

Mongolian Free Trade Zone Benefits

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INTRODUCTION



What is a Free Trade Zone



INDUSTRIAL PARK BUSINESS PARK

FREE TRADE ZONE

FREE TRADE AGREEMENT

Industrial park area designated for heavy industry development, usually manufacturing/processing Specialized infrastructure

Business park area designated to promote trade and services Usually storage, light industry, offices and outlets

No tax benefits for being in the park. May be preferential rental agreements, infrastructure tailored to needs of industry Promote and facilitate the import and export of products into and out of the host country

Under certain conditions, products coming into and out of the FTZ are exempt from import, VAT and other trade taxes

Businesses operating in the FTZ is eligible for tax credits and other benefits approved by government Agreement between two or more countries to provide preferential conditions for identified products.

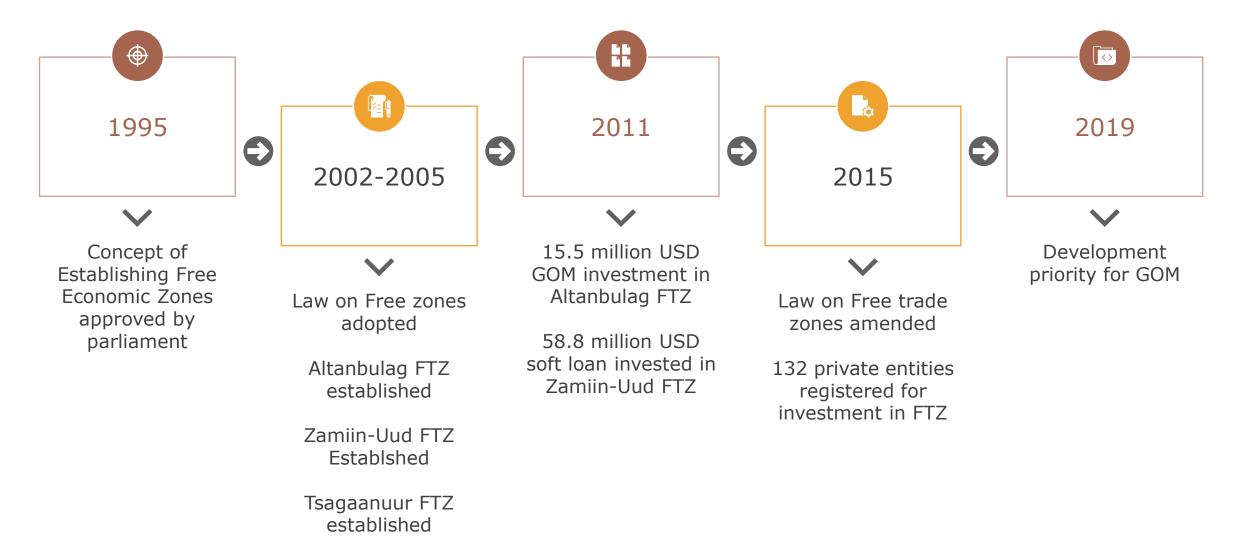
Goal is to promote trade and access to markets in partner countries

Agreement applies to all areas in the partner countries, no geographical limitation



Free Trade Zone Timeline







The Mongolia FTZ Law

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Article 10 Special taxation in the Free Trade Zone Article 16 Special Customs Clearance in Free Trade Zones

03 Article 23 Relief and Exemption from Land Fees

04 Other Articles Benefits for individuals and Business

- Imported goods exempt from import, duties, VAT and excise tax in FTZ
- Export goods exempt from tax when leaving FTZ
- Business development of over 300,000 USD eligible for income tax credit equal to 50% of investment
- Innovation and Technology based production have 5 year corporate tax exemption
- Exemption from Immovable property tax

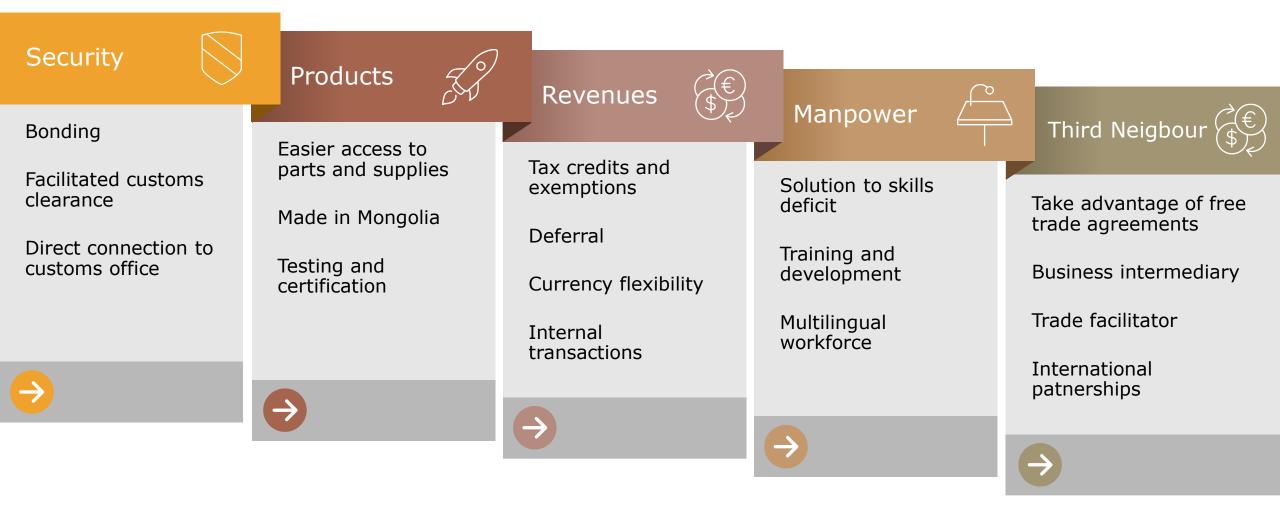
- Simplified customs clearance for import and export products going through the FTZ
- Non-tariff restrictions won't apply for goods entering or leaving FTZ
- Businesses in zone will have direct electronic connection to customs office

- Full exemption from all fees for 5 years, and 50% for next 3 years
- Infrastructure related entities have 10 year exemption from fees
- Mongolian and foreign nationals having a land use agreement also exempt

- Special visa provisions for foreign nationals
- Up to 3 million MNT products imported duty free by individuals on approved products
- Mongolian Foreign Manpower law does not apply to free zone

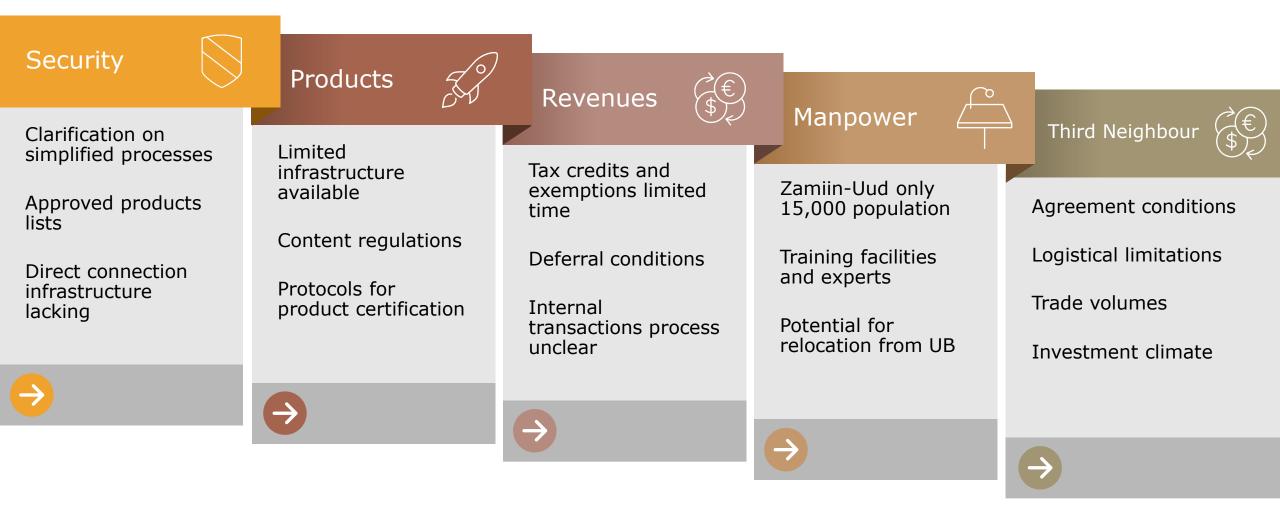
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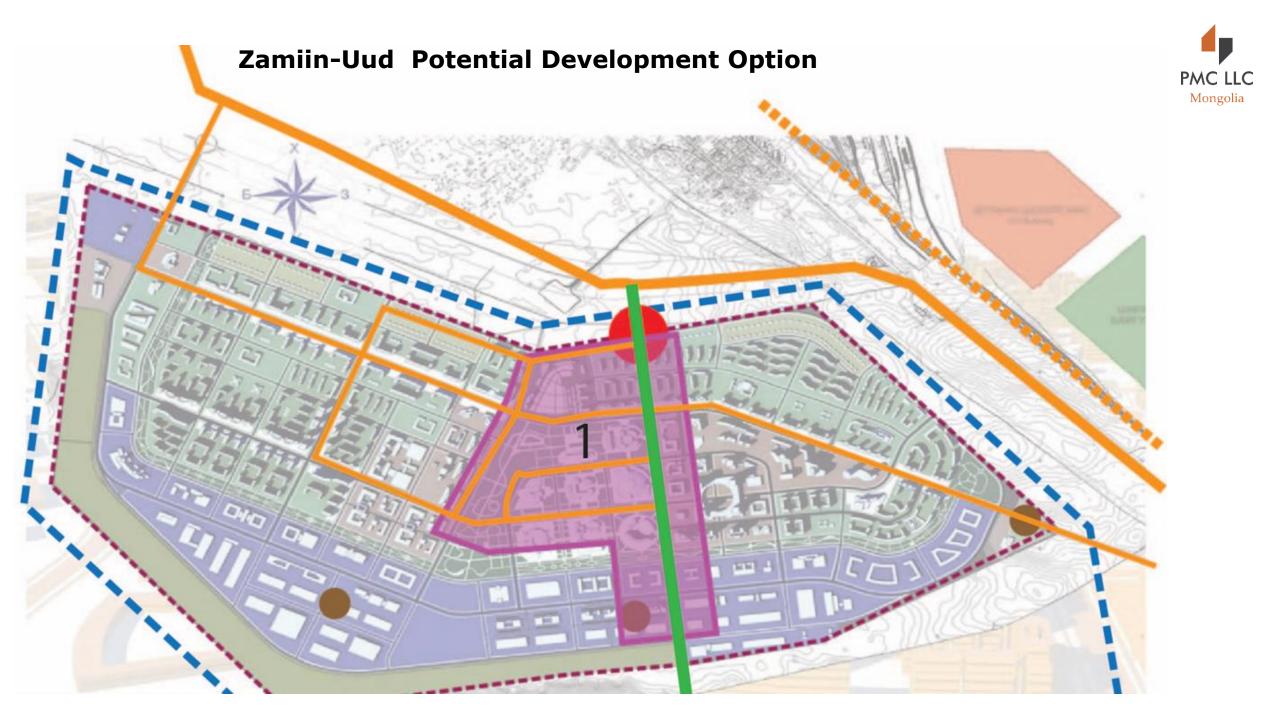




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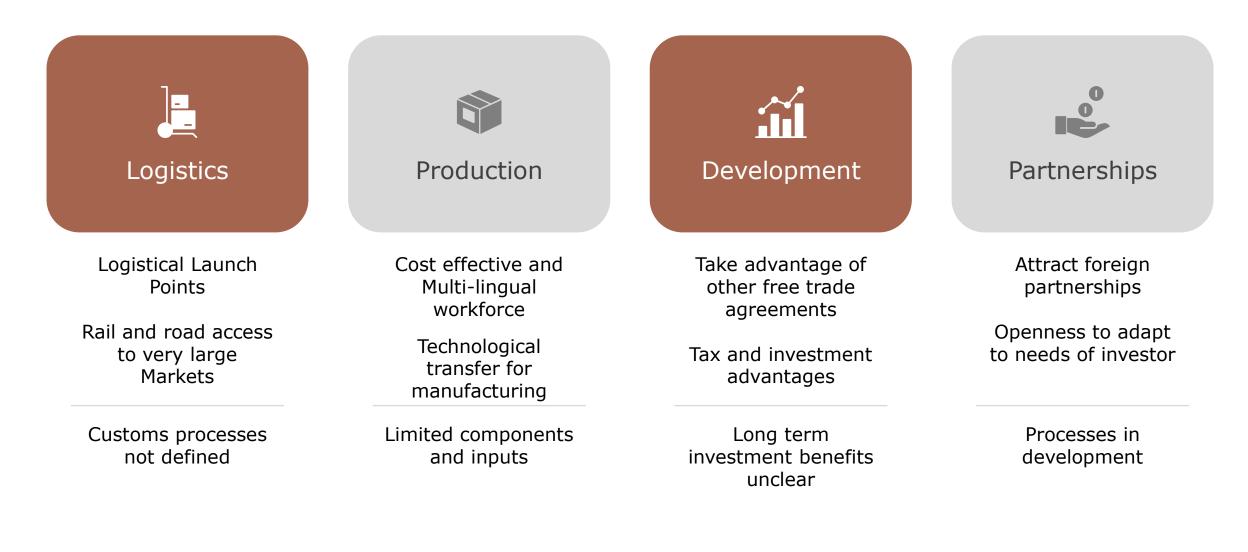






GSP+ Linkage







SUMMARY

- Has been in the works since 1995, limited progress
- Several short and medium term advantages for businesses
 - Simplified customs, deferral, access to experts
- Zones not operational, needs procedures and infrastructure
 - Customs process, direct connection, sector restrictions
- Mongolia is one of 8 countries with GSP+ privileges; zero tariffs for 6000 line items, mostly textile and agriculture,
- attract potential partners and access to greater markets



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