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**DETERMINATION OF CUSTOMS VALUES OF PLAYING CARDS UNDER  
SECTION 25A OF THE CUSTOMS ACT, 1969.**

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**(VALUATION RULING NO. /2024)**

No.Misc/02/2021-IX/72

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In exercise of the powers conferred under Section 25A of the Customs Act, 1969 (hereinafter referred to as the Act), the Customs values of Playing Cards are determined as follows:

2. **Background of the valuation issue:** : Earlier, the Customs values of Playing Cards were determined under Section 25A of the Act, vide Valuation Ruling No. 1631/2022 dated 18-04-2022. The Directorate, vide Order in Revision No. 94/2022 dated 03-11-2022 passed by the Director General of Customs Valuation under Section 25D of the Act, was asked to determine the customs values of subject items afresh under Section 25A of the Act in line with prevailing prices of raw material in the international market. Therefore, an exercise was initiated by the Directorate of Customs Valuation, Karachi to re-determine the customs values of the subject goods in terms of Section 25A of the Act.

3. **Stakeholders' participation in determination of Customs values:** Meetings were convened on 06-04-2023, 13-06-2023 and 12-07-2023 which were attended by the relevant stakeholders. The issues pertaining to the valuation of subject goods were deliberated upon in detail in the afore-referred meetings.

4. **Analysis / Exercise done to determine Customs Values:** Ninety (90) days' clearance data was retrieved and the same was scrutinized. Subsequently, Market inquiry was 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) of the Act. Moreover, market prices of raw materials were also analyzed to determine customs value of subject goods. .

5. **Method (s) adopted to determine Customs values:** Valuation methods specified in Section 25 of the Customs Act, 1969, are duly considered 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 absence of information as required under sub-section (2) of Section 25 of Customs Act, 1969. Therefore, identical goods value method provided in Section 25(5) was examined for applicability to determine Customs values of subject goods. However, it was found that the same could not

be solely relied upon due to absence of absolute demonstrable evidences of quantities and qualities. Information available was, hence, found incomplete. Subsequently, similar goods value method provided in Section 25(6) was also examined for applicability to determine Customs values of subject goods. The assessed values in similar goods import data of Playing Cards for the last 90 days of various origins reflected values as per previous VR No. 1631/2022 dated 18-04-2022. However, Declared Values (DV) of similar goods had showed consistent variations. Hence, this method was also found inapplicable. Market enquiry as envisaged under Sub-Section (7) of Section 25 of the Customs Act, 1969 was also conducted but could yield results to some extent because of variation in market prices. In line with statutory sequential order of section 25, Computed value method, as provided in Section 25(8) of the Customs Act, 1969 was examined, but the same also could not be applied as the conversion cost from the constituent materials and allied expenses, in the country of export, were not available for manufacturing of Playing Cards. Finally, the Customs values of the subject goods have been determined under Section 25(9), read with Section 25(7), and Customs Rule 121(2) of Customs Rules, 2001 which provides that the methods of valuation, to be employed under sub-section (9) of section 25 of the Act may be inclusive of those laid down in sub-sections (1), (5), (6), (7) and (8) of the said section, but a reasonable flexibility in the application of such methods would be in conformity with the aims and provisions of sub-section (9) of that section.

6. **Customs values of Playing Cards:** Playing Cards, shall be assessed to duty / taxes at the Customs values as per following Table:

S.No.	Description of goods	PCT	WeBOC	Origin	Customs Values (C&F US\$) / deck of 54 cards
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
1	Playing Cards (made of Paper)	9504.4000	9504.4000.1000	China	0.15
			9504.4000.1100	Taiwan	0.20
			9504.4000.1200	All Other Origins	0.25
2	Playing Card (made of paper with Plastic coating)		9504.4000.1300	China	0.20
			9504.4000.1400	Taiwan	0.25
			9504.4000.1500	All Other Origins	0.30
3	Playing Cards (made of plastic)		9504.4000.1600	China	0.30
			9504.4000.1700	Taiwan	0.40
			9504.4000.1800	All Other Origins	0.50

7. 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.

8. **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.

9. **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, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor, Custom House, Karachi.

10. 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 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.

11. ***This Valuation Ruling supersedes the Valuation Ruling No. 1631/2022 dated 18-04-2022.***

  
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Director

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- 6) The Chief Collector of Customs, Enforcement (Central), Custom House, Lahore.
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- 14) The Director, Transit Trade, Custom House Karachi
- 15) The Director, Directorate of Customs Valuation, Lahore/Quetta/Peshawar.
- 16) The Deputy Director (HQ), Directorate General of Customs Valuation, Karachi, for uploading in One Customs & WeBOC database system.
- 17) The Chairman (Valuation Committee), FPCC&I, Federation House, Clifton, Karachi.
- 18) The Chambers of Commerce & Industry, Karachi, Lahore, Islamabad, Hyderabad, Quetta & Peshawar.
- 19) The Karachi Customs Agents Group, Bohri Road, Karachi.
- 20) The Webmaster, Federal Board of Revenue, Islamabad.
- 21) Guard File.