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## <u>Determination of Customs Values of Viscose Suiting Fabrics</u> <u>Under Section 25-A of the Customs Act, 1969</u>

(VALUATION RULING NO. 776 / 2015)

No. Misc/ 20 /2014-IV

Dated 4 -12-2015

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

- 2. Background of the valuation issue: The valuation of Viscose Suiting Fabric was determined and notified vide Valuation Ruling No. No.748/2015, dated 15-06-2015. The exercise for revision of the values of viscose suiting fabric was initiated in pursuance of Board's directives vide letter C.No. 3(7) S.Val/2015 dated 25-8-2015 to conduct de-novo exercise of valuation of imported fabric in consultation with stakeholders.
- 3. Stakeholders' participation in determination of Customs values: Accordingly, meetings were scheduled on 05-11-2015, 17-11-2015 and 02-12-2015 where different stakeholders, importers, trade bodies including APTMA and representatives of clearance Collectorates, were invited to attend. However, the same were attended by the commercial importers of Karachi and Islamabad/Rawalpindi only. No representative from APTAMA, FPCCI and KCCI attended the meeting.
- 4. Method adopted to determine Customs values: After detailed deliberation and extensive consultation, valuation methods stipulated in Section 25 of the Customs Act, 1969 were sequentially followed and thoroughly exhausted to arrive at fair value of viscose Suiting Fabrics. Transaction value method provided in Section 25 (1) was found inapplicable because the requisite information was not available due to absence of resources to verify genuineness of invoices submitted at the time of filing of Goods Deceleration and mechanism to check the conditions given in sub section(1) of Section 25 of the Customs Act, 1969. Methods provided in Section 25(5) & (6) regarding Identical / Similar goods value were also examined for

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applicability in the instant case. This only provided nominal (some) reference values of the subject goods but the same could not be exclusively relied upon due to the reasons that wide variety of the fabric with great variation in colors, prices and quality of the fabric is available in the market making it difficult to rely upon any single factor to arrive at fair value under this method. The absence of authentic source of supply for the product also made it difficult to arrive at definite price. Thereafter, extensive market enquiries as envisaged under Section 25(7) of the Customs Act, 1969, were conducted by this Directorate General. The market enquiries were made from markets located in different locations in the city varying from low priced markets to the markets in posh areas. The prices of different types of viscose suiting fabric in the market varied significantly and were heavily dependent on quality of the fabric and the location of the selling point or shop in the city. Since the information and multiple samples collected during extensive market enquiries were sufficient therefore the same was evaluated and analyzed for the purpose of determination of customs values. Consequently, after due deliberation, the Customs values of viscose Suiting Fabrics have been determined under Section 25(7) of the Customs Act, 1969.

Customs values for Viscose Suiting Fabrics: Viscose Suiting Fabrics hereinafter specified shall be assessed to duty / taxes at following Customs Values:-

S.No.	Description of goods	PCT Heading	Proposed PCT for WeBOC	Origin	Customs Values (C&F) US\$/kg
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
1.	Viscose Suiting Fabrics (Plain, printed, Dyed and Embroided)	5408.2100 5408.2200 5408.2300 5408.2400 5516.1100 5516.1200 5516.1300 5516.1400	5408.2100.1000 5408.2200.1000 5408.2300.1000 5408.2400.1000 5516.1100.1000 5516.1200.1000 5516.1300.1000 5516.1400.1000	China	4.85

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 determined 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 (4) 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 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.
- This ruling supersedes Valuation Ruling No.748/2015, dated 15-06-2015.

(Manzoor Hussain Memon)
Director

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.
- 4. Chief Collector of Customs, South (Enforcement), Custom House, Karachi.
- 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 One Customs & WeBOC database system and deleting Valuation Ruling No.748/2015, dated 15-06-2015.
- 14. Chairman (Valuation Committee), FPCC&I, Federation House, Clifton, Karachi.
- Chambers of Commerce & Industry, Karachi, Lahore, Islamabad, Hyderabad, Quetta & Peshawar.
- 16. Law Section, Customs Valuation, 7th Floor, Custom House, Karachi.
- 17. Review Section, Customs Valuation, 7th Floor, Custom House, Karachi.
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- 19. CHO, Customs Valuation, Custom House, Karachi.
- Notice Board, Customs Valuation 7<sup>th</sup> Floor, Custom House, Karachi / MCC, Appraisement, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Custom House, Karachi.
- 21. Guard File.