



GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN  
DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF CUSTOMS VALUATION  
CUSTOM HOUSE KARACHI

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The Collectors of Customs, Model Customs Collectorates (Appraisement / PaCCS/ Port Qasim/ Preventive), Karachi / Lahore ( Appraisement / Preventive) / Sambrial (Sialkot) / Faisalabad / Multan / Islamabad /Hyderabad/ Quetta / Peshawar/ Gawadar/ Gilgit-Baltistan.

**DETERMINATION OF CUSTOMS VALUES OF SODA ASH  
UNDER SECTION 25-A OF CUSTOMS ACT, 1969**

(VALUATION RULING NO.553 / 2013)

No.Misc/06/2009-II

Dated: 10-05-2013

In exercise of the powers conferred under section 25-A of the Customs Act, 1969, the Director, Directorate General of Customs Valuation, Karachi, has determined the customs values of Soda Ash for assessment of duty / taxes on these goods when imported into Pakistan as under :-

1. **Description of the valuation issue** - Two revision applications were filed against the Valuation Ruling No.540, dated 22-01-2013, by M/s.ICI Pakistan Limited and M/s.Ghani Glass Limited under section 25D of the Customs Act, 1969, before the Director General (Valuation) and decided on merits. The review order No.319 was decided in respect of the applicant M/s.ICI Pakistan Limited on 18-04-2013 in which their plea was rejected. Besides, review order No.320 was issued in respect of the applicant M/s.Ghani Glass Limited with the following direction that:-

*" the case is remanded to the Director, Customs Valuation, Karachi, to re-examine the Valuation Ruling No.540/2013, dated 22-01-2013 to the extent of customs value of Soda Ash (Dense) after hearing all stakeholders and getting their feed-back for early determination of customs values under Section 25A of the Customs act, 1969, for prospective application in accordance with law, rules and prescribed procedure and on merit "*



2. Accordingly, meeting was held on 06-05-2013 wherein importers appeared and insisted that there had been decline in prices of Soda Ash (Dense) in the international market as per evidence and other international publications. FPCC&I and All Pakistan Chemicals & Dyes Merchants Association also endorsed the above importer's contention. Representative of M/s.ICI Pakistan Ltd. attended the office after meeting was convened and communicated their contention verbally without supportive documents. It was also committed by M/s.ICI Pakistan Ltd. that relevant documents and evidence would be furnished within two days but nothing was received. In addition, evidences available in the import data were also looked into to consider revision of the customs value of Soda Ash. This prompted an exercise to re-determine the customs values of the aforementioned goods.
3. **Methodology adopted to determine customs values** - Valuation methods given in section 25 of the Customs Act, 1969 were examined to ascertain which methods were applicable to

the valuation issue in hand in terms of section 25A (1) of the Act. Transactional value method provided in section 25(1) was found inapplicable because sufficient information with respect to adjustments to be made to the transactional value in terms of section 25(2) was not available. The record of customs values of identical and similar goods in terms of section 25(5) & (6) was examined to gain an insight into the levels of current declared values and falling trend was observed. These methods of valuation proved helpful to a certain extent only because of scanty imports of the goods in question from some origins during the relevant period. The Deductive Value Method provided in section 25(7) of the Act was examined and found in- applicable because the subject goods from all sources were not available in the local market. Since the manufacturers' costs of producing the goods in question in the country of exportation were not available, Computed Value Method as provided in section 25(8) could not be applied for valuation of the aforementioned goods. In the light of above, the values of Synthetic Soda Ash Dense and Natural Soda Ash have been determined under Fall Back method as envisaged under section 25(9) read with section 25(5) & (6) of the customs Act, 1969.

4. Customs values for Synthetic and Natural Soda Ash of All origin *hereinafter specified* shall be assessed to duty / taxes on the customs values mentioned against them in the table below :-

S.No.	Description of goods	PCT Heading	Proposed PCT for WeBoc	Origin	Custom Value (US\$ per KG)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
	Synthetic Soda Ash	2836.2000	2836.2000.1000		
1.	Synthetic Soda Ash (Dense)	2836.2000	2836.2000.1100	All Origins	0.235
	Natural Soda Ash	2836.2000	2836.2000.2000		
2.	Natural Soda Ash All Types	2836.2000	2836.2000.2100	All Origins other than Kenya	0.215
3.	Natural Soda Ash All Types	2836.2000	2836.2000.2100	Kenya	0.195

*The customs value of Synthetic Soda Ash (Light) as determined under Valuation Ruling No. 540/2013, dated 22-01-2013 shall remain applicable as it is.*

5. **Validity of this Valuation Ruling** - The customs values determined in this Ruling shall continue to be the applicable customs values for the aforementioned goods till the time this Valuation Ruling is rescinded or revised by the competent authority in terms of section 25A of the Customs Act, 1969. Moreover, this Valuation Ruling applies to cases where declared values are less than the customs value determined in the ruling. *In cases where declared values are more than the customs value determined in the ruling, the concerned assessing officers shall apply such higher values in terms of section 25(1) of the Customs Act, 1969. Moreover, in case of consignments imported by air, if the differential between air freight and sea freight, when taken into account, raises the customs values above those determined in this ruling, the concerned assessing officers shall apply such higher values in terms of section 25(1) of the Customs Act, 1969.*