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DETERMINATION OF CUSTOMS VALUES OF QUICK COOKING OATS UNDER SECTION 25A OF THE CUSTOMS ACT, 1969

(VALUATION RULING NO. 1886 /2024)

C.No. Misc/04/2022-I/ 564

Dated: 30-05-2024

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

2. **Background of the valuation issue:** Earlier, the Customs values of Quick Cooking Oats / Oatmeal were determined under Section 25A of the Customs Act, 1969 vide Valuation Ruling No.1663/2022 dated 22-06-2022. The existing valuation ruling was around two (02) years old and the Customs values determined therein were not reflective of prevailing international market. Therefore, an exercise has been undertaken by this Directorate to determine the same.

3. **Stakeholders' participation in determination of Customs values:** Meetings were convened on 19-03-2024 & 25-04-2024 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. The participants submitted that prices are stable in the international market in the international market since the issuance of last Valuation Ruling No. 1663/2022 dated 22-06-2022. It was also highlighted that Quick Cooking Oats / Oatmeal are perishable items and they have got limited shelf life due to this factor. Consequently, near the expiry dates, these perishable items are sold on sale at discount prices. It was further contended by the traders that since the subject goods are mainly being sold on super and general stores, therefore, other expenses (shelf rent, marketing expenses etc) are contributed at retail level which cannot be managed without adding extra cost. The importers requested that such factors may be considered while determining values of subject goods.

4. **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.

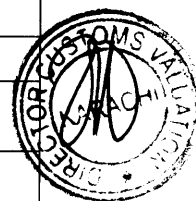


5. **Method (s) adopted to determine Customs values:** Valuation methods specified in Section 25 of the Customs Act, 1969, are duly considered in sequential order to arrive at the Customs values of subject goods. The transaction value method as provided in sub-section (1) of Section 25 of the Customs 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 and was not considered (for application) due to afore-stated reasons. Moreover, Declared Values (DV) of similar goods had shown 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 Quick Cooking Oats / Oatmeal. The available data / information collected was thoroughly scrutinized and freight value at the time of previous VR No. 1663/2022 dated 22-06-2022 and prevailing freight values have been examined which are reduced. 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 Quick Cooking Oats / Oatmeal:** Quick Cooking Oats / Oatmeal, shall be assessed to duty / taxes at the Customs values as per following Tables:

Table-I

S. No.	Description of Goods	Mode of Packing	PCT Code	Proposed PCT Code for WeBOC	Origin	Customs Value (C&F) (USD/Kg)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
1.	QUAKER Quick Cooking Oats / Oat Meal	200 Grams Pouch	1104.1200	1104.1200.1000	All Origins	1.86
		400 Grams Pouch		1104.1200.1100		1.81
		400 Grams Tin Can		1104.1200.1200		2.4
		500 Grams Pouch		1104.1200.1300		1.79
		500 Grams Tin Can		1104.1200.1400		2.33
		1000 Grams Pouch		1104.1200.1500		1.69



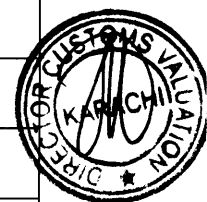
2.	BRIO'S Quick Cooking Oats / Oat Meal	200 Grams Pouch	1104.1200	1104.1200.1600	All Origins	1.37
		400 Grams Pouch		1104.1200.1700		1.34
		500 Grams Pouch		1104.1200.1800		1.32
		1000 Grams Pouch		1104.1200.1900		1.26
3.	Herman Quick Cooking Oats / Oat Meal	300 Grams Pouch	1104.1200	1104.1200.2000	All Origins	1.26
		400 Grams Pouch		1104.1200.2100		1.20
		400 Grams Tin Can		1104.1200.2200		1.73
		500 Grams Pouch		1104.1200.2300		1.15
		500 Grams Tin Can		1104.1200.2400		1.68
		1000 Grams Pouch		1104.1200.2500		1.10
4.	Nature's Own Brand / Nature's Home Brand Quick Cooking Oats / Oat Meal	200 Grams Pouch	1104.1200	1104.1200.2600	All Origins	1.04
		200 Grams Tin Can		1104.1200.2700		1.64
		400 Grams Pouch		1104.1200.2800		0.98
		400 Grams Tin Can		1104.1200.2900		1.38
		500 Grams Pouch		1104.1200.3000		0.95
		500 Grams Tin Can		1104.1200.3100		1.43
		1000 Grams Pouch		1104.1200.3200		0.90
5.	Nature's Basket Brand Quick Cooking Oats / Oat Meal	200 Grams Pouch	1104.1200	1104.1200.3300	All Origins	1.02
		200 Grams Tin Can		1104.1200.3400		1.62
		400 Grams Pouch		1104.1200.3500		0.97
		400 Grams Tin Can		1104.1200.3600		1.36
		500 Grams Pouch		1104.1200.3700		0.94
		500 Grams Tin Can		1104.1200.3800		1.41
		1000 Grams Pouch		1104.1200.3900		0.88
6.	Jenan / Oateo Quick Cooking Oats / Oat Meal	200 Grams Pouch	1104.1200	1104.1200.4000	All Origins	1.3
		400 Grams Pouch		1104.1200.4100		1.25
		400 Grams Tin Can		1104.1200.4200		1.84
		500 Grams Pouch		1104.1200.4300		1.2
		500 Grams Tin Can		1104.1200.4400		1.72
		1000 Grams Pouch		1104.1200.4500		1.4



7.	Other Brands Quick Cooking Oats / Oat Meal	200 Grams Pouch	1104.1200	1104.1200.4600	All Origins	1.38
		200 Grams Tin Can		1104.1200.4700		1.80
		300 Grams Pouch		1104.1200.4800		1.32
		300 Grams Tin Can		1104.1200.4900		1.75
		400 Grams Pouch		1104.1200.5000		1.27
		400 Grams Tin Can		1104.1200.5100		1.69
		500 Grams Pouch		1104.1200.5200		1.22
		500 Grams Tin Can		1104.1200.5300		1.12
		1000 Grams Pouch		1104.1200.5400		1.18
8.	Quick Cooking Oats / Oat Meal in Bulk Packing (All Brands)	20 KG or Above	1104.1200	1104.1200.5500	All Origins	0.71

Table-II

S. No.	Description of Goods	Brands	Mode of Packing	PCT Code	Proposed PCT Code for WeBOC	Origin	Customs Value (C&F) (USD/Kg)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
1.	Organic Gluten Free Quick Cooking Oats/Oat Meal	QUAKER	All Packings	1104.1200	1104.1200.5600	All Origins	4.60
		Bob's Red Mill			1104.1200.5700		3.40
		Wonder Elements			1104.1200.5800		2.25
		Other Brands			1104.1200.5900		2.00



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, 7th 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.1663/2022 dated 22-06-2022.***


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Director

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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.