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Determination of Customs Values of Uncoated Offset Paper for Writing, Printing and Photocopy under Section 25-A of the Customs Act, 1969.

(VALUATION RULING NO. 1248/2018)

No.Misc/26/2010-III 199

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In exercise of the powers conferred under Section 25-A of the Customs Act, 1969, Customs values of Uncoated Offset Paper for Writing, Printing and Photocopy are determined as follows :-

2. **Background of the valuation issue:** Customs values of Uncoated Offset Paper for Writing, Printing and Photocopy were determined vide Valuation Ruling No.1190/2017 dated 06.07.2017. As the ruling was old and values in the international market have appreciated, therefore, an exercise was initiated to determine the customs values of aforementioned goods under Section 25A of the Customs Act, 1969.

3. **Stakeholder's participation in determination of Customs values:** Stakeholders' meeting was scheduled on 18.01.2018. The stakeholders were requested to furnish the following documents before or during the above mentioned meeting;

- i. Invoices of imports during last three months showing factual value.
- ii. Websites, names and E-mail addresses of known foreign manufacturers of the item in question through which the actual current value can be ascertained.
- iii. Copies of Contracts made / LCs opened during the last three months showing the value of items in question.
- iv. Copies of Sales Tax Invoices issued during last three months showing the difference in price (excluding duty and taxes) to substantiate their contentions.


4. The meeting was attended by importers, traders and representatives of local manufacturers. All present during the stakeholders' meeting agreed to the point that values in the international market of the subject item has increased substantially since the issuance of previous valuation ruling. They also informed that the basic reason for enhancement in values is due to the fact that pulp prices world over have increased. The matter was discussed at length and the import evidences/invoices available on record were shown to importers/stakeholders. The documents presented during the meeting were also discussed in detail. During the stakeholders' meeting, importers agitated that certain unscrupulous elements import the same paper but give misleading PCT headings and get their goods



cleared without the application of Valuation Ruling values and give them undue advantage over the compliant taxpayers. It was agreed to include such PCT headings in the upcoming Ruling. The importers of Double A Brand of Thailand origin asserted that their declarations are always correct and have been declaring values higher than VR values when values appreciated in the market. Their competitors present during the stakeholders' meeting verified their stance. The clearance data of Double A Brand was examined during the meeting and it was unanimously decided that Double A brand would be excluded from the Ruling.

5. **Method adopted to determine Customs values:** Valuation methods given in Section 25 of the Customs Act, 1969 were followed to arrive at customs values of Uncoated Offset Paper for Writing, Printing and Photocopy. Transaction value method provided in Section 25 (1) was found inapplicable owing to non fulfillment of prescribed requirements. Identical / similar goods values methods provided in Section 25(5) & (6) were examined for applicability to the valuation issue in the instant case which provided a number of reference values of subject goods but the same could not be exclusively relied on due to certain variations in declared values of subject goods. Thereafter, market enquiries as envisaged under Section 25(7) of the Customs Act, 1969, were conducted. Online prices were also obtained to corroborate the findings of market survey. Consequently, the customs values of the Uncoated Offset Paper for Writing, Printing and Photocopy of various types have been determined under section 25(7) of the Customs Act, 1969.

6. **Customs values for Uncoated Offset Paper for Writing, Printing and Photocopy:** Uncoated Offset Paper for Writing, Printing and Photocopy hereinafter *specified* shall be assessed to duty/taxes at the following values: -



S. No.	Description	PCT	Proposed PT for WeBOC	Origin	Customs values (C&F) in US\$ /Kg
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Uncoated Offset paper for Writing, Printing and Photocopying and other similar papers	4802.5510	4802.5510.1000	Australia	0.850
		4802.5520	4802.5520.1000		
		4802.5530	4802.5530.1000		
		4802.5540	4802.5540.1000		
		4802.5590	4802.5590.1000		
		4802.5600	4802.5600.1000		
		4802.5700	4802.5700.1000		
		4802.6200	4802.6200.1000		
		4802.6990	4802.6990.1000		
2		4802.5510	4802.5510.1100	Brazil	0.870
		4802.5520	4802.5520.1100		
		4802.5530	4802.5530.1100		
		4802.5540	4802.5540.1100		
		4802.5590	4802.5590.1100		
		4802.5600	4802.5600.1100		
		4802.5700	4802.5700.1100		
		4802.6200	4802.6200.1100		
		4802.6990	4802.6990.1100		

3	4802.5510 4802.5520 4802.5530 4802.5540 4802.5590 4802.5600 4802.5700 4802.6200 4802.6990	4802.5510.1200 4802.5520.1200 4802.5530.1200 4802.5540.1200 4802.5590.1200 4802.5600.1200 4802.5700.1200 4802.6200.1200 4802.6990.1200	China	0.865
4	4802.5510 4802.5520 4802.5530 4802.5540 4802.5590 4802.5600 4802.5700 4802.6200 4802.6990	4802.5510.1300 4802.5520.1300 4802.5530.1300 4802.5540.1300 4802.5590.1300 4802.5600.1300 4802.5700.1300 4802.6200.1300 4802.6990.1300	Indonesia	0.860
5	4802.5510 4802.5520 4802.5530 4802.5540 4802.5590 4802.5600 4802.5700 4802.6200 4802.6990	4802.5510.1400 4802.5520.1400 4802.5530.1400 4802.5540.1400 4802.5590.1400 4802.5600.1400 4802.5700.1400 4802.6200.1400 4802.6990.1400	Japan	0.870
6	4802.5510 4802.5520 4802.5530 4802.5540 4802.5590 4802.5600 4802.5700 4802.6200 4802.6990	4802.5510.1500 4802.5520.1500 4802.5530.1500 4802.5540.1500 4802.5590.1500 4802.5600.1500 4802.5700.1500 4802.6200.1500 4802.6990.1500	Russia	0.850
7	4802.5510 4802.5520 4802.5530 4802.5540 4802.5590 4802.5600 4802.5700 4802.6200 4802.6990	4802.5510.1600 4802.5520.1600 4802.5530.1600 4802.5540.1600 4802.5590.1600 4802.5600.1600 4802.5700.1600 4802.6200.1600 4802.6990.1600	Other Origins	0.900



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8	Uncoated Offset paper for Writing, Printing and Photocopying and other similar papers excluding Double A Brand	4802.5510	4802.5510.1700	Thailand	0.880
		4802.5520	4802.5520.1700		
		4802.5530	4802.5530.1700		
		4802.5540	4802.5540.1700		
		4802.5590	4802.5590.1700		
		4802.5600	4802.5600.1700		
		4802.5700	4802.5700.1700		
		4802.6200	4802.6200.1700		
		4802.6990	4802.6990.1700		
9	Uncoated paper and paper board weighing more than 150 g/m ²	4802.5810	4802.5810.1000	Australia	0.840
		4802.5830	4802.5830.1100	Brazil	0.860
		4802.5850	4802.5850.1200	China	0.855
		4802.5890	4802.5890.1300	Indonesia	0.850
				Japan	0.860
				Russia	0.840
				Thailand	0.870
				Other Origins	0.890

Note: US\$ 30 /PMT to be subtracted for assessable value if the above specified paper is imported in reels.

7. In cases where declared / transaction values are higher than the Customs values determined in this Ruling, the assessing officers shall apply those values in terms of Section 25 of the Customs Act, 1969. In case of consignments imported by air, the assessing officer shall take into account air freight while applying the Customs values determined in this Ruling.

8. **Validity of Valuation Ruling:** The values determined vide this Ruling shall be the applicable Customs values for assessment of subject imported goods until and unless it is rescinded or revised by the competent authority in terms of Sub-Sections (1) or (3) of Section 25-A of the Customs Act, 1969.

9. **Revision of the value determined vide this Valuation Ruling:** A revision petition may be filed against this Ruling, as provided under Section 25-D of the Customs Act, 1969, within 30 days from the date of issue, 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 for the given description of goods are applied by the concerned staff without fail. Any anomaly observed may kindly be brought to the notice of Directorate General immediately. Customs values determined in the ruling are for the description and specification as mentioned in the above table of this Ruling. HS Codes are mentioned for

illustrative purpose 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 certification 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 ruling supersedes Valuation Ruling No.1190/2017, dated 06.07.2017.***


(Muhammad Iqbal Muneeb)
Director

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1. The Member (Customs), F.B.R., Islamabad.
2. The Director General, Customs Valuation, Custom House, Karachi.
3. The Chief Collector of Customs, South (Appraisalment), Custom House, Karachi.
4. The Chief Collector of Customs, South (Enforcement), Custom House, Karachi.
5. The Chief Collector of Customs (Central), Lahore.
6. The Chief Collector of Customs (North), Islamabad.
7. The Director General, Intelligence and Investigation-FBR, Islamabad.
8. The Director General, Audit (Customs & Petroleum), 1st Floor, PT&T Audit Building, Mauj-e-Darya Road, Lahore.
9. The Director General, Post Clearance Audit (PCA), Islamabad.
10. The Director General, Internal Audit (Customs), Karachi.
11. The Directors, Intelligence & Investigation, Karachi / Lahore / Islamabad/ Quetta Peshawar/ Faisalabad.
12. The Director, Directorate of Customs Valuation (Camp Office), Lahore.
13. The Deputy Director (HQ), Directorate General of Customs Valuation, Karachi, for uploading in One Customs & WeBOC database system and deleting Valuation Ruling No.1190/2017, ***dated 06.07.2017.***
14. The Chairman (Valuation Committee), FPCC&I, Federation House, Clifton, Karachi.
15. The Chambers of Commerce & Industry, Karachi, Lahore, Islamabad, Hyderabad, Quetta & Peshawar.
16. The Law Section, Customs Valuation, 7th Floor, Custom House, Karachi.
17. The Review Section, Customs Valuation, 7th Floor, Custom House, Karachi.
18. The Karachi Customs Agents Group, Bohri Road, Karachi.
19. The CHO, Customs Valuation, Custom House, Karachi.
20. Notice Board, Customs Valuation 7th Floor, Custom House, Karachi / MCC, Appraisalment, 1st Floor, Custom House, Karachi.
21. Guard File.