate and Sodium Lauryl Sulphate were determined under section 25 (7) of the Customs Act, 1969.

5. **Customs values for Sodium Lauryl Ether Sulphate and Sodium Lauryl Sulphate:** The Sodium Lauryl Ether Sulphate and Sodium Lauryl Sulphate *hereinafter specified* shall be assessed to duty / taxes at the following Customs Values:



S. No.	Description of goods	PCT	Proposed PCT for WeBOC	Origin	Customs Values (C&F) US\$/Kg
(1)	(2)	(4)	(5)	(3)	(6)
1	Sodium Lauryl Ether Sulphate	3402.1190	3402.1190.1000	China	1.365
2		3402.1190	3402.1190.1100	India	1.390
3		3402.1190	3402.1190.1200	All other origins	1.420
4	Sodium Lauryl Sulphate	3402.1190	3402.1190.1300	China	1.400
5		3402.1190	3402.1190.1400	India	1.490
6		3402.1190	3402.1190.1500	All other origins	1.500

Note: *Owing to the issue of specifications, the values notified above are not applicable on the imports of SLES by Ms Procter & Gamble Pakistan (Pvt.) Ltd for the time being.*

6. 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 in this Ruling.

7. **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.

8. **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.

9. 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 descriptions and specifications 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 certifications 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.

10. ***This Ruling supersedes Valuation Ruling No.1018/2017 dated 23-01-2017.***


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Director

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1. The Member (Customs), F.B.R., Islamabad.
2. The Director General, Customs Valuation, Custom House, Karachi.
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6. The Chief Collector of Customs (North), Islamabad.
7. The Director General, Intelligence and Investigation-FBR, Islamabad.
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12. The 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 Valuation Ruling No.1018/2017 dated 32.01.2017.