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DETERMINATION OF CUSTOMS VALUES OF STAINLESS STEEL PIPES (WELDED AND SEAMLESS) / FITTINGS UNDER SECTION 25A READ WITH PROVISO TO SECTION 25A(1) OF THE CUSTOMS ACT, 1969

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In exercise of the powers conferred under Section 25A, read with proviso to Section 25A(1) of the Customs Act, 1969, the Publication values of Stainless Steel Pipes (welded and seamless) / Fittings are determined as follows:

2. **Background of the valuation issue:** Earlier the Customs values of Stainless Steel Pipes (welded and seamless) / Fittings were determined vide Valuation Ruling No. 1155/2017 dated 09-05-2017. The existing Valuation Ruling is more than 5 years old and it needs revision to reflect the current price trend prevailing in international market. Accordingly, an exercise to re-determine the Customs Values of the afore stated goods under Section 25A of the Customs Act, 1969 was initiated.

3. **Analysis / Exercise done to determine Customs Values:** The existing Valuation Ruling was more than 5 years old and due to fluctuation of prices in international market, an exercise was undertaken by this Directorate to re-determine Customs values afresh in line with values prevalent in the international market. After analyzing import data, process for getting input from relevant stakeholders was initiated. Accordingly, two meetings were held on 15-03-2023 and 30-03-2023 in the Directorate, which were attended by the relevant stakeholders and at length subject goods were deliberated upon in detail in the afore-referred meetings.

4. **Method (s) adopted to determine Customs values:** The 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 considered. However, the same was found inapplicable because of absence of necessary information as required under sub-section (2) of Section 25 of Customs Act, 1969. Therefore, identical goods value method provided in Section 25(5) ibid was examined for applicability to determine Customs values of subject goods. Subsequently, available data / information collected through international publication i.e. (London Metal Bulletin) LMB now known as Fastmarkets Metal Bulletin, were thoroughly scrutinized and compared with the import data of the relevant period to



determine Customs values. Finally, the values of Stainless Steel Pipes (welded and seamless) / Fittings have been determined in terms of Section 25A read with proviso to Section 25A(1) of the Customs Act, 1969.

5. **Customs values for Stainless Steel Pipes (welded and seamless) / Fittings:**
Stainless Steel Pipes (welded and seamless) / Fittings shall be assessed to duty / taxes at the following Customs Values:

Sr. No.	Description of Goods	PCT CODE	Proposed PCT CODE for WeBOC	Origin	Customs Value (C&F) USS/KG
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
1	Stainless Steel Welded Pipes of 300 Series	7306.4000 7306.6100 7306.6900	7306.4000.1000 7306.6100.1000 7306.6900.1000	All Origins	LME value of Stainless Steel Sheets 300 Series (+) add 15% (for manufacturing / conversion cost to pipes) (+) add actual freight.
2	Stainless Steel Welded Pipes of 200 Series	7306.4000 7306.6100 7306.6900	7306.4000.1100 7306.6100.1100 7306.6900.1100	All Origins	LME value of Stainless Steel Sheets 300 Series (-) less @ 37% (for converting 300 to 200 series), (+) add 15% (for manufacturing / conversion cost to pipes) (+) add actual freight.
3	Stainless Steel Seamless Pipes of 300 Series	7304.4100 7304.4900	7304.4100.1000 7304.4900.1000	All Origins	LME value of Stainless Steel Sheets 300 Series (+) add 20% (for manufacturing / conversion cost to pipes) (+) add actual freight
4	Stainless Steel Seamless Pipes of 200 Series	7304.4100 7304.4900	7304.4100.1100 7304.4900.1100	All Origins	LME value of Stainless Steel Sheets 300 Series (-) less @ 37% (for converting 300 to 200 series), (+) add 20% (for manufacturing / conversion cost to pipes) (+) add actual freight
5	Stainless Steel Pipe Fittings 200 Series	7307.2100 7307.2200 7307.2900	7307.2100.1200 7307.2200.1200 7307.2900.1200	All Origins	LME value of Stainless Steel Sheets 300 Series (-) less @ 37% (for converting 300 to 200 series), (+) add 27.5% (for manufacturing / conversion cost to pipe-joints and fittings) (+) add actual freight
6	Stainless Steel Pipe Fittings 300 Series	7307.2100 7307.2200 7307.2900	7307.2100.1300 7307.2200.1300 7307.2900.1300	All Origins	LME value of Stainless Steel Sheets 300 Series, (+) add 27.5% (for manufacturing / conversion cost to pipe-joints and fittings) (+) add actual freight

6. In cases, where declared values are higher than the above-stated Customs values, 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 Publication Value.

7. **Validity of these Publication Values:** 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 determined Publication Values:** In case of disagreement (with such customs values) by any importer / exporter, the assessing officer shall give the reasons in writing and shall issue an Assessment Order which shall be appealable before the Collector (Appeals) under Section 193 of the Customs Act, 1969.

9. The Collectors of Customs may kindly ensure that the said determined values are applied by the concerned assessing officers / officials without fail. Any anomaly observed may kindly be brought to the notice of the Directorate of Customs Valuation, Karachi immediately. Customs values so determined are for the description and specification as mentioned in the table above. PCT Codes are mentioned for illustrative purposes so that Publication 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.

10. *These Publication Values rescind the Valuation Ruling No.1155/2017 dated 09-05-2017.*



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- 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 Association (KCAA), Bohri Road, Karachi.
- 20) The Webmaster, Federal Board of Revenue, Islamabad.
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