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Journal Name:	<b>Asian Journal of Economics, Business and Accounting</b>
Manuscript Number:	<b>Ms_AJEBA_112934</b>
Title of the Manuscript:	<b>Development Status, Issues, and Strategies of Customs Special Supervision Areas in China: A Case Study of Jiangsu Comprehensive Bonded Zone</b>
Type of the Article	<b>Case study</b>

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**PART 1: Review Comments**

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
<p><b>Compulsory</b> REVISION comments</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Is the manuscript important for scientific community?</b> (Please write few sentences on this manuscript)</li> <li>2. <b>Is the title of the article suitable?</b> (If not please suggest an alternative title)</li> <li>3. <b>Is the abstract of the article comprehensive?</b></li> <li>4. <b>Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate?</b></li> <li>5. <b>Do you think the manuscript is scientifically correct?</b></li> <li>6. <b>Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestion of additional references, please mention in the review form.</b></li> </ol> <p><u>(Apart from above mentioned 6 points, reviewers are free to provide additional suggestions/comments)</u></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The manuscript titled "<b>Development Status, Issues, and Strategies of Customs Special Supervision Areas in China: A Case Study of Jiangsu Comprehensive Bonded Zone</b>" holds significant importance for the scientific community, particularly in the realm of international trade and customs regulations. It provides valuable insights into the operational dynamics, challenges, and potential strategies concerning customs special supervision areas in China, with a focused examination on the Jiangsu Comprehensive Bonded Zone. By offering a case study approach, the manuscript delves into practical implications and theoretical implications alike, contributing to a deeper understanding of how such zones function within the broader framework of global trade. This work can serve as a foundational resource for policymakers, researchers, and practitioners seeking to optimize the efficacy and efficiency of customs supervision areas, thereby facilitating smoother international trade operations.</li> <li>2. The title of the article, "<b>Development Status, Issues, and Strategies of Customs Special Supervision Areas in China: A Case Study of Jiangsu Comprehensive Bonded Zone</b>," effectively captures the essence of the manuscript's focus and content. However, for brevity and clarity, an alternative title could be: "<b>Exploring Customs Supervision Areas in China: Insights from Jiangsu Comprehensive Bonded Zone</b>"</li> <li>3. The abstract provides a comprehensive overview of the article's scope and findings. It effectively outlines the background of customs special supervision areas in China, highlights the rapid development of foreign trade within these zones over the past 30 years, and identifies key issues such as regional disparities and institutional deficiencies. The focus on the Jiangsu Comprehensive Bonded Zone as a case study adds specificity and depth to the analysis. Furthermore, the abstract outlines the paper's objectives, methodologies, and conclusions succinctly, indicating a clear structure and direction for the manuscript. Overall, the abstract appears comprehensive in providing an overview of the article's content and significance.</li> <li>4. The manuscript's structure is suitable, starting with a clear introduction and well-defined sections examining customs special supervision areas, notably the Jiangsu Comprehensive Bonded Zone. Subsections effectively organize content for a structured exploration. It covers issues like regional disparities and proposes strategies, offering valuable insights into China's customs supervision areas.</li> <li>5. The manuscript provides a comprehensive analysis of customs special supervision areas in China, focusing on the Jiangsu Comprehensive Bonded Zone. It discusses their definition, functions, development, and issues like regional disparities and incomplete institutional systems. Strategies for improvement are proposed. However, scientific accuracy requires empirical validation of claims and data sources.</li> <li>6. Overall, the paper provides a comprehensive analysis of the development status and issues of customs special supervision areas in China, with a focus on the Jiangsu Comprehensive Bonded Zone. The introduction effectively sets the context, and subsequent sections delve into various aspects such as the definition and functions of customs special supervision areas, their current development, and the challenges they face. The strategies proposed for promoting higher-quality development are well-articulated and backed by examples and references. However, there are a few points to consider for improvement:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Recent References: While the paper includes references dating up to 2020, it lacks citations from the last two years. Given the rapid changes in policies and economic conditions, it would strengthen the analysis to include more recent sources to ensure the information presented is up-to-date and reflective of the current state of customs special</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	

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	<p>supervision areas in China.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>b) Inclusion of International Perspectives: Since customs special supervision areas are a global phenomenon, it would enrich the analysis to include perspectives from other countries with similar zones. This could provide comparative insights into best practices, challenges, and strategies for development.</li><li>c) Clarity and Conciseness: Some sections of the paper, particularly the analysis of issues, could benefit from greater clarity and conciseness. Breaking down complex issues into more digestible segments and providing clear, succinct explanations would enhance readability and comprehension.</li><li>d) Visual Aids: The addition of more visual aids, such as charts, graphs, or maps, could help illustrate key points more effectively. For example, visual representations of the distribution of customs special supervision areas in China or trends in import-export values over time could enhance understanding and engagement.</li><li>e) Expansion of Future Directions: While the strategies proposed for promoting higher-quality development are sound, further expansion on the potential challenges or obstacles in implementing these strategies, as well as potential alternative approaches, would provide a more comprehensive outlook on the future of customs special supervision areas in China. Overall, the paper presents a thorough analysis of customs special supervision areas in China, but incorporating recent references, international perspectives, enhancing clarity, utilizing visual aids, and expanding on future directions would further strengthen its quality and relevance.</li></ul> <p><b>Additional Points:</b> <b>Here are some additional suggestions and comments for further improvement:</b></p> <p><b>In-depth Case Studies:</b> While the paper provides an overview of customs special supervision areas in China, including a detailed analysis of the Jiangsu Comprehensive Bonded Zone, incorporating more in-depth case studies from various regions could offer a richer understanding of the challenges and opportunities faced by different types of zones. These case studies could highlight unique strategies, success stories, and lessons learned, contributing to a more nuanced analysis.</p> <p><b>Stakeholder Perspectives:</b> It would be valuable to include perspectives from stakeholders such as businesses operating within customs special supervision areas, government officials involved in policy-making, and industry experts. This could be achieved through interviews, surveys, or literature reviews focusing on stakeholder viewpoints, concerns, and recommendations. Integrating diverse perspectives would enhance the paper's comprehensiveness and practical relevance.</p> <p><b>Policy Recommendations:</b> While the paper outlines strategies for promoting higher-quality development, providing specific policy recommendations and implementation guidelines would offer actionable insights for policymakers, regulators, and industry stakeholders. These recommendations could address key issues such as regulatory reform, infrastructure investment, talent development, and international collaboration, fostering a conducive environment for the sustainable growth of customs special supervision areas.</p> <p><b>Environmental and Social Impact Assessment:</b> Given the significant economic activities within customs special supervision areas, it's important to assess their environmental and social impact. Integrating an analysis of environmental sustainability, labor conditions, community engagement, and social responsibility initiatives would contribute to a more holistic evaluation of the development model. This could involve incorporating relevant indicators, case studies, and best practices in sustainability management.</p> <p><b>Cross-disciplinary Perspectives:</b> Customs special supervision areas intersect with various disciplines such as economics, international trade, law, urban planning, and environmental science. Incorporating insights from these disciplines could enrich the analysis and provide a broader understanding of the complex dynamics at play. Collaborating with experts from different fields or citing interdisciplinary research would enhance the paper's academic rigor and interdisciplinary relevance.</p> <p><b>Future Research Directions:</b> Concluding the paper with a section on future research directions could inspire further scholarly inquiry and inform the agenda for future studies. Identifying unresolved issues, emerging trends, and areas requiring further investigation would guide researchers and policymakers in addressing critical gaps in knowledge and practice within the field of customs special supervision areas.</p> <p>By integrating these suggestions, the paper could achieve greater depth, relevance, and</p>	
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	impact, contributing to a more comprehensive understanding of customs special supervision areas in China and informing evidence-based policy and practice.	
<p><b>Minor</b> REVISION comments</p> <p>1. <b>Is language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?</b></p>	<p>The language and English quality of the article are generally suitable for scholarly communication. The writing is clear, coherent, and technical terms related to customs special supervision areas are used appropriately. However, there are a few areas where improvements could enhance the scholarly quality:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Consistency in Terminology:</b> Ensure consistent use of terminology throughout the article, particularly when referring to specific concepts, policies, or types of customs special supervision areas. Consistency fosters clarity and prevents confusion among readers.</li> <li><b>Sentence Structure Complexity:</b> While the article effectively communicates complex ideas, varying the sentence structure and length can improve readability and engagement. Incorporating a mix of short, medium, and long sentences can enhance flow and comprehension.</li> <li><b>Academic Style Conventions:</b> Adherence to academic style conventions, such as proper citation formatting and consistent referencing, is essential for scholarly articles. Double-check the formatting of in-text citations, reference list entries, and any direct quotations to ensure compliance with the chosen citation style guide (e.g., APA, MLA).</li> <li><b>Proofreading for Errors:</b> Conduct a thorough proofreading process to identify and correct any grammatical, punctuation, or typographical errors. Even minor errors can detract from the professionalism and credibility of the article.</li> <li><b>Clarity and Precision:</b> Strive for clarity and precision in expression to convey ideas accurately and effectively. Avoid overly complex language or unnecessary jargon that may obscure meaning or alienate readers unfamiliar with the subject matter.</li> </ol> <p>Overall, while the language and English quality are suitable for scholarly communication, attention to these areas can further enhance the clarity, professionalism, and impact of the article within academic discourse.</p>	
<p><b>Optional/General</b> comments</p>	NA	

**PART 2:**

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?	(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)	

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