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DETERMINATION OF CUSTOMS VALUES OF MEDIUM DENSITY FIBER (MDF) BOARD UNDER SECTION 25A OF THE CUSTOMS ACT, 1969

(VALUATION RULING NO . 1758 /2023)

C.No.Misc/01/2007-III/326 Dated: 24 -03-2023

In exercise of the powers conferred under Section 25A of the Customs Act, 1969, the Customs values of Medium Density Fiber (MDF) Board are determined as follows:

Background of the valuation issue: Earlier, the Customs values of Medium Density Fiber (MDF) Board were determined under Section 25A of the Customs Act, 1969 vide Valuation Ruling No.1406/2019 dated 01-11-2019. However, the Valuation Ruling is more than three years old. Therefore, an exercise has been undertaken by this Directorate to determine the same.

2. **Stakeholders' participation in determination of Customs values:** Meeting was convened on 18.01.2023 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. They submitted their proposals for consideration and the same were considered pertaining to the valuation of subject goods.

3. **Analysis / Exercise done to determine Customs Values:** Ninety (90) days' clearance data has been retrieved and the same has been scrutinized. Subsequently, market inquiry has been conducted and examined in the light of this Directorate's Office Order No.17/2014 dated 19-03-2014 and in terms of Section 25 (7) read with Section 25(9) of the Customs Act, 1969.

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 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 in import data. Moreover, the requisite information under law was not available to arrive at correct/transaction value. Therefore, identical/similar goods value methods provided in Section 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 quantities and

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qualities and variation in declaration. Information available was, hence, found incomplete. In line with statutory sequential order of Section 25 of the Customs Act, 1969, this Directorate conducted market survey under sub-section (7), read with Section 25 (9), of Section 25 of the Customs Act, 1969. Various Wholesale Markets were visited to observe the actual prices of Medium Density Fiber (MDF) Board. On the basis of available data / information collected and exercise conducted the values of Medium Density Fiber (MDF) Board have been determined under sub-section (7), read with Section 25(9), of Section 25 of the Customs Act, 1969.

5. **Customs values of Medium Density Fiber (MDF) Board** - Medium Density Fiber (MDF) Board, hereinafter specified, shall be assessed to duty / taxes at the Customs values as per the following table:

S#	Description of Goods	Specifications	PCT	Proposed PCT for WeBOC	Origin	Customs Values (C&F) US$/m^3
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	Medium Density Fiber Board	Upto 6 mm	4411.1200 4411.1300 4411.1400	4411.1200.1000 4411.1300.1000 4411.1400.1000	Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand, Sri Lanka, Vietnam	235
				4411.1200.1100 4411.1300.1100 4411.1400.1100	China	236
				4411.1200.1200 4411.1300.1200 4411.1400.1200	Turkey	246
				4411.1200.1300 4411.1300.1300 4411.1400.1300	New Zealand	249
				4411.1200.1400 4411.1300.1400 4411.1400.1400	Other Origins	262
2	Medium Density Fiber Board	6.01 mm to 9.9 mm	4441.1200 4411.1300 4411.1400	4411.1200.1500 4411.1300.1500 4411.1400.1500	Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand, Sri Lanka, Vietnam	209
				4411.1200.1600 4411.1300.1600 4411.1400.1600	China	211
				4411.1200.1700 4411.1300.1700 4411.1400.1700	Turkey	219
				4411.1200.1800 4411.1300.1800 4411.1400.1800	New Zealand	223
				4411.1200.1900 4411.1300.1900 4411.1400.1900	Other Origins	234
3	Medium Density Fiber Board	10 mm to 14mm	4411.1200 4411.1300 4411.1400	4411.1200.2000 4411.1300.2000 4411.1400.2000	Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand, Sri Lanka, Vietnam	205
				4411.1200.2100 4411.1300.2100	China	206

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				4411.1400.2100		
				4411.1200.2200 4411.1300.2200 4411.1400.2200	Turkey	215
				4411.1200.2300 4411.1300.2300 4411.1400.2300	New Zealand	217
				4411.1200.2400 4411.1300.2400 4411.1400.2400	Other Origins	228
4	Medium Density Fiber Board	14.1mm & above	4411.1200 4411.1300 4411.1400	4411.1200.2500 4411.1300.2500 4411.1400.2500	Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand, Sri Lanka, Vietnam	200
				4411.1200.2600 4411.1300.2600 4411.1400.2600	China	201
				4411.1200.2700 4411.1300.2700 4411.1400.2700	Turkey	209
				4411.1200.2800 4411.1300.2800 4411.1400.2800	New Zealand	213
				4411.1200.2900 4411.1300.2900 4411.1400.2900	Other Origins	222

VALUE ADDED MEDIUM DENSITY FIBER (MDF) BOARD

S #	Specifications/ Sizes	PCT Heading	Proposed PCT for WeBOC	Origin	Customs Values (C&F) US$/m^3					
					UV Coated MDF	High Gloss/Matt PVC Film Laminated MDF	Acrylic Laminated MDF	Embossed PVC Film Laminated MDF	Aluminum Film Laminated MDF	Melamined Paper Laminated MDF
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
1	Upto 3 mm	4411.1200 4411.1300 4411.1400 4411.9390	4411.1200.3500 4411.1300.3500 4411.1400.3500 4411.9390.1000	Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand, Sri Lanka, Vietnam	1253	2465	2467	3435	2047	296
			4411.1200.3600 4411.1300.3600 4411.1400.3600 4411.9390.1000	China	1258	2470	2471	3440	2049	297
			4411.1200.3700 4411.1300.3700 4411.1400.3700 4411.9390.1000	Turkey	1259	2471	2472	3441	2051	310
			4411.1200.3800 4411.1300.3800 4411.1400.3800 4411.9390.1000	New Zealand	1261	2474	2476	3444	2053	315
			4411.1200.3900 4411.1300.3900 4411.1400.3900 4411.9390.1000	Other Origins	1266	2479	2481	3449	2058	330

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2	3.01 mm to 6 mm	4411.1200 4411.1300 4411.1400 4411.9390	4411.1200.4000 4411.1300.4000 4411.1400.4000 4411.9390.1000	Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand, Sri Lanka, Vietnam	1404	1992	1993	3413	2029	296
			4411.1200.4100 4411.1300.4100 4411.1400.4100 4411.9390.1000	China	1410	1998	1999	3420	2036	297
			4411.1200.4200 4411.1300.4200 4411.1400.4200 4411.9300.1000	Turkey	1413	2001	2002	3422	2038	310
			4411.1200.4300 4411.1300.4300 4411.1400.4300 4411.9390.1000	New Zealand	1417	2004	2005	3425	2040	315
			4411.1200.4400 4411.1300.4400 4411.1400.4400 4411.9390.1000	Other Origins	1424	2012	2014	3434	2049	330
3	6.01 mm to 9.99mm	4411.1200 4411.1300 4411.1400 4411.9390	4411.1200.4500 4411.1300.4500 4411.1400.4500 4411.9390.1000	Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand, Sri Lanka, Vietnam	1144	1614	1616	2080	1378	263
			4411.1200.4600 4411.1300.4600 4411.1400.4600 4411.9390.1000	China	1154	1623	1625	2090	1386	265
			4411.1200.4700 4411.1300.4700 4411.1400.4700 4411.9390.1000	Turkey	1158	1626	1628	2093	1390	276
			4411.1200.4800 4411.1300.4800 4411.1400.4800 4411.9390.1000	New Zealand	1161	1627	1628	2096	1397	281
			4411.1200.4900 4411.1300.4900 4411.1400.4900 4411.9390.1000	Other Origins	1172	1640	1641	2107	1406	296
4	10mm to 14mm	4411.1200 4411.1300 4411.1400 4411.9390	4411.1200.5000 4411.1300.5000 4411.1400.5000 4411.9390.1000	Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand, Sri Lanka, Vietnam	713	967	969	1221	840	257
			4411.1200.5100 4411.1300.5100 4411.1400.5100 4411.9390.1000	China	720	974	976	1228	848	258
			4411.1200.5200 4411.1300.5200 4411.1400.5200 4411.9390.1000	Turkey	723	977	978	1231	851	270

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			4411.1200.5300 4411.1300.5300 4411.1400.5300 4411.9390.1000	New Zealand	727	979	980	1233	853	273
			4411.1200.5400 4411.1300.5400 4411.1400.5400 4411.9390.1000	Other Origins	735	990	992	1242	862	287
5	14.01mm and above	4411.1200 4411.1300 4411.1400 4411.9390	4411.1200.5500 4411.1300.5500 4411.1400.5500 4411.9390.1000	Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand, Sri Lanka, Vietnam	620	735	736	727	530	251
			4411.1200.5600 4411.1300.5600 4411.1400.5600 4411.9390.1000	China	627	743	745	734	537	252
			4411.1200.5700 4411.1300.5700 4411.1400.5700 4411.9390.1000	Turkey	629	745	746	737	539	263
			4411.1200.5800 4411.1300.5800 4411.1400.5800 4411.9390.1000	New Zealand	630	746	748	741	546	267
			4411.1200.5900 4411.1300.5900 4411.1400.5900 4411.9390.1000	Other Origins	640	755	757	746	550	281

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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.

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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 the 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 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.

10. ***This Valuation Ruling supersedes the Valuation Ruling No.1227/2017 dated 30-11-2017.***

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