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**DETERMINATION OF CUSTOMS VALUES OF STATIONERY ITEMS UNDER  
SECTION 25A OF THE CUSTOMS ACT, 1969.**

**(VALUATION RULING NO. 1684-12022)**

No. Misc/06/2019-IX/732.

Dated: 28-07-2022

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

**Background of the valuation issue:** Earlier the Customs values of Stationery Items were determined under Section 25A of the Customs Act, 1969, vide Valuation Ruling No. 1598/2022 dated 04-02-2022. The Valuation Ruling was set aside vide Order in Revision No. 47/2022 dated 31-05-2022 under Section 25D of the Act, with the directions to redetermine the customs values of subject items under Section 25A of the Act, especially in line with the prevalent international prices. In view of the foregoing, an exercise was under taken by the Directorate General of Customs Valuation to re-determine the customs values of subject goods in terms of Section 25A of the Act.

3. **Stakeholders' participation in determination of Customs values:** Meeting was held on 29-06-2022, which was attended by various stakeholders including the representatives of trade bodies i.e. FPCC&I & KCC&I GCC&I, QCC&I, importers as well as representatives of Clearance Collectorates. All the participants were requested to submit following documents so that correct customs values could be determined: -

- Invoices of imports during last three months showing factual 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.

- 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 that the benefit of difference in price is passed on to the local buyers.

4. During the meeting M/s Dollar Industries and others were against the enhancement of customs values recommending keeping them static. The importers advocated downward revision. Those in favour of keeping them static or downward revision argue that the existing values are mostly on higher side and fluctuation in raw material prices used in stationery items such as pencils, pens, markers, crayons, oil colours, writing inks etc. is marginal or meager, if at all. They further argue that most of the subject items are essential educational stationery and are consumed on daily basis by students and poor masses, therefore, it would not be appropriate to unduly jackup their cost by burdening them for unjustified reasons.

5. **Method adopted to determine Customs values: Methods Adopted to Determine Customs Values:** Valuation methods provided in Section 25 of the Act, 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 Act, was found inapplicable because no substantial documents were provided by the stakeholders to prove that their declared values were true transactional values. Moreover, different values were declared by different importers for same product according to different origins. 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 was, hence, found inappropriate. In line with statutory sequential order of section 25, this office conducted market inquiries for using deductive value methods under sub-section (7) of Section 25 of the Act. Finally, reliance had to be made on sub Section (7) of Section 25 of the Act, to determine customs values of the subject goods.

6. **Customs values Stationery Items hereinafter specified** shall be assessed to duty / taxes on the following minimum Customs Values: -



| S. No. | Description of goods   | PCT       | WeBOC          | Origin                     | Customs Values (C&F US\$) per piece |
|--------|--|-----------|----------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| (1)    | (2)  | (3)       | (4)            | (5)                        | (6)                                 |
| 1      | Ball Point Pens (Excluding Gel Pen and Roller Pen)   | 9608.1000 | 9608.1000.1000 | China / Vietnam            | 0.09                                |
|        |  |           | 9608.1000.1100 | Europe/ Japan/ USA/ Canada | 0.13                                |
|        |  |           | 9608.1000.1200 | Other Origins              | 0.11                                |
| 2      | Markers all types (Except paint and drawing markers)   | 9608.2000 | 9608.2000.1000 | China / Vietnam            | 0.17                                |
|        |  |           | 9608.2000.1100 | Europe/ Japan/ USA/ Canada | 0.35                                |
|        |  |           | 9608.2000.1200 | Other Origins              | 0.26                                |
| 3      | Paint & Drawing Marker   | 9608.2000 | 9608.2000.1300 | China / Vietnam            | 0.28                                |
|        |  |           | 9608.2000.1400 | Europe/ Japan/ USA/ Canada | 0.63                                |
|        |  |           | 9608.2000.1500 | Other Origins              | 0.48                                |
| 4      | Highlighters   | 9608.2000 | 9608.2000.1600 | China / Vietnam            | 0.16                                |
|        |  |           | 9608.2000.1700 | Europe/ Japan/ USA/ Canada | 0.26                                |
|        |  |           | 9608.2000.1800 | Other Origins              | 0.23                                |
| 5      | Fine Liner Pens  | 9608.2000 | 9608.2000.1900 | China / Vietnam            | 0.16                                |
|        |  |           | 9608.2000.2000 | Europe/ Japan/ USA/ Canada | 0.28                                |
|        |  |           | 9608.2000.2100 | Other Origins              | 0.18                                |
| 6      | Fountain Pen with Plastic cap  | 9608.3000 | 9608.3000.1000 | China / Vietnam            | 0.18                                |
|        |  |           | 9608.3000.1100 | Europe/ Japan/ USA/ Canada | 0.47                                |
|        |  |           | 9608.3000.1200 | Other Origins              | 0.28                                |
| 7      | Roller Pen   | 9608.2000 | 9608.2000.2200 | China / Vietnam            | 0.23                                |
|        |  |           | 9608.2000.2300 | Europe/ Japan/ USA/ Canada | 0.28                                |
|        |  |           | 9608.2000.2400 | Other Origins              | 0.26                                |
| 8      | Gel Pen  | 9608.2000 | 9608.2000.2500 | China / Vietnam            | 0.16                                |
|        |  |           | 9608.2000.2600 | Europe/ Japan/ USA/ Canada | 0.20                                |
|        |  |           | 9608.2000.2700 | Other Origins              | 0.18                                |
| 9      | Fiber Tip Coloring Pen with water base ink for student use excluding Fine Liner Pen, Permanent Markers, White Board Markers, Highlighters & Gel Pen etc. | 9608.2000 | 9608.2000.2800 | China / Vietnam            | 0.08                                |
|        |  |           | 9608.2000.2900 | Europe/ Japan/ USA/ Canada | 0.14                                |
|        |  |           | 9608.2000.3000 | Other Origins              | 0.11                                |
| 10     | Pen with Tips on Both Sides  | 9608.2000 | 9608.2000.3100 | China / Vietnam            | 0.17                                |
|        |  |           | 9608.2000.3200 | Europe/ Japan/ USA/ Canada | 0.32                                |
|        |  |           | 9608.2000.3300 | Other Origins              | 0.26                                |



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|----|---|----------------|----------------|-----------------------------|---------|
| 11 | Fountain Pen with Metal cap                                     | 9608.3000      | 9608.3000.1300 | China / Vietnam             | 0.24    |
|    |   |                | 9608.3000.1400 | Europe/ Japan/ USA/ Canada  | 0.56    |
|    |   |                | 9608.3000.1500 | Other Origins               | 0.37    |
| 12 | Colour Pencils in cardboard Box packing (Half size)             | 9609.1000      | 9609.1000.1000 | China                       | 0.0150  |
| 13 | Colour pencils in Metals Box Packing (Half Size)                |                | 9609.1000.1100 | Other Origins               | 0.0225  |
| 14 | Colour pencils in Cardboard Box Packing (Full Size)             |                | 9609.1000.1200 | China                       | 0.0215  |
|    |   |                | 9609.1000.1300 | Other Origins               | 0.0311  |
| 15 | Colour pencils in Metals Box Packing (full Size)                |                | 9609.1000.1400 | China                       | 0.0294  |
|    |   |                | 9609.1000.1500 | Other Origin                | 0.0426  |
| 16 | Colour Pencils in Bulk packing (Half Size)                      |                | 9609.1000.1600 | China                       | 0.040   |
|    |   |                | 9609.1000.1700 | Other Origins               | 0.05568 |
| 17 | Colour Pencils in Bulk packing (Full Size)                      |                | 9609.1000.1800 | China                       | 0.012   |
|    |   |                | 9609.1000.1900 | Other Origin                | 0.0165  |
| 18 | Black Lead pencils with or without Rubber Tip in bulk packing   |                | 9609.1000.2000 | China                       | 0.0264  |
|    |   |                | 9609.1000.2100 | Other Origin                | 0.0370  |
|    |   |                | 9609.1000.2200 | China                       | 0.024   |
| 19 | Black Lead pencils with or without Rubber Tip in retail packing |                | 9609.1000.2300 | Other Origin                | 0.036   |
|    |   |                | 9609.1000.2400 | China                       | 0.026   |
| 20 | Raw Pencils (Black Lead) Without polish paint                   |                | 9609.1000.2500 | Other Origin                | 0.039   |
|    |   |                | 9609.1000.2600 | All Origins                 | 0.022   |
| 21 | Crayons   | 9609.1000.2700 | China          | 0.40 / Packet 12 Small size |         |
|    |   | 9609.1000.2800 | Other Origins  | 0.48 / Packet 12 Small size |         |
|    |   | 9609.1000.2900 | China          | 0.60 / Packet 12 Large size |         |
|    |   | 9609.1000.3000 | Other Origins  | 0.73 / Packet 12 Large size |         |
| 22 | Oil Pastels   | 9609.1000.3100 | China          | 0.32 / Packet 12 Small size |         |
|    |   | 9609.1000.3200 | Other Origins  | 0.38 / Packet 12 Small size |         |
|    |   | 9609.1000.3300 | China          | 0.46 / Packet 12 Large size |         |
|    |   | 9609.1000.3400 | Other Origins  | 0.56 / Packet 12 Large size |         |
| 23 | Writing/Drawing Board (Black/White)                             | 9610.0000.1000 | China          | 0.65 / Small size           |         |
|    |   | 9610.0000.1100 | Other Origins  | 0.65 / Small size           |         |
|    |   | 9610.0000.1200 | China          | 1.10 / Large size           |         |
|    |   | 9610.0000.1300 | Other Origins  | 1.10 / Large size           |         |

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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 Act. 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.
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-Section (4) of Section 25A of the Act.
9. **Revision of the value determined vide this Valuation Ruling:** A revision petition may be filed against this Ruling, as provided under Section 25D of the Act, within 30 days from the date of issuance 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 description and specification as mentioned in the above table of this 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 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 Act, or any other law in vogue therein.
11. ***This ruling supersedes Valuation Ruling No. 1598/2022 dated 04-02-2022.***

  
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- 21) The Chambers of Commerce & Industry, Karachi, Lahore, Islamabad, Hyderabad, Quetta & Peshawar.
- 22) The Karachi Customs Agents Group, Bohri Road, Karachi.
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