

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

Determination of Customs Values of Adult/Patient Diapers Under Section 25-A of the Customs Act, 1969

(VALUATION RULING NO. 1245/2018)

No.Misc/09/2016-IX /76

Dated: January 16, 2018

In exercise of the powers conferred under Section 25-A of the Customs Act, 1969, Customs values of Adult/Patient Diapersare determined as follows:

- 2. Background of the valuation issue: Earlier customs values of Adult/Patient Diapers were determined vide Valuation Ruling No.935/2016 dated 23-09-2016. Representation of M/s Mehran International, Karachi was received wherein they stated that the price of Adult/Patient Diapersof China origin has increased in the international market. Therefore, this Directorate General initiated an exercise for re-determination of custom values of Adult/Patient Diapers.
- 3. Stakeholders' participation in determination of Customs values: Meeting with stakeholders was held on 22-12-2017. The importers were also requested to furnish the following documents before or during the course of above said meeting:
 - 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 their contention.
- 4. The importers present during the meeting contended that the prices of Adult/Patient Diapers determined vide the existing valuation ruling are already on the higher side as compared with the international values. They, however, could not submit any corroboratory evidence/documents in support of their contentions. On the other hand, the complainant submitted their declarations to customs and invoices indicating assessable values in support of their contention.
- 5. Method adopted to determine Customs values: Valuation methods given in Section 25 of the Customs Act, 1969 were followed to arrive at customs value of Adult/Patient Diapers. Transaction value method provided in Section 25 (1) was found inapplicable owing wide variation in the values being declared to the customs. 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. Stakeholder's meeting was also scheduled but during the meeting very divergent point of view regarding international market prices was presented. Consequently, this office

conducted market inquiries in terms of Sub-section (7) of Section 25 of the Customs Act, 1969, resultantly the Customs values of Adult/Patient Diapers have been determined under Section 25(7) of the Customs Act, 1969.

 Customs values for Adult/ Patient Diapers: Adult/Patient Diapers hereinafter specified shall be assessed to duty/taxes at the following customs values:-

S.No.	Description of goods	PCT		Origin	Customs Value (C&F) US\$/Kg
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
1.	Adult/Patient Diapers	9619.0010	9619.0010.1000	All origins	3.25
	Low	end Brands o	f Adult/Patient Diap	pers:	
2.	Adult/Patient Diapers	9619.0010	9619,0010.1100	China	2.20
3.		9619.0010	9619.0010.1200	Indonesia/ Malaysia/ U.A.E	2.85
4.		9619.0010	9619.0010.1300	Turkey	2.35
5.	-	9619.0010	9619.0010.1400	Vietnam	2.15
6.	/	9619.0010	9619.0010.1500	Others	2.85

- 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, 1969and the same may be communicated to this Directorate General forthwith. In case of consignments imported by air, the assessing officer shall take into account the element of air freight while assessing the goods.
- 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.
- 9. **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, 7th 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 table to this Valuation 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 ruling supersedes Valuation Ruling No.935/2016 dated 23-09-2016.

Muhammad Iqbal Muneeb)

Director

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- 2. Director General, Customs Valuation, Custom House, Karachi.
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- Chief Collector of Customs, South (Enforcement), Custom House, Karachi.
- 5. Chief Collector of Customs (Central), Lahore.
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- 7. Director General, Intelligence and Investigation-FBR, Islamabad.
- Director General, Audit (Customs & Petroleum), 1st 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 VR 935/2016 dated 23-09-2016.
- 14. Chairman (Valuation Committee), FPCC&I, Federation House, Clifton, Karachi.
- 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 7th Floor, Custom House, Karachi / MCC, Appraisement (East/West), Custom House, Karachi.
- Webmaster, Federal Board of Revenue, Constitution Avenue, Islamabad, for uploading on FBR website.
- 22. Guard File.