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## Determination of Customs Values of Electricity Meters Under Section 25-A of the Customs Act, 1969

(VALUATION RULING NO. 931/2016)

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Dated: September 21, 2016

In exercise of the powers conferred under Section 25-A of the Customs Act, 1969, Customs values of Electricity Meters are determined as follows:

- 2. Background of the valuation issue: Customs values of Electricity Meters were determined vide Valuation Ruling No.565/2013, dated 02-07-2013. As the Valuation Ruling has been notified about three years back therefore, it needed revision in line with the prevailing prices in the international market. Hence this Directorate General initiated an exercise for determination of customs values of Electricity Meters.
- Stakeholders' participation in determination of Customs values: Meeting
  with stakeholders was held on 15-08-2016. The stakeholders had been requested to submit
  the following documents before or during the meeting.
  - A. Invoices of imports during last three months showing factual value.
  - B. Websites, names and E-mail addresses of known foreign manufacturers of the item in question through which the actual current value can be ascertained.
  - C. Copies of Contracts made / LCs opened during the last three months showing the value of item in question.
  - D. Copies of Sales Tax Invoices issued during last four months showing the difference in price (excluding duty and taxes) to substantiate that the benefit of difference in price is passed on to the local buyers.

The importers abstained from attending the scheduled meetings. No documents were submitted in this Directorate General on or before the said scheduled meeting.

5. Method adopted to determine Customs values: Valuation methods given in Section 25 of the Customs Act, 1969 were followed to arrive at customs values of Electricity Meters. Transaction value method provided in Section 25 (1) was found inapplicable owing to wide variation in the values being declared to the customs and incomplete descriptions. Identical/similar goods value methods provided in Section 25 (5) & (6) were examined for applicability to the valuation issue in the instant case which provided some reference values of the subject goods but the same could not be exclusively relied on due to wide variation in declared values of subject goods. Thereafter, market inquiries, as envisaged under Section 25(7) of the Customs Act, 1969, were conducted. Different types of Electricity Meters are available in the market. Online prices were also obtained to corroborate the findings of the market surveys. Computed Value Method as provided in Section 25 (8) could not be applied for valuation of the aforementioned goods as the cost of raw material and fabrication charges under clause (a) and amount of profit and general expenses under clause (b) of Section 25 (8)

of the Act, in the country of export, could not be ascertained. All the information so gathered was evaluated and analyzed for the purpose of determination of customs values of Electricity Meters. Consequently, the Customs values of Electricity Meters have been determined under Section 25 (9) of the Customs Act, 1969.

6. Customs values for Electricity Meters: Electricity Meters hereinafter specified shall be assessed to duty/taxes at the following Customs Values: -

| S. No | Description  | PCT code  | Proposed PCT<br>for WeBOC | Origin           | Customs<br>Value<br>(C&F)<br>USS/PC |
|-------|--|-----------|---------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|
| (1)   | (2)  | (3)       | (4)                       | (5)              | (6)                                 |
| 1.    | Single Phase Non-<br>digital Electricity<br>Meters (household) | 9028.3000 | 9028.3000.1000            | China            | 4.00                                |
|       |  |           | 9028.3000.1100            | Other<br>origins | 6.00                                |
| 2.    | Three Phase Non-<br>digital Electricity<br>Meters (household)  |           | 9028.3000.1200            | China            | 17.00                               |
|       |  |           | 9028.3000.1300            | Other<br>origins | 26.00                               |
| 3.    | Single Phase Digital<br>Electricity Meters<br>(household)      |           | 9028.3000.1400            | China            | 8.00                                |
|       |  |           | 9028.3000.1500            | Other<br>origins | 12.00                               |
| 4.    | Three Phase digital<br>Electricity Meters<br>(household)       |           | 9028.3000.1600            | China            | 38.00                               |
|       |  |           | 9028.3000.1700            | Other<br>origins | 55.00                               |

7. 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 or in case of import through Land Customs Stations, the differential amount between the Sea freight and land transport charges while applying the Customs values determined in this Ruling.

8. 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.

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.

10. The Collectors of Customs may kindly ensure that the values given in this Valuation 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 this Directorate General immediately. Customs values determined in the ruling are for the description and specification as mentioned in the tables above of this Ruling. HS Codes are mentioned for illustrative purposes so that valuation ruling values are made accessible to the assessing officers. 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.

11. This Valuation Rüling supersedes Valuation Ruling No.565/2013, dated 02-07-2013.

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## Copy for information to: -

- 1. Member (Customs), F.B.R., Islamabad.
- 2. Director General, Customs Valuation, Custom House, Karachi.
- 3. Chief Collector of Customs, South (Appraisement), Custom House, Karachi.
- Chief Collector of Customs, South (Enforcement), Custom House, Karachi.
- 5. Chief Collector of Customs (Central), Lahore.
- 6. Chief Collector of Customs (North), Islamabad.
- 7. Director General, Intelligence and Investigation-FBR, Islamabad.
- Director General, Audit (Customs & Petroleum), 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, PT&T Audit Building, Mauj-e-Darya Road, Lahore.
- 09. Director General, Post Clearance Audit (PCA), Islamabad.
- 10. Director General, Internal Audit (Customs), Karachi.
- Directors, Intelligence & Investigation, Karachi / Lahore / Islamabad/ Quetta Peshawar/ Faisalabad.
- 12. Director, Directorate of Customs Valuation (Camp Office), Lahore.
- Deputy Director (HQ), Directorate General of Customs Valuation, Karachi, for uploading in WeBOC database system and deleting Valuation Ruling No. 565/2013, dated 02-07-2013.
- 14. Chairman (Valuation Committee), FPCC&I, Federation House, Clifton, Karachi.
- 15. Chambers of Commerce & Industry, Karachi, Lahore, Islamabad, Hyderabad, Quetta, Gujranwala, Faisalabad, Sialkot, Rawalpindi & Peshawar.
- 16. Law Section, Customs Valuation, 7th Floor, Custom House, Karachi.
- 17. Review Section, Customs Valuation, 7th Floor, Custom House, Karachi.
- 18. Karachi Customs Agents Group, Bohri Road, Karachi.
- 19. CHO, Customs Valuation, Custom House, Karachi.
- Notice Board, Customs Valuation 7<sup>th</sup> Floor, Custom House, Karachi / MCC, Appraisement (East/West), Custom House, Karachi.
- Webmaster, Federal Board of Revenue, Constitution Avenue, Islamabad, for uploading FBR website and deleting Valuation Ruling No. 565/2013, dated 02-07-2013.
- Guard File.