



*Helping Central Ohio Companies
Compete Globally*

WHAT IS A FOREIGN-TRADE ZONE?

A U.S. Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ or zone) is a site within the United States that is legally considered outside of Customs territory for the purpose of duties, so goods may be brought into the site duty-free and without formal Customs entry.

Because foreign merchandise admitted into a FTZ is considered still to be in international commerce, it may be:

- Stored or exhibited.
- Repackaged, relabeled, or broken into smaller lots.
- Mixed, manipulated, or used in a manufacturing or value-added process.
- Transferred into another FTZ with no liability until it leaves the FTZ.

BENEFITS OF FOREIGN-TRADE ZONES

The FTZ allows users to:

- Reduce, eliminate or defer Customs duties.
- Avoid “duty drawback” on re-exported or scrapped merchandise.
- Increase logistics flexibility.
- Move merchandise directly to the factory or warehouse with no clearance delay.
- File Customs entry paperwork weekly rather than on each container.

FOREIGN-TRADE ZONE 138

FTZ 138 has been approved for the Alternative Site Framework (ASF) which is designed to be a fast and flexible process for obtaining FTZ designation. This means that once an application is filed with the FTZ Board, companies within our 25-county service area will receive designation in less than 30 days.

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