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DETERMINATION OF CUSTOMS VALUES OF WOVEN/KNITTED FURNISHING (SOFA AND CURTAIN FABRIC) AND COATED FABRIC (COATED/SUEDE) 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, the Customs values of woven/knitted furnishing (sofa and curtain fabric) and coated fabric (coated/suede) are determined as follows:

2. **Background of the valuation issue:** The Customs values of the woven/knitted furnishing (Sofa and curtain fabric) and coated fabric (coated/suede) were earlier determined vide Valuation Ruling No.881/2016 dated 29-06-2016 and Order-in-Revision No. 237/2016 dated 19-08-2016. The Valuation Ruling and Order-in-Revision were old and values of subject goods both in international and local market had shown varying trends. Moreover, the EDE data of Chinese Export to Pakistan also indicated variations in value of Chinese Export values viz-a-viz Pakistani import values of woven/knitted furnishing (sofa and curtain fabric) and coated fabric (coated/suede). Therefore, an exercise was undertaken by this Directorate General to determine the same accordingly as per trends in the current international/local market.

3. **Stakeholders' participation in determination of Customs values:** Meeting with stakeholders was conducted on 06-02-2020. All the participants had been requested to submit the following documents.

- i. Invoices of imports during last three months showing factual 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 / I.Cs opened during the last three months showing the value of items in question.

- iv. Copies of Sales Tax Invoices issued during last three months showing the difference in price (excluding duty and taxes) to substantiate that the benefit of difference in price is passed on to the local buyers.

Neither of the called participants attended the meeting nor provided any document.

4. Methods 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 value of subject goods. The Transaction value method as provided in sub-section (1) of Section 25 of the Customs Act, 1969 was found inapplicable because no substantial documents were provided by the stakeholders to prove that declared values were true transactional values. Moreover, different values were declared by different importers for same product. Identical/similar goods value methods provided in Sections 25 (5) & (6) *ibid* were examined for applicability to determine customs values of subject goods. The data provided some references; however it was found that the same could not be solely relied upon due to absence of absolute demonstrable evidence of qualities and quantities of commercial level etc. Information available hence found inappropriate. In line with statutory sequential order of section 25, this office conducted market inquiries under sub-section (7) of Section 25 of the Customs Act, 1969. As the prices of woven/knitted furnishing (Sofa and curtain fabric) and coated fabric (coated/suede) in the market varied significantly and were heavily dependent on quality of the woven/knitted furnishing (Sofa and curtain fabric) and coated fabric (coated/suede) and the location of the selling points or shops in the city, therefore a number of surveys were conducted to arrive at customs values. PRAL imports database, market inquiry and international prices through web were examined thoroughly. Consequently Deductive Value method as provided under Section 25(7) of the Customs Act 1969 was applied to arrive at assessable customs values of woven/knitted furnishing (Sofa and curtain fabric) and coated fabric (coated/suede).

5- Customs Values of Woven/Knitted Furnishing (Sofa and Curtain Fabric) and Coated Fabric (Coated/Suede): woven/knitted furnishing (sofa and curtain fabric) and coated fabric (coated/suede) various origins *hereinafter specified*, shall be assessed to duty/taxes at the following minimum Customs values.

