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Determination of Customs Values of Silicon Sealant Under Section 25-A of the Customs Act, 1969

No.Misc/02/2008-II/1696

(VALUATION RULING NO.1354/2019)

Dated: January 31, 2019

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

2. **Background of the Valuation Issue:** Earlier the customs values of Silicon Sealant were determined vide Valuation Ruling No. 706/2015 dated 14-01-2015. There were several representations from different stakeholders, wherein they contended that customs values determined in the existing Valuation Ruling are not reflective of prices in international markets, therefore required to be revised in line with the prevailing prices in the international market. Keeping in view the prevailing prices in the international markets this Directorate General initiated an exercise for re-determination of the Customs Values of the Silicon Sealant in terms of Section S-A of the Customs Act, 1969.

3. Stakeholders participation in determination of Customs values: A number of meetings with stakeholders including importers and representatives from field formations were to discuss the prices of the subject goods. The importers / stakeholders were requested to submit the following documents before or during the course of stakeholders meeting so that customs values could be determined:

- 1. Invoices of imports during last three months showing customs value.
- Websites, names and E-mail addresses of known foreign manufacturers of the item in question through which the actual current value can be ascertained.
- Copies of Contracts made / LCs opened during the last three months showing the value of item in question.
- 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 course of meetings stakeholders stated that Silicon Sealant is imported in two different packings; drum packing and retail packing like cartridges and tubes etc. Some of the stakeholders of this product informed that the cost of raw materials of this product has increased over the years especially key ingredients has witnessed an upward trend. They proposed that the

value determined in the existing ruling may be revised according to the price trend in the international market. The view point of all participants was heard in detail and considered to arrive at Customs Value 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 Silicon Sealant have been determined under section 25 (7) of the Customs Act, 1969 accordingly.
- 6. Customs values for Silicon Sealant: The Silicon Sealant 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) (Net Content weight) US\$/Kg
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
1.	Silicon Sealant Retail Packing: in Cartridges/Tubes; up to 350 ml	China/Malaysia/ Thailand	3214.9010	3214.9010.1000	3.55
2.		All other origins	3214.9010	3214.9010.1100	4.75
3.	Silicon Sealant Retail Packing: in Cartridges; up to 700 ml	China/Malaysia/ Thailand	3214.9010	3214.9010.1200	3.00
4.		All other origins	3214.9010	3214.9010.1300	4.00
5.	Silicon Sealant (In drum packing)	China/Malaysia/ Thailand	3214.9010	3214.9010.1400	2.30
6.		All other origins	3214.9010	3214.9010.1500	3.25

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 Director General, Directorate General of Customs Valuation, 7th Floor, Custom House, Karachi.
- 10. The Collectors of Customs may kindly ensure that the values given in this Valuation 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. Customs values determined in the ruling are for the descriptions and specifications as mentioned in this Valuation Ruling. HS Codes are mentioned for illustrative purposes so that Valuation Ruling values are made accessible to the assessing officers. The assessment shall be finalized on the basis of correct classification after fulfilling requisite formalities related to importability or any 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 Section 15 of the Customs Act, 1969 or any other law in vogue therein.

11. This Ruling supersedes Valuation Ruling No. 706/2015 dated 14.01.2015.

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The Member (Customs), F.B.R., Islamabad.

2. The Director General, Customs Valuation, Custom House, Karachi.

- The Chief Collector of Customs, South (Appraisement), Custom House, Karachi.
- 4. The Chief Collector of Customs, South (Enforcement), Custom House, Karachi.
- The Chief Collector of Customs (Central), Lahore.
- The Chief Collector of Customs (North), Islamabad.
- 7. The Director General, Intelligence and Investigation-FBR, Islamabad.
- 8. The Director General, Audit (Customs & Petroleum), 1st Floor, PT&T Audit Building, Mauje-Darya Road, Lahore.
- 9. The Director General, Post Clearance Audit (PCA), Islamabad.
- 10. The Director General, Internal Audit (Customs), Karachi.
- The Directors, Intelligence & Investigation, Karachi / Lahore / Islamabad/ Quetta Peshawar/ Multan.
- 12. The 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. 706/2015 dated 14.01.2015
- 14. The Chairman (Valuation Committee), FPCC&I, Federation House, Clifton, Karachi.