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## DETERMINATION OF CUSTOMS VALUES OF CERAMIC/ PORCELAIN SANITARY WARES UNDER SECTION 25A OF THE CUSTOMS ACT, 1969

(VALUATION RULING NO/657/2022)

C. No.Misc/07A/2017/V /506

Dated: 19-05-2022

In exercise of the powers conferred under Section 25A of the Customs Act, 1969, the customs values of Ceramic/ Porcelain Sanitary wares are determined as follows:

- 2. Background of the valuation issue: Earlier, the customs values of Ceramic/Porcelain Sanitary wares were determined vide Valuation Ruling No. 1282/2018 dated 12-04-2018. As the Valuation Ruling was more than four years old, this Directorate General initiated an exercise for the determination of Customs values of subject goods under Section 25A of the Customs Act, 1969 to reflect the prices prevailing in international market.
- 3. Stakeholders' participation in determination of Customs value: Meeting with all stakeholders, trade bodies including representatives of clearance Collectorates was held in this Directorate General on 29-03-2022. 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 values 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 importers and other stakeholders. Their views were heard in detail to arrive at customs values of subject goods. The importers contended that the values in the existing Valuation Ruling are on higher side, therefore, customs values of subject goods may be rationalized to reflect the true transactional values and the current price trend in the international market. The view points of stakeholders were heard in detail and considered to arrive at customs values of the subject goods. The importers were asked to

provide the supportive documents in order to substantiate their contention, however, none of importers submitted relevant documents to support their contention.

Methods Adopted to Determine Customs Value: 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 subsection (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 market inquiries using deductive value methods under sub-section (7) of Section 25 of the Customs Act, 1969, wide ranges of prices were observed for some items depends upon variety/quality/quantity/ brand etc., and location of market. Hence this method of valuation could not be relied upon due to aforesaid reasons. Valuation method vide Section 25(8) of the Customs Act, 1969, was examined for valuation, but the same also could not be applied due to non availability of conversion and processing cost of exporting country. Finally, clearance data, raw material prices, local market prices including international prices through internet were examined thoroughly and the information so gathered were utilized and analyzed for determination of Customs Values of Ceramic/ Porcelain Sanitary wares under Section 25(9) of the Customs Act, 1969.

6. Customs values for Ceramic/ Porcelain Sanitary wares -hereinafter specified shall be assessed to duty/taxes on the Customs values mentioned against them in the Table below:

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	Description	PCT code	Proposed PCT Code for WeBOC	Customs Value (C&F) in US\$ per PC/Set		
S. No				China	Turkey/ Thailand/ Indonesia/ Malaysia	Europe/ USA
(4)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
(1)	Toilet set 1 pc set (Pedestal pan with Cistern & Accessories)	6910.1080	6910.1080.1000	40	48	60
2	Toilet set 2 pc set (Pedestal pan with Cistern Accessories)	6910.1080	6910.1080.1100	32	39	49
3	Wall hung toilet with cistern	6910.1080	6910.1080.1200	38	45.6	57
4	Wall hung toilets	6910.1080	6910.1080.1300	22	26.4	33
5	Concealed cistern	6910.1040	6910.1040.1000	16.5	20	25
6	Cistern Flash Tank	6910.1040	6910.1040.1100	7.5	9	11.25

7	Gold plated Toilet set 1 pc Set (Pedestal pan with Cistern & Accessories)	6910.1080	6910.1080.1400	55	66	83
8	Wash Basin with pedestal up to 60cm	6910.1010	6910.1010.1000	15	18	22.5
9	Wash Basin with pedestal more than 60cm	6910.1010	6910.1010.1100	33	39.6	49.5
10	Wash Basin with half Pedestal up to 60cm	6910.1010	6910.1010.1200	14.3	17.2	21.5
11	Wash basin (under counter Without pedestal	6910.1010	6910.1010.1300	13.2	15.9	19.8
12	Wash basin (over counter)	6910.1010	6910.1010.1400	9	10.8	13.5
13	Pedestal for wash basin	6910.1090	6910.1090.1000	5	6	7.5
14	Squatting pan without cistern/ WC/ water closet	6910.1080	6910.1080.1500	9	10.8	13.5
15	Wall Hung Urinal Small	6910.1070	6910.1070.1000	7.7	9.3	11.6
16	Pedestal Urinal Large	6910.1070	6910.1070.1000	16.5	19.8	24.75
17	Bidet	6910.1030	6910.1030.1000	18.7	22.5	28.5
18	Double Square sink with fitting	6910.1050	6910.1050.1000	21	25.2	31.5
19	Single sink with fitting	6910.1050	6910.1050.1100	15.4	18.5	23.2
20	Ceramic bath tub (plain)	6910.1020	6910.1020.1000	88	105.6	132
21	Seat cover	6910.1090	6910.1090.1100	3.3	4	5
22	Pedestal pan with seat cover	6910.1080	6910.1080.1600	17.5	21	26.3
23	Half pedestal	6910.1010	6910.1010.1200	3.3	4	5



- 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 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 consignments 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 value 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), Chapter IX, 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.
- 11. This Ruling supersedes Valuation Ruling No. 1282/2018 dated 12-04-2018.

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- 11) The Director General, PCA& Internal Audit, Karachi.
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- 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.