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**Determination of Customs Values of Sodium Saccharine Under Section 25-A of the Customs Act, 1969.**

No.I/17/2012-II / 346

Dated: March 21, 2018

(VALUATION RULING NO. 1273 / 2018)

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

2. **Background of the Valuation Issue:** Earlier the customs values of Sodium Saccharine were determined vide Valuation Ruling No. 446/2012 dated 20.03.2012. The existing valuation ruling is about five year old, therefore required to be revised in line with the prevailing prices in the international market. Keeping in view the prevailing prices in the international markets this Directorate General initiated an exercise for determination of the Customs Values of the Sodium Saccharine in terms of Section 25-A of the Customs Act, 1969.

**Stakeholders participation in determination of Customs values:** Meetings with stakeholders including importers, representatives from Pakistan Chemicals and Dyes Merchants Association (PCDMA) and representatives from field formations were held on 30.01.2018, 27.02.2018 and 13.03.2018, to discuss the prices of the subject goods. The importers / stakeholders were requested to submit the following documents so that customs values could be determined:

- i. Invoices of imports during last three months showing factual value.
- ii. Websites, names and E-mail addresses of known foreign manufacturers of the item in question through which the actual current value can be ascertained.
- iii. Copies of Contracts made / LCs opened during the last three months showing the value of item in question.
- iv. Copies of Sales Tax Invoices issued during last four months showing the difference in price (excluding duty and taxes) to substantiate their contention.



During the meeting the stakeholders stated that although the value of the subject item has slightly increased in the international market, however, they requested that the values determined vide the existing valuation ruling may be maintained else the import will divert to illegal channels including transit. They did not produce any substantial document in support of their contentions. The view point of all participants was heard in detail and considered to arrive at Customs values of the subject goods.

4. **Method adopted to determine Customs values:** Valuation methods provided in Section 25 of the Customs Act, 1969 were duly applied in their regular sequential order to arrive at customs values of subject goods. The transaction value method as provided in Sub-Section (1) of Section 25 of the Customs Act, 1969 was found inapplicable due to wide variation of values displayed in the import data. Thereafter, identical / similar goods value method as provided in Sub-Sections (5) & (6) of Section 25 *ibid* were examined for applicability to the valuation issue in the instant case. The wide variations in declarations were observed. Information available was hence, found inappropriate. In line with the statutory sequential order of Section 25, this office conducted market inquiries under Sub-Section (7) of Section 25 of the Customs Act, 1969. As there were certain differences in prices in different markets therefore, a number of surveys were conducted to arrive at customs values. Resultantly, Customs values of Sodium Saccharine were determined under section 25 (7) of the Customs Act, 1969.

5. **Customs values for Sodium Saccharine:** The Sodium Saccharine *hereinafter specified* shall be assessed to duty / taxes at the following Customs Values :

S. No.	Description of goods	Origin	PCT	Proposed PCT for WeBOC	Customs Values (C&F) USS/Kg
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
1	Sodium Saccharine Pharmaceutical Grade	China	2925.1100	2925.1100.1000	7.50
2	Sodium Saccharine All other Grades	China	2925.1100	2925.1100.1100	4.25

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 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 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 issue of this ruling, before the Director General, Directorate General of Customs Valuation, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor, Custom House, Karachi.

9. 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 descriptions and specifications as mentioned in 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 certifications 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.

10. *This Ruling supersedes Valuation Ruling No.446/2012 dated 20-03-2012.*

  
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Director

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2. The Director General, Customs Valuation, Custom House, Karachi.
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6. The Chief Collector of Customs (North), Islamabad.
7. The Director General, Intelligence and Investigation-FBR, Islamabad.