DETERMINATION OF CUSTOMS VALUES OF VISCOSE SUITING FABRICS UNDER SECTION 25-A OF THE CUSTOMS ACT, 1969

No. Misc/20/2014-IV Dated: November 28, 2017

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: Earlier Customs values of Viscose Suiting Fabrics were determined vide Valuation Ruling No. 776/2015, dated 04-12-2015. Since the existing Valuation Ruling was about two years old therefore, there was a need to re-determine the custom values of viscose suitting fabric. Keeping in view the prevailing prices of the subject goods, this Directorate General initiated an exercise for determination of the Customs Values of the subject goods in terms of Section 25-A of the Customs Act, 1969.

3. Stakeholders’ participation in determination of Customs values: Meetings with stakeholders including commercial importers, All Pakistan Textile Mills Association (APTMA) and representatives of clearance Collectorate were scheduled on 17-08-2017, 19-09-2017 and 21.11.2017 to discuss the current international price trends of the subject goods. During the stakeholders meetings, the representatives of All Pakistan Textile Mills Association (APTMA) and MCC Appraisal (West) Karachi requested that the said valuation ruling may be revised upwards in the light of prevailing international market prices. The view point of 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 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 non submission of import documents particularly proof of payments by the importers and wide variations in the declared values. Hence requisite information required under law was not available to arrive at the correct transaction values. Therefore, 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 but due inconsistent clearance data and wide variation in declarations, the said valuation methods could not be exclusively relied on. 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 Viscose Suiting Fabrics have been determined under section 25(7) of the Customs Act, 1969.

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

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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 and 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 differential between air freight and sea freight while applying the Customs values determined in this Ruling.

7. Validity of this Valuation Ruling: The value 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 as the case may be, under sub-section (3) of Section 25-A of the Customs Act, 1969.

8. Revision of the value determined vide this Valuation Ruling: This Valuation Ruling is appealable under the law and a revision petition may be filed against this Ruling, 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.

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. The Custom values determined in the Valuation Ruling are for the descriptions and specifications as mentioned herein, HS Codes are mentioned for illustrative purposes so that Valuation Ruling values are made accessible to the assessing officers. The assessment shall be finalized in the correct classifications after fulfilling requisite formalities relating to importability or 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 any provision of the Customs Act, 1969 or any other law in vogue therein.


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Director

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