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Determination of Customs Values of BOPP Laminated Polypropylene Woven Bags under Section 25-A of the Customs Act, 1969

(VALUATION RULING NO. 837/2016)

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In exercise of the powers conferred under Section 25-A of the Customs Act, 1969, Customs values of BOPP Laminated Polypropylene Woven Bags, are determined as follows:

- 2. Background of the valuation issue: Consequent upon representation by local manufacturers and Federal Board of Revenue's letter C.No.3(1) S.Val/2015, dated 24-06-2015, regarding issuance of the new Valuation Ruling against the subject goods, an exercise was undertaken to determine the Customs Values of BOPP Laminated Polypropylene Woven Bags, in terms of Section 25-A of the Customs Act. 1969.
- 3. Stakeholders' participation in determination of Customs values: Meetings were held on 29-07-2015, 12-04-2016 and 19-04-2016, with all the stakeholders including local manufacturers of subject goods and representatives of clearance Collectorate who participated in the meetings. None of the commercial importers attended the said meetings.
- Method adopted to determine Customs values: Valuation methods provided in 4. 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 it is generally known to all that majority of invoices produced at import stage are manipulated/fabricated and hence the requisite information required under the law was not available to arrive at the correct transaction value. 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 the absence of absolute demonstrable evidence of qualities, and quantities of commercial level etc., and also it was observed that importers usually provided misleading description while declaring goods, as other types and varieties of similar goods to avoid the application of valuation ruling. Information available was, hence, found inappropriate. In line 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, however, it was found that the determination of Customs value could not be based solely

upon this method either. Therefore, valuation method provided vide Section 25 (8) of Customs Act 1969, could not be applied as the conversion cost from constituent materials and allied expenses, at country of export were are not available. Finally, Pral database, market information and international prices through Web were examined thoroughly. All the information so gathered was analyzed for determination of Customs Value of the subject good. Consequently, the Fall Back Method as provided under section 25(9) of the Customs Act, 1969 was applied to arrive assessable customs values of BOPP Laminated Polypropylene Woven Bags.

5. Customs values for BOPP Laminated Polypropylene Woven Bags: BOPP Laminated Polypropylene Woven Bags hereinafter specified shall be assessed to duty / taxes at the following Customs Values:

S. No.	Description of goods	PCT	Proposed PCT for WEBOC	Origin	Customs Values (C&F) USS/Kg
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
01.	BOPP Laminated Polypropylene	6305.3900	6305.3900.1000	India / China/Turkey	2.25
	Woven Bags			All Other origins	2.35

- 5. 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.
- 6. 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 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 of this ruling, before the Director General, Directorate General of Customs Valuation, 7<sup>th</sup> 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 may kindly be brought to the notice of Directorate General immediately.

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