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## DETERMINATION OF CUSTOMS VALUE OF DRY COCONUT / COPRA UNDERSECTION 25-A OF THE CUSTOMS ACT, 1969

(VALUATION RULING NO. //34/2017)

No. Misc/15/2009-I

Dated: April 18th, 2017

In exercise of the powers conferred under Section 25-A of the Customs Act, 1969 Customs values of Coconut / Dry Copra are determined as follows:-

- 2. Background of the Valuation Issue: Customs values of Dry Coconut/Copra of various types from different origins were determined vide Valuation Ruling No. 1033/2017 dated 01-02-2017. Some importers/stakeholders agitated the values before the Director General Customs Valuation under section 25-D of the Customs Act, 1969. The Director General Customs Valuation vide Order-In-Revision No. 322/2017 dated 07-04-2017 remanded the matter back to Director to conduct afresh the exercise of determination values of Dry Coconut/Copra various types, from different origin..Therefore a fresh exercise was initiated to re-determine the values of Dry Coconut/Copra.
- Stakeholders' Participation in Determination of Customs Values: A meeting for determination of customs values of Dry Coconut/Copra with stakeholders was held on 18-04-2017 which was duly attended by all the stakeholders however, the representatives of MCC, Quetta, and the Chambers of Commerce and Industry Quetta and Chaman could not attend the meeting despite being invited to the same for their valuable input. The representatives from All Pakistan Dry Fruit Importers and Exporters Association, Quetta attended the meeting. The representatives from MCC Appraisement West shared their market inquiry and contributed to the working of this Directorate. All the stakeholders strongly contended and requested that the said Valuation Ruling may be reviewed in light of prevailing international and local market prices and further contended that the market surveys may be conducted from wholesale markets. The Pakistan Kiryana Merchants Association also submitted the prevalent wholesale prices of Copra of various origins. During the course of the meeting the representative of All Pakistan Dry Fruit Importers and Exporters Association, Quetta vehemently insisted that values of Copra are considerably lower than those determined vide the previous Ruling. The representatives of Pakistan Kiryana Merchants Association counter argued that in fact the value of Copra of various origins imported via land route through MCC, Quetta, should in fact be higher than that for import via sea route given the extra freight incurred due to exports from country of origin to Iran and onward movement to Quetta / Balochistan through multimodal transport of sea and land.
- 4. Method Adapted to Determine Customs Values: Valuation methods provided in Section 25 of the Customs Act, 1969 were duly followed and applied sequentially to address the valuation issue at hand. Transaction value method provided in Sub-Section (1) of Section 25 was found inapplicable because the requisite information was not available as per law. Identical / similar goods value method provided in Sub-Sections (5) & (6) of Section 25 ibid were examined for applicability to determine Customs value of subject goods, this data provided some references, however, it was found that the same cannot be solely relied upon due to variation in the same. In the with the statutory sequential order of Section 25, this office then conducted a market inquiry

using Deductive Value Method under Sub-Section (7) of the Section 25 of the Customs Act, 1969. Section 25(7) of the Customs Act, 1969 was applied to arrive at assessable customs values of Coconut / Dry Copra.

5. Customs Values for Coconut/Dray Copra: Coconut/Dray Copra hereinafter specified shall be assessed to duty / taxes at the following Customs Values:-

S. No	Description of goods	H.S.Code	PCT for WEBOC	Origin	Customs Values C&F USS/KG Net Contents
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
1.	Dry Coconut/ Dry Copra	1203.0000	1203.0000.1000	India	1.30
2.	Dry Coconut/ Dry Copra	1203.0000	1203.0000.1100	Sri Lanka	1.45
3.	Dry Coconut/ Dry Copra	1203.0000	1203.0000.1200	Indonesia / Malaysia	1.20
4.	Dry Coconut/ Dry Copra	1203.0000	1203.0000.1400	Other Origins	1.45
5.	Dry Coconut/ Dry Copra Estate No.1	1203.0000	1203.0000.1500	Sri Lanka	1.80
6.	Dry Coconut/ Dry Copra Estate No.1	1203.0000	1203.0000.1600	Other Origins	1.73

- 6. In case of imports of subject goods via land route through MCC Quetta, the Collectorate may like to assess the same after taking into account authentic and actual freight. 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.
- 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 (4) of Section 25-A of the Customs Act, 1969. In case imported items are not specifically fall under any of above mentioned brands, the same may be assessed under Section 25, otherwise if appropriate the same may be referred to Directorate of Customs Valuation for necessary action at their end.
- 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, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor, Custom House, Karachi.

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 Directorate General immediately. Customs values determined in the ruling are for the description and specification as mentioned herein. PCT Codes are mentioned for illustrative purpose so that valuation ruling values are made accessible to the assessing officer. 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.

This ruling supersedes Valuation Ruling No.1033/2017, dated 01-02-2017.

(Dr. Wasil Ali Memor)
Director

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- 12. Director, Directorate of Customs Valuation (Camp Office), Lahore.
- Deputy Director (HQ), Directorate General of Customs Valuation, Karachi, for uploading in One Customs & WeBOC database system and deleting Valuation Ruling No.1033/2017, 01-02-2017 from the system on the date of issue of this ruling.
- 14. Chairman (Valuation Committee), FPCC&I, Federation House, Clifton, Karachi.
- Chambers of Commerce & Industry, Karachi, Lahore, Islamabad, Hyderabad, Quetta & Peshawar.
- 16. Law Section, Customs Valuation, 7th Floor, Custom House, Karachi.
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