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CUSTOMS AND EXCISE

The Free Zone (Port of Tilbury) Designation Order 2002

Made - - - - -	*24th May 2002*
Coming into force - -	*2nd June 2002*

The Treasury, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by section 100A of the Customs and Excise Management Act 1979(**a**) and 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 (Port of Tilbury) Designation Order 2002 and shall come into force on 2nd June 2002.

Designation of area as free zone

2.—(1) An area of 766.9 acres in the Borough of Thurrock in the County of Essex, shown enclosed by a red line on a map (being of a scale of 1:5000), marked "Map referred to in article 2 of the Free Zone (Port of Tilbury) Designation Order 2002" signed by a Deputy Collector of Customs and Excise and dated 19th May 2002, shall be a Free Zone.

(2) The map shall be kept by the Commissioners at their Headquarters, New King's Beam House, 22 Upper Ground, London SE1 9PJ 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 Port of Tilbury London Limited whose Registered Office is at Leslie Ford House, Tilbury Dock, Essex RM18 7EH.

Period of validity of Order

4. This Order shall have effect for a period of 10 years from the date of coming into force.

Conditions imposed on responsible authority

5. 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;

(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;

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

(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

6. 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.

Nick Ainger
Anne McGuire
Two of the Lords Commissioners
of Her Majesty's Treasury

24th May 2002

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order replaces the Free Zone (Port of Tilbury) Designation Order 1992 (S.I. 1991 No. 1282) as amended by the Free Zone (Port of Tilbury) Designation (Variation) Order 1994 (S.I. 1994 No. 2216). With effect from 2nd June 2002, it designates an area of 766.9 acres at the Port of Tilbury, Essex, as a Free Zone. It appoints the responsible authority and imposes obligations upon that authority relating to the operation of the zone.

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