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DETERMINATION OF CUSTOMS VALUES OF HYDROXY PROPYL METHYL CELLULOSE (CONSTRUCTION GRADE) UNDER SECTION 25A OF THE CUSTOMS ACT, 1969

(VALUATION RULING NO. 1738 /2023)

C.No.Misc/01/2023-II /112 Dated: 31-01-2023

In exercise of the powers conferred under Section 25A of the Customs Act, 1969, the Customs values of Hydroxy Propyl Methyl Cellulose (Construction Grade) are determined as follows:

Background of the valuation issue: It has been noticed that Hydroxy Propyl Methyl Cellulose (Construction Grade) is imported into Pakistan from China. Since the determination of customs value of this item has not been done under Section 25A of Customs Act, 1969, an exercise has been undertaken by this Directorate to determine the Customs values of the same.

2. **Stakeholders' participation in determination of Customs values:** Meeting was convened on 21.12.2022 which was attended by all the relevant stakeholders. The issues pertaining to the valuation of subject goods were deliberated upon in detail in the afore-referred meeting. The participants also submitted their proposals and the same were considered for valuation of the subject goods.

3. **Analysis / Exercise done to determine Customs Values:** The stakeholders contended that some of the importers are declaring values on a lower side than the actual values in the international market. Therefore, customs values of the subject goods needed to be determined as per the prevailing international prices. They also submitted proposals in this regard. Ninety (90) days' clearance data has been retrieved and the same has been scrutinized.

4. **Method (s) adopted to determine Customs values:** Valuation methods specified in Section 25 of the Customs Act, 1969, were duly applied in sequential order to arrive at the

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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 absence of information as required under sub-section (2) of Section 25 of Customs Act, 1969. Therefore, identical/similar goods value methods provided in Section 25(5) (6) ibid were examined for applicability to determine Customs values of subject goods. As a result, this Directorate conducted market survey under sub-section (7) of Section 25 of the Customs Act, 1969 wherein various Wholesale and Retail Markets were visited to observe the actual prices of Hydroxy Propyl Methyl Cellulose (Construction Grade) of China origin. Moreover, valuation method under Section 25(8) of the Customs Act, 1969 was examined but, due to non-availability of conversion cost of the Exporting country, the aforementioned method could not be applied either. Finally, on the basis of available data / information collected and exercise conducted, the value of Hydroxy Propyl Methyl Cellulose (Construction Grade) has been determined under sub-section (7), read with Section 25(9), of Section 25 of the Customs Act, 1969.

5. **Customs values of Hydroxy Propyl Methyl Cellulose (Construction Grade) -** Hydroxy Propyl Methyl Cellulose (Construction Grade), hereinafter specified, shall be assessed to duty / taxes at the Customs values as per the following table:

Sr. No.	Description of Goods	PCT Code	Proposed PCT for WeBOC	Origin	Customs Value (C&F) US$/Kg
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
1	Hydroxy Propyl Methyl Cellulose (HPMC) (Construction Grade)	3912.3900	3912.3900.1000	China	2.50

6. In cases, where declared 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 officers shall take into account the difference between air freight and sea freight while applying the Customs values in this Ruling.

7. **Validity of this Valuation Ruling:** This Ruling, containing the Customs values for assessment of subject imported goods, shall be applicable until and unless the same are rescinded or revised by the competent authority in terms of sub-section (4) of Section 25A of the Customs Act, 1969.

8. **Revision of the values determined vide this Valuation Ruling:** If aggrieved, a revision petition may be filed against this ruling as provided under Section 25D of the Customs Act, 1969, within 30 days from the date of its issuance, before the Director General, Directorate General of Customs Valuation, 7th Floor, Custom House, Karachi.

9. The Collectors of Customs may kindly ensure that the values given in this Valuation Ruling are applied by the concerned staff without fail. Any anomaly observed may kindly be brought to the notice of this Directorate immediately. Customs values determined in this Ruling are for the description and specification as mentioned in the table above of this Ruling. PCT Codes are mentioned for illustrative purposes so that the Valuation Ruling

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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.

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17) The Chairman (Valuation Committee), FPCC&I, Federation House, Clifton, Karachi.
18) The Chambers of Commerce & Industry, Karachi, Lahore, Islamabad, Hyderabad, Quetta & Peshawar.
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