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Dear Ms Mbali

Thank you for your request for information made under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 relating to Freight at Dover. Please accept my sincere apologies for the delay in responding to your request: I appreciate that the Council has not complied with statutory timescales on this occasion. Please see the response provided below:

Is it true that before BREXIT if Kent Trading Standards had to impound inbound freight rejected at Port of Dover this was warehoused at the cost to KCC?

No. Third Country goods (Trading Standards do not cover foodstuffs) that were non-compliant or unsafe were refused entry into the EU/UK. This is part of the customs control process set out in EU Regulation 765/2008 which explains the requirements for accreditation and market surveillance (RAMS). The cost of storage before the goods were either made compliant, destroyed, or re-exported was borne by the importer or their agent.

If so, how much did this cost to KCC on average each year 2016,2017,2018,2019?

This cost was covered by the importer or agent.

What are the post-BREXIT plans to impound rejected freight in Kent?

The requirements for accreditation and market surveillance (RAMS) have been transposed into UK law under the Product Safety and Metrology Regulations 2019. The same process will be in place for Third Country and EU goods.

Where will the facilities be located?

As the goods are not cleared for free circulation, they will remain in a designated ports area and costs would be covered by the importer or agent.

Which authority will pay the cost of storage?

The Importer or agent pays the cost.

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I will now close your request as of this date.

Yours sincerely

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