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DETERMINATION OF CUSTOMS VALUES OF GREEN TEA UNDER SECTION 25A OF THE CUSTOMS ACT, 1969

(VALUATION RULING NO. 1723 /2023)

No. Misc/14/2018-1/10020

Dated: 04-01-2023

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

Background of the valuation issue: Earlier, the Customs values of Green Tea were determined under Section 25A of the Customs Act, 1969 vide Valuation Ruling No.1344/2018 dated 26-11-2018. The existing valuation ruling was more than four (04) years old and M/s. Pakistan Tea Association has requested to re-determine Customs values afresh in line with values prevalent in the international market as the existing Customs values were not reflective of prevailing international market. Therefore, an exercise has been undertaken by this Directorate to determine the same.

2. **Stakeholders' participation in determination of Customs values:** Meeting was convened on 29-12-2022 which was attended by all the relevant stakeholders. The issues pertaining to the valuation of subject goods were deliberated upon in detail in the afore-referred meeting. They submitted their proposals for consideration and the same were considered pertaining to the valuation of subject goods.

3. **Analysis / Exercise done to determine Customs Values:** The members of M/s. Pakistan Tea Association (PTA) contended that the values are higher in the Valuation Ruling and the same need to be revised downward at prevailing international prices. The association also submitted their proposal in this regard. According to their proposal, the price of commodity has declined and freight has decreased. Ninety (90) days' clearance data has also been retrieved and the same has been scrutinized.

4. **Method (s) adopted to determine Customs values:** 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 found inapplicable due to wide variation of values in import data. Moreover, the requisite information under law was not available to arrive at correct/transaction value. Therefore, identical/similar goods value methods provided in Section 25(5) (6) ibid were examined for applicability to determine Customs values of subject goods. On the basis of available data / information collected and exercise conducted,



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the values of Green Tea have been determined under sub-section (5), read with Section 25(9), of Section 25 of the Customs Act, 1969.

5. **Customs values of Green Tea** - Green Tea, hereinafter specified, shall be assessed to duty / taxes at the Customs values as per the following table:

S#	Description of Goods	Origin	PCT	Proposed PCT for WeBOC	Customs Values (C&F) in US\$ /kg
		3	4	5	6
1	Green Tea	Vietnam	0902.2000	0902.2000.1000	1.85
1		China		0902.2000.1100	1.20

Note: This Valuation Ruling is for Green Tea imported in bags of usually 25 Kg or more. This is not applicable on sachets, or small cartons/boxes of Green Tea marketed with brand names.

6. 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.

7. **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.

8. **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.

9. 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 above 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.

10. ***This Valuation Ruling supersedes the Valuation Ruling No.1344/2018 dated 26-11-2018.***



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- 1) The Member Customs (Operations), Federal Board of Revenue, Islamabad.