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**DETERMINATION OF CUSTOMS VALUES OF ALMONDS UNDER SECTION 25A
OF THE CUSTOMS ACT, 1969**

(VALUATION RULING NO. 1826 /2023)

Misc/12/2013-I/1028

Dated: 10-11-2023

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

2. **Background of the valuation issue:** Earlier, the Customs values of Almonds were determined under Section 25A of the Customs Act, 1969 vide Valuation Ruling No.1209/2017 dated 18-09-2017 and Valuation Ruling No. PESH/01/2022 dated 18-03-2022 vide Letter No.Dir.Val/Pesh/Dr-Fruit/03/2022/10 & Valuation Ruling No.1/2022 dated 18-03-2022 vide Letter No.01(02)/DV/Valuation/2022/34. There were several representations from importers wherein they stated that the Customs values determined in the existing valuation rulings are not reflective of prevailing international market. Therefore, an exercise has been undertaken by this Directorate to determine the same.

3. **Stakeholders' participation in determination of Customs values:** Meeting was convened on 31-10-2023 which was attended by the relevant stakeholders. The issues pertaining to the valuation of subject goods were deliberated upon in detail in the afore-referred meeting. The stakeholders requested to determine the Customs values afresh in accordance with the trend of values in the international market as the values have declined considerably.

4. **Analysis / Exercise done to determine Customs Values:** Ninety (90) days' clearance data has been retrieved and the same has been scrutinized. Subsequently, Market inquiry has been conducted and examined in the light of this Directorate's Office Order No.17/2014 dated 19.03.2014 and in terms of Section 25 (7) read with Section 25 (9) of the Customs Act, 1969. Moreover, import data of Almonds for past three financial years has been analyzed. For Pakistan, import value has declined from 1.77 Billion Pakistan Rupees (in FY 2020-21) to 0.68 Billion Pakistan Rupees in FY 2022-23 whereas, through Afghan Transit Trade, the import value has increased from 2.34 Billion Pakistan Rupees (in FY 2020-21) to 10.07 Billion Pakistan Rupees in FY 2022-23.

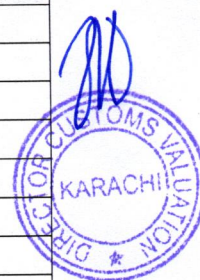
5. **Method (s) adopted to determine Customs values:** Valuation methods specified in Section 25 of the Customs Act, 1969, are duly considered in their sequential order to arrive at the Customs value of subject goods. The transaction value method as provided in sub-section



(1) of Section 25 of the Customs Act, 1969, was found inapplicable due to absence of information as required under sub-section (2) of Section 25 of Customs Act, 1969. Therefore, identical/similar goods value methods provided in Section 25(5) & (6) *ibid* were examined for applicability to determine Customs value of subject goods. The data provided some reference; however, it was found that the same could not be solely relied upon due to absence of absolute demonstrable evidences of quantities and qualities and variation in declaration. Information available was, hence, found incomplete. In line with statutory sequential order of Section 25 of the Customs Act, 1969, this Directorate conducted market survey under sub-section (7) of Section 25 of the Customs Act, 1969. Various Retail/Wholesale markets were visited to observe the actual prices of Almonds. On the basis of available data/information collected and exercise conducted, the values of Almonds have been determined under sub-section (7), read with Section 25 (9), of Section 25 of the Customs Act, 1969.

6. **Customs values of Almonds** – Almonds, hereinafter specified, shall be assessed to duty / taxes at the Customs values as per the following table:

S.No.	Description Of Goods	H.S Code	PCT For WeBoc	Origin	Customs Values (C & F) US\$/KG
1	Almond Shelled (without Shell Cover)	0802.1200	0802.1200.1000	USA	1.53
			0802.1200.1100	Australia	1.50
			0802.1200.1200	Other Origins	1.53
2	Almond in Shell Cover (Soft Cover)	0802.1100	0802.1100.1000	USA	1.25
			0802.1100.1100	Australia	1.22
			0802.1100.1200	Other Origins	1.25
3	Almond in Shell Cover (Hard Cover)	0802.1100	0802.1100.1300	USA	0.95
			0802.1100.1400	Australia	0.90
			0802.1100.1500	Other Origins	0.95
Note: In case of import of value added Almonds like salted, roasted etc up to 15% loading on the above determined values is advised.					



7. In cases, where declared 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 officers shall take into account the difference between air freight and sea freight while applying the Customs values in this Ruling.

8. **Validity of this Valuation Ruling:** This Ruling, containing the Customs values for assessment of subject imported goods, shall be applicable until and unless the same is rescinded or revised by the competent authority in terms of sub-section (4) of Section 25A of the Customs Act, 1969.

9. **Revision of the values determined vide this Valuation Ruling:** If aggrieved, a revision petition may be filed against this ruling as provided under Section 25D of the Customs Act, 1969, within 30 days from the date of its issuance, 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 are applied by the concerned staff without fail. Any anomaly observed may kindly be

brought to the notice of this Directorate immediately. Customs values determined in the Ruling are for the description and specification as mentioned in the table above of this 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.

11. *This Valuation Ruling modifies (wherever applicable) the Valuation Ruling No.1209/2017 dated 18-09-2017 and Valuation Ruling No.PESH/01/2022 dated 18-03-2022 vide Letter No.Dir.Val/Pesh/Dr-Fruit/03/2022/10 & Valuation Ruling No.1/2022 dated 18-03-2022 vide Letter No.01(02)/DV/Valuation/2022/34.*


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- 17) The Chairman (Valuation Committee), FPCC&I, Federation House, Clifton, Karachi.
- 18) The Chambers of Commerce & Industry, Karachi, Lahore, Islamabad, Hyderabad, Quetta & Peshawar.
- 19) The Karachi Customs Agents Group, Bohri Road, Karachi.
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