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**DETERMINATION OF CUSTOMS VALUE OF DESICCATED COCONUT
UNDER SECTION 25-A OF THE CUSTOMS ACT, 1969**

(VALUATION RULING NO. 1358/2019)

No. Misc/76/2016-I 11877

Dated: March 28th, 2019

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

2. **Background of the Valuation Issue:** The customs values of Desiccated Coconut were earlier determined vide Valuation Ruling No. 1012/2017 dated 13.01.2017 under Section 25-A of the Customs Act 1969. There were several representations from Pakistan Kiryana Merchants Association and other 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 in accordance with the trend of values in the international markets. Keeping in view the prevailing prices in the international markets 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 of the stakeholders including Pakistan Kiryana Merchants Association were held on 23.01.2019 and 04.03.2019 to discuss the current domestic as well as international price trends of the subject goods. The importers / stakeholders had been requested to submit the following documents before or during the course of stakeholders meetings 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 the values of desiccated coconut were determined vide Valuation Ruling No 1012/2017 dated 13.01.2017 which is more than two years old. They stated that prices of agriculture products vary from season to season hence custom values in existing valuation ruling are not true reflective of value in international markets. They stated that the prices of subject items have decreased in the international markets which may be re-determined/notified afresh. The stakeholders also



produced documents to substantiate their view point that price in international markets are showing down ward trend. The view point of all participants was heard in detail and considered to arrive at Customs values of Desiccated Coconut.

5. **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 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 Desiccated Coconut have been determined under section 25(7) of the Customs Act, 1969.

6. **Customs Values for Desiccated Coconut:** Desiccated Coconut *hereinafter* specified shall be assessed to duty / taxes at the following Customs Values:-

| S. No | Description of goods | H.S. Code | PCT for WEBOC | Origin | Customs Values (C&F) USS/KG |
|-------|-----------------------------|-----------|----------------|------------|-----------------------------|
| (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) |
| 1 | Desiccated Coconut High Fat | 0801.1100 | 0801.1100.1000 | All origin | 1.60 |
| 2 | Desiccated Coconut Low Fat | 0801.1100 | 0801.1100.1100 | All origin | 1.00 |



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 determined in this Ruling. In case imported items are not specifically fall under any of above mentioned brands, the same may be assessed under Section 25-A, otherwise if appropriate the same may be referred to Directorate of Customs Valuation for necessary action at their end.

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. In case imported items are not specifically fall under any of above mentioned brands, the same may be assessed under Section 25-A, otherwise if appropriate the same may be referred to Directorate of Customs Valuation for necessary action at their end.

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 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. Customs values determined in the ruling are for the description and specification as mentioned herein. PCT Codes are mentioned for illustrative purpose so that valuation ruling values are made accessible to the assessing officer. The assessment shall be finalized on the basis of correct classification after fulfilling requisite formalities related to importability or any other certification 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 Valuation Ruling is issued in supersession of Valuation Ruling No 1012/2017 Dated 13.01.2017.*


(Shafique Ahmad Latki)
Director

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12. Director, Directorate of Customs Valuation (Camp Office), Lahore.
13. Deputy Director (HQ), Directorate General of Customs Valuation, Karachi, for uploading in One Customs & WeBOC database system and deleting Valuation Ruling No Dated 1012/2017 13.01.2017, from the system on the date of issue of this ruling.
14. Chairman (Valuation Committee), FPCC&I, Federation House, Clifton, Karachi.
15. Chambers of Commerce & Industry, Karachi, Lahore, Islamabad, Hyderabad, Quetta & Peshawar.
16. Law Section, Customs Valuation, 7th Floor, Custom House, Karachi.
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