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**Determination of Customs Values of X-Ray Films Under Section 25-A of the  
Customs Act, 1969**

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(VALUATION RULING NO. 1313/2018)

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

2. **Background of the Valuation Issue:** It was brought to the notice of this Directorate General that values of X-Ray Films were being declared to Customs at varied rates and certain importers, apart from incorrectly declaring correct unit of measure, were also declaring values at much lower prices than were prevalent in the international market. Verifications by this Directorate General reaffirmed this stance. A reference was also received from MCC Appraisement (West), Karachi vide letter No. SI/MISC/318/2016-II dated 20.03.2018, regarding determination of customs values of Medical X-Ray Films. Keeping this in view this Directorate General initiated an exercise for determination of the Customs values of X-Ray Films in terms of Section 25-A of the Customs Act, 1969.

3. **Stakeholders Participation in Determination of Customs Values:** Meetings with stakeholders including importers and representatives from field formations were held on 24-04-2018 and 17-07-2018 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.

4. During the meetings the stakeholders stated that two types of X-Ray Films are being imported; Double Emulsion (Conventional X-Ray Films which need processor for reading) and Dry X-Ray Films; the later being more. Importers also pointed out that some unscrupulous elements were manipulating quantity of their goods by declaring the unit of measurement in boxes or cartons instead of square meters and evade legitimate duties and taxes. They contended that the customs values may be determined in the light of price trend in the international market. Some of the stakeholders also produced substantial supporting documents 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. After detailed deliberations, it was also deemed necessary to enumerate different types of films with their respective dimensions, packaging, and weights so that any attempt to hoodwink specifications and unit of measurement are forestalled. A work-

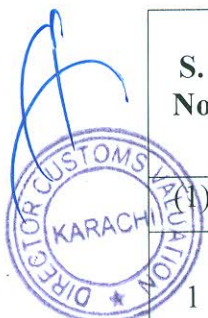




sheet indicating type of films, packing, quantity per box and per carton along with measurements in square meters and weight per box and per carton have been worked out and enclosed with the Valuation Ruling for reference and guidance.

5. **Method Adopted to Determine Customs Values:** Valuation methods provided in Section 25 of the Customs Act, 1969 were duly applied in their 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 variations in declarations and incomplete description of specifications/grades. Hence requisite information required under law was not available. Identical / similar goods value methods provided in Sub-Section (5) & (6) of Section 25 of the Customs Act, 1969 provided some reference values but due to wide variations in the declarations the same could not be relied upon exclusively. 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 brands, therefore, a number of surveys were conducted to arrive at customs values. Resultantly, Customs values of X-Ray Films have been determined under section 25 (7) of the Customs Act, 1969.

6. **Customs values of X-Ray Films hereinafter specified** shall be assessed to duty / taxes at the following Customs Values :



S. No	Description of goods	Origin	PCT	Proposed PCT for WEOC	Customs Values (C&F) US\$/SQM
	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
1	Conventional/Double Emulsion Medical X-Ray Film	China	3701.1000	3701.1000.1000	1.90
2	Conventional/Double Emulsion Medical X-Ray Film	All other origins	3701.1000	3701.1000.2000	2.25
3	Dry X-Ray Film	China	3701.1000	3701.1000.3000	2.90
4	Dry X-Ray Film	All other origins	3701.1000	3701.1000.4000	4.00

Note: Assessment officer may like to consult the enclosure of this Valuation Ruling before finalizing the assessment to ascertain correct quantity and unit of measure.

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 while applying the Customs values 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-Section (1) or (3) of Section 25-A of the Customs Act, 1969.

