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DETERMINATION OF CUSTOMS VALUES OF BABY DIAPERS UNDER SECTION 25-A OF THE CUSTOMS ACT, 1969

(VALUATION RULING NO.660 / 2014)

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Dated: March 29, 2014

In exercise of the powers conferred under Section 25-A of the Customs Act, 1969, the Customs values of Baby Diapers of various brands / origins are determined as follows:-

- Background of the valuation issue: Customs values of Baby Diapers were earlier determined through Valuation Ruling No.493 / 2012, dated 23-11-2012. An exercise was initiated to determine the Customs value of Baby Diapers afresh in terms of Section 25-A of the Customs Act, 1969, with a view to reflect the international prices prevailing in international market.
- 2. Method adopted to determine Customs values: Valuation methods given in Section 25 of the Customs Act, 1969 were followed. Transaction value method provided in Sub-Section (1) of Section 25 was found inapplicable because sufficient information required under the law was not available. Identical / similar goods value methods provided in Sub-Sections (5) & (6) of Section 25 ibid were applied which provided same reference values. Market enquiry under Sub-Section (7) of Section 25 of the Customs Act, 1969 read with Sub-Section (9) of Section 25 ibid was also adopted. Consequently, Fall Back Value Method under Sub-Section (9) of Section 25 of the Customs Act, 1969, was applied to determine Customs values for Baby Diapers of various brands and origins in this case.
- 3. Stakeholders' participation in determination of Customs values: Meetings were convened with stakeholders on 28-10-2013, 19-11-2013, 12-03-2014 and 24-03-2014 which were attended by representatives of KCCI, importers and local manufacturers. The local manufacturers agitated against the valuation of China origin and Vietnam origin Diapers and requested to increase the same.
- Customs values of Baby Diapers: Baby Diapers, hereinafter specified, shall be assessed to duty/ taxes on Customs values mentioned against them in the Table below: -

TABLE-A HIGH VALUE BRANDS SUCH AS E.Q., CANBEBE, HUGGIES ETC (EXCLUDING PAMPERS BRAND)

S.No.	Description of goods	PCT Heading	Proposed PCT for WeBoc	Origin	Customs Values (C&F) US\$/Kg
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
01.	Baby Diapers	9619.0020	9619.0020.1100	Taiwan	2.68
02.	Baby Diapers	9619.0020	9619.0020.1900	Others	2,70

TABLE-B

LOW VALUE BRANDS SUCH AS ROSE, WINNER, CROWN, ANGLE, SUNNIE, SUSU, LEGO, GOWA, NICEBABY, LEO AND OTHER SIMILAR BRANDS

S.No.	Description of goods	PCT Heading	Proposed PCT for WeBoc	Origin	Customs Values (C&F) US\$/Kg
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
01.	Baby Diapers	9619.0020	9619.0020.1300	China	2.00
02.	Baby Diapers	9619.0020	9619.0020.1400	Indonesia	2.50
03.	Baby Diapers	9619.0020	9619.0020.1500	Malaysia	2.50
04.	Baby Diapers	9619.0020	9619.0020.1600	Turkey	2.33
05.	Baby Diapers	9619.0020	9619.0020.1700	U.A.E.	2.40
06.	Baby Diapers	9619.0020	9619.0020.1800	Vietnam	1.90
07.	Baby Diapers	9619.0020	9619.0020.3900	Others	2.50

Note: If the above said goods are imported in bulk packing by multinational companies, 5% (five percent) reduction shall be allowed in the above determined Customs values.

- 5. In cases where declared / transaction values are higher than the Customs value determined in this Ruling, the assessing officer 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.
- 6. Validity of this Valuation Ruling: The value 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.
- 7. 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, before the Director General, Directorate General of Customs Valuation, 7th Floor, Custom House, Karachi.
- 8. 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 with respect to PCT may kindly be brought to the notice of Directorate General immediately.
- 9. This Valuation Ruling Supersedes Valuation Ruling No. 493 / 2012, dated 23-11-2012.

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- 3. Director General, Customs Valuation, Custom House, Karachi.
- 4. Chief Collector of Customs, South (Appraisement), Custom House, Karachi.