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Determination of Customs Values of Linear Alkyl Benzene Sulphonic Acid (Soft & Hard type) Under Section 25-A of the Customs Act, 1969.

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(VALUATION RULING NO.1304 2018)

In exercise of powers conferred under Section 25-A of the Customs Act, 1969, Customs values of Linear Alkyl Benzene Sulphonic Acid (Soft & Hard type) are determined as follows:

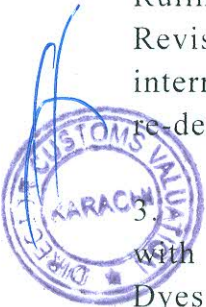
2. **Background of the Valuation Issue:** Earlier the customs values of Linear Alkyl Benzene Sulphonic Acid (Soft & Hard type) were determined vide Valuation Ruling No. 999/2016 dated 22.12.2016, which were later revised vide Order-in-Revision No.283/2016 dated 02-01-2017. As the ruling was old and prices in international market have appreciated therefore, it was decided to take up the issue of re-determination of customs values of the subject item.

3. **Stakeholders participation in determination of Customs values:** Meeting with stakeholders including importers, representatives from Pakistan Chemicals and Dyes Merchants Association (PCDMA) and representatives from field formations was held on 24-04-2017, to discuss the prices of the subject goods. The importers / stakeholders had been requested to submit the following documents before or during the course of stakeholders meeting so that customs values could be determined:

- i. Invoices of imports during last three months showing customs 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 contentions.

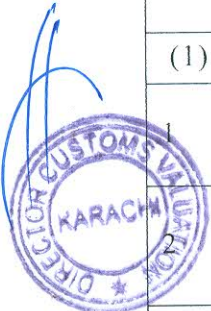
4. During the meeting the stakeholders stated that although the value of the subject item has slightly increased in the international market, however, they requested that the values determined vide the existing valuation ruling may be maintained. The view point of all participants was heard in detail and considered to arrive at Customs values of the subject goods.

5. **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. Resultantly, Customs values of Linear Alkyl Benzene Sulphonic Acid (Soft & Hard type) have been determined under section 25 (7) of the Customs Act, 1969.

6. **Customs values for Linear Alkyl Benzene Sulphonic Acid (Soft & Hard type):** The Linear Alkyl Benzene Sulphonic Acid (Soft & Hard type) *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) US\$/Kg
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
1	Linear Alkyl Benzene Sulphonic Acid (Soft & Hard type)	Korea	3402.1100 3402.1190	3402.1100.1000 3402.1190.1000	1.20
2		Iran (Land Route)	3402.1100 3402.1190	3402.1190.1100 3402.1190.1100	1.18
3		China	3402.1100 3402.1190	3402.1190.1200 3402.1190.1200	1.19
4		All other origins	3402.1100 3402.1190	3402.1100.1300 3402.1190.1300	1.25

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

9. **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

