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**DETERMINATION OF CUSTOMS VALUE OF PVC/VINYL FLOORING UNDER  
SECTION 25A OF THE CUSTOMS ACT, 1969**

**(VALUATION RULING NO 1621 /2022)**



C. No. Misc/06/2016-II/319.

Dated: 31 -03-2022

In exercise of the powers conferred under Section 25A of the Customs Act, 1969, the customs values of PVC/ Vinyl Flooring (PCT code 3918.1000) are determined as follows:

2. **Background of the valuation issue:** Earlier, the customs values of PVC/Vinyl Flooring (PCT code 3918.1000) were determined vide Valuation Ruling No. 1476/2020 dated 06-10-2020. Representations were received from different stakeholders including M/s. Lahore Chamber of Commerce & Industry to determine afresh the values of PVC/Vinyl Flooring keeping in view the current price trend in international market. Accordingly, an exercise was undertaken by this Directorate General to determine the customs value of subject goods.

3. **Stakeholders' participation in determination of Customs values:** Meeting with the stakeholders, trade bodies including representatives of clearance Collectorates was held in this Directorate General on 18-01-2022. The importers/stakeholders were requested to submit their proposals/suggestions as well as following documents before or during the course of stakeholders' meeting so that Customs value could be determined:

- i. Invoices of import during last three months showing factual values
- 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 item in question.
- iv. Copies of Sales Tax Invoices issued during last four months showing the difference in price (excluding duty and taxes) to substantiate that the benefit of difference in price is passed on to the local buyers.

4. The meeting was attended by the stakeholders including importers and local manufacturer and their views were heard in detail to arrive at customs values of subject goods. During the meeting the local manufacturer contended that the valuation ruling of PVC/ Vinyl Flooring is more than one year old which should be revised upward in accordance with current price trend of the raw materials and enhanced freight. The views of the stakeholders were heard in detail and they were requested to submit the relevant import documents and evidences in order to substantiate their contention and to arrive at the fair customs values of subject goods.



5. **Methods Adopted to Determine Customs Values:** Valuation methods provided in Section 25 of the Customs Act, 1969, were duly applied in their regular sequential order to arrive at customs value of subject goods. The Transaction value method as provided in sub-section (1) of Section 25 of the Customs Act, 1969, was found inapplicable because no substantial documents were provided by the stakeholders to prove that their declared values were true transactional values. Moreover, different values were declared by different importers for same product according to different origins. Identical/similar goods value methods provided in Sections 25 (5) & (6) *ibid* were examined for applicability to determine customs values of subject goods. The data provided some references; however, it was found that the same could not be solely relied upon due to absence of absolute demonstrable evidence of qualities and quantities of commercial level etc. Information available was, hence, found inappropriate. In line with statutory sequential order of section 25, this office conducted numbers of market inquiries from various markets. Finally, reliance had to be made on sub-section (7) of the section 25 of the Customs Act, 1969 to determine Customs value of PVC / Vinyl Flooring to arrive at the assessable Customs values.

6. **Customs Values of PVC / Vinyl Flooring - hereinafter specified** shall be assessed to duty/taxes on the minimum Customs values mentioned against them in the Table below:

Sr. No.	Description of Goods	PCT Code	Proposed PCT for WeBOC	Origins	Custom Value (C&F) USS/m <sup>2</sup>
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
1	PVC/ Vinyl Flooring (Tile/ Plank/ Roll) Thickness upto 1.2 mm	3918.1000	3918.1000.1000	China	2.12
2			3918.1000.1100	Other Origins	2.41
Note: The above mentioned values are for thickness upto 1.2 mm. If imported in thickness above 1.2 mm, the same should be assessed on pro-rata basis.					

7. In cases where declared values are higher than the customs value 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, and the same may be communicated to this Directorate General forthwith. In case of consignment imported by air, the assessing officer shall take into account the difference between air freight and sea 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 (4) of Section 25A of the Customs Act, 1969 read with Rule 107(a) of the Customs Rules, 2001.

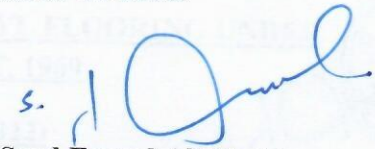
9. **Revision of the Value Determined vide this Valuation Ruling:** A revision petition may be filed against this Ruling, as provided under Section 25D of the Customs Act, 1969, within 30 days from the date of issue, before the Director General, Directorate General of Customs Valuation, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor, Custom House, Karachi.

10. The Collectors of Customs may kindly ensure that the values given in this Valuation Ruling 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. PCT 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. 1476/2020 dated 06-10-2020.***

  
(Syed Fawad Ali Shah)  
Director

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- 10) The Director General, Intelligence and Investigation-FBR, Islamabad.
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- 15) The Director, Transit Trade, Custom House Karachi
- 16) The Director, Directorate of Customs Valuation, Lahore.
- 17) The Deputy Director (HQ), Directorate General of Customs Valuation, Karachi, for uploading in One Customs & WEBOC database system.
- 18) The Chairman (Valuation Committee), FPCC&I, Federation House, Clifton, Karachi.
- 19) The Chambers of Commerce & Industry, Karachi, Lahore, Islamabad, Hyderabad, Quetta & Peshawar.
- 20) The Karachi Customs Agents Group, Bohri Road, Karachi.
- 21) The Webmaster, Federal Board of Revenue, Islamabad.
- 22) Guard File.