

Implementation Plan of Suzhou Industrial Park in Support of the Construction of International Distribution Centers for Core Industries

International distribution centers are key nodes in the supply chain and plays an important supporting role in industrial development and aggregation. Suzhou Industrial Park (hereinafter referred to as SIP) is accelerating the construction of a world-class high-tech park that is open and innovative, further improving the core industrial system. This implementation plan is formulated to continuously improve the efficiency and resilience of the supply chain of the SIP's industries, especially the strategic, fundamental, and leading core industries, promote high-quality development of trade, and support the aggregation and development of international distribution centers.

I. General Requirements

Guided by Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era, the spirit of the 20th National Congress of the Communist Party of China shall be thoroughly implemented, the new development concept be unwaveringly carried out, the decisions and arrangements of the Party Central

Committee and the State Council, and the requirements of Jiangsu Province and Suzhou City be earnestly followed by coordinating the development of core industries and high-quality trade, focusing on advantageous areas, enhancing supply chain resilience, aggregating global high-quality distribution service resources to build an international logistics and distribution hub with industrial characteristics, and to promote stable and high-quality development of foreign trade.

II. Scope

By improving the security of the supply chain and international logistics efficiency, foreign trade companies are encouraged to establish or participate in the establishment of global or regional comprehensive and specialized international distribution centers. International logistics supporting enterprises for high-tech, high-value-added industries, including electronic information, high-end equipment, biomedicine and others, are supported in particular to gather and develop in SIP. The cultivation of international distribution centers in the consumer goods and cross-border e-commerce fields is encouraged, in order to promote the construction of import trade innovation promotion and demonstration zones, and to serve Suzhou in branding as a city of international consumption center.

III. Measures

(1) To support the establishment of distribution centers. Companies are encouraged to set up global or regional international distribution centers in SIP to directly engage in import and export business. A multi-warehouse linkage distribution model, which connects the core hub warehouse in SIP with other hub warehouses both domestically and abroad, is advocated. Major import and export enterprises in SIP are encouraged to optimize the supply chain operation mode, driving suppliers to establish import and export distribution centers and front warehouses in SIP. Existing international logistics distribution centers in SIP are supported to enhance the diversified service capabilities and expand the business scale, thereby increasing project coverage. (Responsible departments: functional zones, Investment Promotion Committee, and Bureau of Commerce)

(2) To strengthen the guarantee of storage resources. Resource supply shall be further increased and priority be given to the need of bonded warehousing facilities and land for major import and export enterprises and international distribution center operators. Self-build warehouses or co-build high-standard custom warehouses are welcome, and so are the major logistics enterprises to take root in the Park, and the assessment indicators for storage land use shall be optimized. Based on the industry reality, the infrastructure conditions of comprehensive bonded areas shall be improved, such

as bonded warehousing in industrial parks, and comprehensive measures be adopted to enhance the overall competitiveness of storage in SIP. (Responsible departments: High-end Manufacturing and International Trade Zone, Planning and Construction Commission, Investment Holdings Company, and Logistics Center)

(3) To promote cost reduction, efficiency enhancement, and quality improvement. Major international logistics and distribution enterprises are encouraged to increase investment in improving intellectualized management and service ability, and appropriate rewards shall be provided for intellectualized and digitalized transformation of warehousing facilities. A series of measures shall be introduced to reduce the comprehensive costs of foreign trade enterprises and compress the cost incurred in the key links of logistics and warehousing. Foreign trade enterprises are encouraged to double down on value-added services such as bonded maintenance, bonded inspection, and bonded research and development for new business types, and pilot projects are also welcome for cross-border e-commerce import and export business and cross-border new retail business. (Responsible departments: functional zones, Bureau of Finance and Audit, Bureau of Commerce, CBD Investment Promotion Center, and SIP Customs)

(4) To improve the facilitation of international distribution. It is encouraged to take advantage of interconnected functions of Free

Trade Zones, Comprehensive Bonded Zones, and Trading Functional Zones, and to strengthen institutional innovation, management innovation, and service innovation. Public service platforms, such as SZV, off-site cargo stations, and dust-free inspection facilities, shall be further utilized. Priority shall be given to participation in the Yangtze River Delta Customs inspection as a coordination pilot for facilitation measures such as differentiated entry and exit management, and implementation of appointment inspection for important raw materials, providing institutional support for the development of international distribution business for core industries. Enterprises are encouraged to participate in the general taxpayer pilot, and export tax refunds and trade foreign exchange shall be facilitated, special training on trade compliance be strengthened as well. (Responsible departments: High-end Manufacturing and International Trade Zone, Bureau of Commerce, SIP Customs, and SIP Taxation Bureau)

(5) To strengthen the guarantee of essential elements. Efforts shall be directed to attracting professional talents with expertise of commerce and logistics, and enhancing international trade skills training. A group of high-quality professional service enterprises and organizations by international standard shall be introduced and cultivated, and cooperation shall be enhanced with industry associations and industrial alliances to improve the industry

ecosystem. Banks and other financial institutions are encouraged to support logistics distribution enterprises, and the use of services, such as "SIP Trade Loan," "Advanced Manufacturing Loan," and "Special Services Loan" are promoted to meet the needs of enterprises. (Responsible departments: Organization Department, Economic and Development Commission, Financial Development Bureau, Bureau of Human Resources and Social Security, Bureau of Commerce, and Enterprise Service Center)

(6) Measures to support major projects. Special major projects will be provided with specified arrangements upon the agreement of SIP Administrative Committee based on individual circumstances.

IV. Miscellaneous

This *Plan* is applicable to enterprises or organizations with import and export data included in the statistics of SIP. Priority will be given to business entities with a long-time relationship with SIP, rapid growth, continuous investment and aggregated development.

This *Plan* will come into effect from the date of publication and will be valid until December 31, 2025.