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**Determination of Customs values of Tubular Metal Needles in Bulk, Disposable Surgical Metal Needles (Sterilized) and Disposable Veterinary Metal Needles (Sterilized) under Section 25-A of the Customs Act, 1969**

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In exercise of the powers conferred under Section 25-A of the Customs Act, 1969, Customs values of Tubular Metal Needles in Bulk, Disposable Surgical Metal Needles (Sterilized) and Disposable Veterinary Metal Needles (Sterilized) are determined as follows:

2. **Background of the valuation issue:** Earlier the customs values of Tubular Metal Needles were determined vide Valuation Ruling No.1011/2017 dated 13-01-2017. There were several representations from commercial importers wherein they contended that customs values determined in the existing valuation ruling are not reflective of prices in international markets. They requested to determine the customs values afresh especially the value of Disposable Surgical Metal Needles Sterilized with Hub, Cap and Blister Packing, in accordance with the trend of values in the international markets. Keeping in view the prevailing prices the Directorate General Customs Valuation 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 the stakeholders were held on 18-12-2017, 21-02-2018 and 23-5-2018 to discuss the current international prices of the subject items. The representatives of importers and the representative from field formations attended the meetings. All the stake holders contended that the Customs values determined vide Valuation Ruling No.1011/2017 dated 13-01-2017 are on higher side and requested for the downward revision of price in accordance with prices in international markets. The representatives of M/s Surgiplast and M/s Al-Badr Manufacturing contended that the values of metal needles in bulk are very high. M/s Ghazali Brothers, contended that the process of sterilization and blister packing is not very costly and the difference between unsterilized and sterilized packing is irrational and the values notified in the existing valuation ruling may be reconsidered and rationalized. They emphasized on the acceptance of their declared values. The view point of all 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 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. Hence requisite information required under law was not available to arrive at the correct transaction value. 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 to wide variations in declarations this method could not be relied upon exclusively. 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. The prices of subject goods vary depending on make to market therefore; this method of valuation could not be exclusively relied upon. The Sub-Section (8) was examined but valuation under this Sub-Section could not be applied for valuation of the aforementioned goods as the cost of raw material and manufacturing charges under clause (a) and amount of profit and general expenses under clause (b) of Section 25(8) of the Customs Act, 1969, in the country of exportation could not be ascertained. Input and feedback from different stakeholders during the consultative meetings was also considered. Online values of subject goods were also taken into account. All the information so gathered was evaluated and analyzed for the purpose of determination of customs values. Consequently, the customs values of Tubular Metal Needle, Disposable Surgical Metal Needles and Disposable Veterinary Metal Needles (Sterilized) were determined under Sub-Section (9) of Section 25 of the Customs Act, 1969.

5. **Customs values of Tubular Metal Needle, Disposable Surgical Metal Needles and Disposable Veterinary Metal Needles (Sterilized) hereinafter specified,** shall be assessed to duty/taxes at the following Customs values:-

S. No	Description of goods	PCT	Proposed PCT for WeBOC	Origin	Customs Values (C&F) US\$/Kg
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
1	Tubular Metal Needle (In Bulk), Un-sterilized without Hub, Cap and Blister Packing	9018.3200	9018.3200.1000	China	18.00
			9018.3200.1100	Other origins	27.0
2	Tubular Metal Needle (In Bulk), Un-sterilized with Hub, Cap and without Blister Packing.	9018.3200	9018.3200.1200	China	4.75
			9018.3200.1300	Other origins	6.25
3	Disposable Surgical Metal Needles Sterilized with Hub, Cap and Blister Packing	9018.3200	9018.3200.1400	China	6.20
			9018.3200.1500	Other origins	7.70
4	Disposable Veterinary Metal Needles (Sterilized)	9018.3200	9018.3200.1600	China	5.90
			9018.3200.1700	Other origins	7.20

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.

