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

Under Section 25-A of Customs Act, 1969 (VALUATION RULING NO.758/2015)

No. Misc/12/2010-V

Dated: September 08, 2015

In exercise of the powers conferred under Section 25-A of the Customs Act, 1969, Customs values of Ceramic & Porcelain Tiles are determined as follows:

- Background of the valuation issue: Customs values of Ceramic and Porcelain Tiles were determined under Section 25-A of the Customs Act, 1969, vide Valuation Ruling No.538/2013, dated 16-01-2013 and amendment dated February 07, 2014 and dated 29-03-2014. Importers of Tiles have repeatedly agitated against the higher determination of values and requested for revision of values on the ground that the existing Valuation Ruling is more than two years old and price in international market especially China and Iran have gone down considerably. Recently certain importers have filed petitions vide CP No. D-5141 and CP No. D-5142 in the Sind High court against the existing valuation ruling mainly on the grounds that the existing ruling is very old and needs revision and cannot be applied on the current imports. Honorable Sind High court vide interim order dated September 01, 2015 has directed that goods of the petitioners shall be released subject to deposit of differential of 20% of the Customs Duty and taxes with the Nazir of the court and payment of the balance to the respondents. Keeping in view the aforesaid position, an exercise to re-determine the Customs values of Ceramic and Porcelain Tiles was initiated.
- 3- Stakeholders' participation: Meetings were held with stakeholders including the representatives of importers, local manufactures, clearance Collectorates, Karachi Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and trade bodies on 07-04-2015, 13-05-2015, 26-05-2015 and 02-07-2015 for their input on the subject issue.
- 4- 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 the same could not be relied upon. In the sequential order this office conducted market inquiries in terms of Sub-Section (7) of Section 25 of the Customs Act, 1969. Stakeholders meetings were also conducted for their input and feedback. On-line values were also checked. Accordingly customs values of Ceramic and Porcelain Tiles are determined under sub-section (7) of Section 25 of the Customs Act, 1969.

- 5- Customs values for Ceramic & Porcelain Tiles: Ceramic and Porcelain Tiles as specified in the annexure to this Ruling shall be assessed to duty/ taxes at the Customs values as enumerated therein.
- 6- 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 (1) or (3) of Section 25-A or section 25-D of the Customs Act, 1969.
- 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 issuance of this Ruling, before the Director General, Directorate General of Customs Valuation, 7th Floor, Custom House, Karachi.
- 9- Any anomaly observed may kindly be brought to the notice of this Directorate General immediately for redressal
- 10- This Ruling supersedes Valuation Ruling No.538/2013 dated 16-01-2013 and its Amendments issued dated 07-02-2014 and 29-03-2014.

(Manzoor Hussain Memon) Director

Copy for information to : -

- 1. Member (Customs), F.B.R., Islamabad.
- 2. Director General, Customs Valuation, Custom House, Karachi.

Annex-I to Valuation Ruling No. 758/2015 dated September 08, 2015

Customs Values in US \$ / Square Meter

		Customs Values in US \$ / Square Meter						
S.No.	Sizes	PCT code	Proposed PCT for Weboc	China*	Europe	Far East and Middle East	Iran	
	Ceramic Tiles				A			
1	Below 04"x04"=10x10cm	6908.9010	6908.9010.1000	2.00	3.50	2.20	1.85	
2	04"x04"=10x10cm & Above	6908.9010	6908.9010.1200	2.20	3.79	2.42	2.05	
3	8"x8"=20x20cm & Above	6908.9010	6908.9010.1300	2.40	4.48	2.65	2.20	
4	8"x12"=20x30cm & Above	6908.9010	6908.9010.1400	2.40	5.25	2.65	2,20	
5	10"x13"=25x33cm & Above	6908.9010	6908.9010.1500	2.50	5.53	2.75	2.30	
6	12"x12"=30x30cm & Above	6908.9010	6908.9010.1600	2.85	5.75	3.10	2.65	
7	12"x18"=30x45cm & Above	6908.9010	6908.9010.1700	3.70	5.75	4.10	3.40	
8	16"x16"=40x40cm & Above	6908.9010	6908.9010.1800	4.00	5.75	4.40	3,70	
9	20"x20"=50x50cm & Above	6908.9010	6908.9010.1900	4.10	5,75	4.50	3.80	
10	24"x24"=60x60cm & Above	6908.9010	6908.9010.2000	4.30	5.78	4.70	4.00	
	Porcelain Tiles Poslished							
S.No.	Sizes	PCT code	Proposed PCT for Weboc	China	Europe	Far East and Middle East	Iran	
1	Below 12"x12"=30x30cm	6907.9000	6907.9000.1000	4.10	7.98	4.50	3.80	
2	12"x12"=30x30cm & Above	6907.9000	6907.9000.1100	4.50	9.47	4.95	4.15	
3	12"x18"=30x45cm & Above	6907.9000	6907.9000.1200	4.75	9.56	5.20	4,40	
4	16"x16"=40x40cm & Above	6907.9000	6907.9000.1300	4.90	10.50	5,40	4.50	
5	18"x18"=45x45cm & Above	6907.9000	6907.9000.1400	5.05	10.50	5.50	4.70	
6	20"x20"=50x50cm & Above	6907.9000	6907.9000.1500	4.95	10.50	5.45	4.60	
7	24"x24"=60x60cm & Above	6907.9000	6907.9000.1600	5.25	11.55	5.75	4.85	
8	40"x40"=100x100cm & Above	6907.9000	6907.9000.1700	6.05	12.00	6.65	5.60	

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Customs Values in US \$ / Square Meter

S.No.	Sizes	PCT code	Proposed PCT for Weboc	China•	Europe	Far East and Middle East	Iran
-	Porcelain Tiles-Matt/Glazed						
S.No.	Sizes	PCT code	Proposed PCT for Weboc	China	Europe	Far East and Middle East	Iran
1	Below 12"x12"=30x30cm	6908.9010	6908.9010.2100	3.00	4.48	3.30	2.7
2	12"x12"=30x30cm & Above	6908.9010	6908.9010.2200	3.25	5,25	3.55	3.0
3	12"x18"=30x45cm & Above	6908.9010	6908.9010.2300	3.90	5.25	4.25	3.0
4	16"x16"=40x40cm & Above	6908.9010	6908.9010.2400	4.10	5.68	4.50	3,8
5	8"x18"=45x45cm & Above	6908.9010	6908.9010.2500	4.10	5.68	4.50	3.8
6	20"x20"=50x50cm & Above	6908.9010	6908.9010.2600	4.05	5.68	4.45	3.7
7	24"x24"=60x60cm & Above	6908.9010	6908.9010.2700	4.30	7.58	4,70	4.0
	Glazed Polished Porcelain Tile						
S.No.	Sizes	PCT code	Proposed PCT for Weboc	China	Europe	Far East and Middle East	Iran
	24"x24"=60x60cm & Above	6908.9010	6908.9010.2800	5.00	8.00	5.50	4.2
2	-10"x40"=100x100cm & Above	6908:9010	6908.9010.2900	5.80	9.25	6.40	5.
	Borders/Motif/Moulding/Skirt /Empossed / Colored/Texture/I						
S.No.	Sizes	PCT code	Proposed PCT for Weboc	China	Europe	Far East and Middle East	Iran
1	All Sizes	6908.9010	6908.9010.3000	20.00	28.00	22.00	18.0

Note: Further discount of 5% in the values determined above of Iranian origin Tiles is allowed if they are imported through land routes

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