STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1984 No. 1207

CUSTOMS AND EXCISE

The Free Zone (Birmingham Airport) Designation Order 1984

Made - - - -	*2nd August* 1984
Coming into Operation	*6th August* 1984

The Treasury, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by section 100A of the Customs and Excise Management Act 1979(a) and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following Order:—

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as The Free Zone (Birmingham Airport) Designation Order 1984 and shall come into operation on 6th August 1984.

Designation of area as free zone

2.—(1) An area of 11 acres, in the Metropolitan Borough of Solihull in the County of West Midlands, shown enclosed by a red line on a map (in this article referred to as "the map"), being of a scale of 25 inches to a mile, and signed by a Collector of Customs and Excise, shall be a free zone.

(2) The map shall be kept by the Commissioners at their Headquarters, King's Beam House, Mark Lane, London EC3 and a copy thereof at the offices of the responsible authority.

(3) The map or the copy thereof may, on application, be inspected by members of the public at reasonable hours without charge.

Appointment of responsible authority

3. The responsible authority for the free zone shall be West Midlands Freeport Limited whose Registered Office is at County Hall, 1 Lancaster Circus, Queensway, Birmingham.

Period of validity of Order

4. This Order shall have effect for a period of 7 years from the date of coming into operation.

Conditions imposed on responsible authority

5. The responsible authority shall not permit the area designated by this Order to function as a free zone before the Commissioners are satisfied that the area is secure and have so notified the responsible authority in writing.

(a) 1979 c. 2; Section 100A was introduced by section 8 of, and Schedule 4 to, the Finance Act 1984 (c. 43).

6. The responsible authority shall—

(*a*) maintain an office in the free zone or at such other place as the Commissioners may allow at which shall be kept any records, for which the responsible authority is responsible, relating to the free zone and the business carried on therein;

(*b*) keep separate accounts in connection with the free zone and prepare in respect of each accounting year a statement of accounts in such form as may be prescribed by the Treasury and submit the statement of accounts for each accounting year to the Treasury within such time as the Treasury may require;

(*c*) provide such information in connection with the free zone and the operation thereof to any person authorised by the Treasury, as that person may reasonably require;

(*d*) provide, free of expense to the Crown, such accommodation and facilities including furniture, fittings and equipment as the Commissioners may reasonably require and such accommodation and facilities shall be properly maintained, heated, lighted, ventilated and kept clean by the responsible authority;

(*e*) provide, free of expense to the Crown, such area of land within the free zone as the Commissioners may reasonably require for the examination of goods and vehicles and shall provide and maintain such appliances and afford such other facilities which are reasonably necessary to enable an account to be taken of any goods or make any examination or search;

(*f*) not permit a person to establish or carry on any trade or business in the free zone unless that person is authorised by the Commissioners to carry on such a trade or business in the free zone.

Health and safety

7. Without prejudice to the responsibilities of persons occupying premises within the free zone, the responsible authority shall ensure that the working conditions within the free zone are safe and without risk to the health and safety of persons employed by the Commissioners and shall comply with any requirements concerning health and safety imposed by any competent authority.

Nigel Lawson,
Margaret Thatcher,
Two of the Lords Commissioners
of Her Majesty's Treasury.

2nd August 1984

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order)

This Order designates a free zone at Birmingham Airport. It appoints the responsible authority and imposes obligations upon that authority relating the operation of the zone.

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