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**DETERMINATION OF CUSTOMS VALUES OF METHYL ETHYL KETONE (MEK) UNDER SECTION 25A READ WITH PROVISIO 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 Customs values of Methyl Ethyl Ketone (MEK) are determined as follows:

**Background of the valuation issue:** It has been noticed that Methyl Ethyl Ketone (MEK) is imported into Pakistan from different origins. Since, the determination of customs value of this item is not done under Section 25A of Customs Act, 1969, an exercise has been undertaken by this Directorate to determine the same in line with values prevalent in the international market.

2. **Stakeholders' participation in determination of Customs values:** Meetings were convened on 23-05-2023 and 31-05-2023 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 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:** In this regard, Ninety (90) days' clearance data has been retrieved and the same has been scrutinized. Subsequently, prices retrieved from the international publication, namely PLATTS, showing price trend of the subject goods in the international market, have been examined.

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. However, the same could not be relied upon since the evidences in the ninety (90) days' data are based on the erstwhile international market prices which have changed now. Subsequently, available data / information collected through international publication i.e. PLATTS was thoroughly scrutinized and compared with the import data of the relevant period to determine Customs values. Finally, the values of Methyl Ethyl Ketone (MEK) have been determined in terms of Section 25A read with proviso to Section 25A(1) of the Customs Act, 1969.

5. **Customs values for Methyl Ethyl Ketone (MEK):** Methyl Ethyl Ketone (MEK) hereinafter specified shall be assessed to duty / taxes at the following Customs values:-

S. No	Description of Goods	HS Code	HS Code Extension	Origin	Customs Values C&F US\$/kg
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
1	Methyl Ethyl Ketone (MEK)	2901.2100	2901.2100.1000	All origins	CFR prices as published in PLATTS
<b>Note:</b> In case the prices published in PLATTS are in FOB terms, actual freight will be added for assessment purpose.					




6. In cases, where declared values are higher than the so determined 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 Ruling.

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. Further, if aggrieved, a revision petition may be filed against the determined values as provided under Section 25-D of the Customs Act, 1969, within 30 days from the date of issue of these publication values before the Director General, Directorate General of Customs Valuation, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor, Custom House, Karachi.

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 determined in the Publication value are for the description and specification as mentioned in the table above of this Publication Value. 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 therein.



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