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Determination of Customs Values Of Ginger and Garlic Under Section 25-A of The Customs Act, 1969

(VALUATION RULING NO. 824/2016)

No. Misc/14/2013-I/18630 Dated: 31-03-2016

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

2. **Background of the valuation issue:** The Customs Values of Ginger and Garlic were determined under Section 25-A of the Customs Act, 1969 vide Valuation Ruling No. 822/2016 dated 22-03-2016. Subsequently, references dated 24-03-2016 & 28-03-2016 were received from members of All Pakistan Fresh Ginger & Garlic Importers and Whole Sellers Association whereby it was requested that Custom values of two items i.e Fresh Garlic from India via sea route and Garlic Flakes/Dehydrate from China may be determined in the light of current international prices. The matter has been examined in detail and it has been decided to investigate and determine customs values for the said items / routes, in the light of International markets, as per the importers requests. Hence, an exercise to determine the Customs values of subject goods has been under taken by this Directorate General.

3. **Method adopted to determine Customs values:** Valuation methods given in Section 25 of the Customs Act, 1969 were applied sequentially to address the valuation issue at hand. Transaction Value Method under Sub-Section (1) of Section 25 of the Act 1969, was found inapplicable because required information under the law was not available due to multiple sources and difference in quality of the goods depending upon the source country and status of the crops i.e variation in prices due to new and old crops. Identical and Similar Goods valuation methods provided in Sub-Sections (5) and (6) of Section 25 ibid was also found inapplicable as it could not be relied upon due to variety of goods varying greatly from country to country. Subsequently, extensive market enquiries were conducted and Deductive Value Method under Sub-Section (7) of 25 of the Customs Act, 1969, was applied to arrive at assailable Customs values of Garlic and Ginger.

4. **Stakeholders’ participation in determination of Customs values:** Meeting with stakeholders including importers, and representatives of trade bodies was held on 28.03.2016 to discuss the current international prices of the subject goods. The view point of all participants was heard in detail and considered to arrive at fair value.

5. **Customs values for Ginger and Garlic:** Ginger and garlic hereinafter specified shall be assessed to duty/taxes at the following Customs Values :-
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 (1) or (3) of Section 25-A or section 25-D 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 issuance of this Ruling, before the Director General, Directorate General of Customs Valuation, 7th 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 this Directorate General immediately for redressal.

(Dr. Wasif Ali Memon)
Director

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