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Determination of Customs Values of Non Alloy Steel Wire not Plated or Coated

Under Section 25-A of the Customs Act, 1969

(VALUATION RULING NO.1330/ 2018)

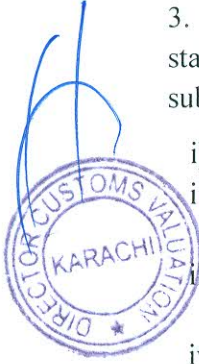
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In exercise of the powers conferred under Section 25-A of the Customs Act, 1969, Customs values of Non-Alloy Steel Wire, not plated or coated are determined as follows:

2. **Background of the valuation issue :** A number of representations were received from stakeholders that values 'Non Alloy Steel Wire not plated or coated' being declared to Customs are not correct transaction values, and needs remedial action by the Directorate. Therefore, this Directorate General initiated an exercise for determination of customs values of 'Non Alloy Steel Wire not plated or coated' under Section 25-A of the Customs Act, 1969.

3. **Stakeholders' participation in determination of Customs values:** Meetings with stakeholders were scheduled on 18-07-2018 and 12.09.2018. The participants were requested to submit following documents before or during the stakeholders' meetings:

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- i) Invoice of Imports made during last three months showing factual value.
 - ii) Websites, names and E-mail address of known foreign suppliers / manufacturers of the item in question through which the actual current value could be ascertained.
 - iii) Copies of contracts made / LCs opened during the last three months showing the value of items in question.
 - iv) Copies of Sales Tax paid invoices issued during last four months (excluding duty and taxes) to substantiate their contentions.

4. Different stakeholders including importers and officers from clearance Collectorate attended the meetings. Representatives of Collectorate stated that the subject item is being under-invoiced and a customs value shall be determined to forestall mis-declaration. Other stakeholders contended that customs values shall be linked with accredited internationally published prices like LMB to forestall any under-invoicing or mis-declarations.

5. **Method adopted to determine Customs values:** Valuation methods given in Section 25 of the Customs Act, 1969 were applied sequentially to address the valuation issue at hand. Transaction Value Method under Sub-Section (1) of Section 25 of the Act ibid was found inapplicable because required information under the law was not available. Identical and Similar Goods valuation methods provided in Sub-Sections (5) and (6) of Section 25 of the Customs Act, 1969 provided some reference values but due to wide variations in the declarations the same could not be relied upon exclusively. In the sequential order this office also conducted market inquiries in terms of Sub-Section (7) of Section 25 of the Customs Act, 1969. Online available information was also checked. All the available information was analyzed and evaluated. Keeping all the above in view, Customs values of Iron or Non-Alloy Steel Wire Rod are determined under Sub-Section (9) of Section 25 of the Customs Act, 1969.

6. **Customs values for Non Alloy Steel Wire, not plated or coated:** Non Alloy Steel Wire, not plated or Coated *hereinafter specified*, shall be assessed to duty /taxes at the following Customs Values:

S.No	Description	PCT Heading	Proposed PCT for WeBOC	Origin	Custom Value in C&F US\$/MT
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
1	Non-Alloy Steel Wire not Plated or Coated	7217.1000	7217.1000.1000	China	i. LMB Prices of Wire Rod (Mesh quality) add US\$ 5% on account of Draw quality), add ii. US\$ 145/MT (on account of conversion cost) and add iii US\$ 40/MT (on account of freight).

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 differential between air freight and sea 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 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 specifications as mentioned in this Valuation ruling. PCT 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.

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13. The Deputy Director (HQ), Directorate General of Customs Valuation, Karachi, for uploading in One Customs & WeBOC database system.
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15. The Chambers of Commerce & Industry, Karachi, Lahore, Islamabad, Hyderabad, Quetta & Peshawar.
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18. The Karachi Customs Agents Group, Bohri Road, Karachi.
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