

APPENDIX 1:

Proposal for an Investment Zone / Freeport.

Pfizer note on Special tax or customs duty status for Sandwich operations.

In the context of manufacturing, food industry, or discovery sciences, the benefits of a Freeport would be the creation by Government of an economic zone with tax and customs incentives to attract business investments and jobs. This is could potentially be achieved by allowing some or all the following benefits:

Delayed Tariff Payments (cost avoidance)

- Businesses can manufacture goods using imports within the Freeport area and export from the UK without paying tariffs.
- Duties and taxes are paid only on finished products staying within the UK at the time of leaving the Freeport.
- Businesses operating in the Freeport would show compliance through rigorous documentation processes.

Simplified/ streamlined customs procedures

Imports can enter Freeport customs sites with streamlined customs paperwork reducing customs clearance timelines.

- Documentation must demonstrate compliance to the regulations.

Financial benefit to investing in infrastructure & equipment

Provides accelerated tax relief for qualifying investments in plants and/or machinery used within Freeport sites.

- Enhanced structures and building allowances encourage investment in infrastructure.
- Relief from Stamp Duty Land Tax if additional land or property is acquired within the Freeport.
- Reduced National Insurance contributions for additional employees hired within Freeports.
- Innovation support via direct engagement with regulators (Freeport Regulation Engagement Network).

If Dover & Manston Airport were part of the Freeport zone:

- Dover would make transit to the EU via road more viable transportation option.
- If Manston reopens next year, it will give the proximity of air travel as well, making even overnight deliveries from outside the EU/ UK possible.
- With those two additions, it will make the location attractive to courier companies and brokers to have local offices and/or warehouses to facilitate importation for customers.