

FOREIGN TRADE ZONE

FTZ-50



Port of
LONG BEACH
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What is a Foreign Trade Zone?

Within the U.S., yet outside Customs boundaries

Foreign Trade Zones are designated areas within the United States where qualifying businesses are considered to be outside of U.S. commerce for customs purposes. Approved companies within a Foreign Trade Zone can defer, reduce or completely eliminate customs duties on imported products and materials.

No duty until product enters U.S. market

Foreign merchandise can be imported without going through formal customs entry procedures or paying import duties. Customs

duties and excise taxes are due only at the time the product leaves the Foreign Trade Zone for U.S. consumption.

Waste materials and damaged merchandise may be destroyed within the zone and avoid duties. Merchandise that never enters U.S. commerce (for example is used in the manufacture of export products) is not subject to duties or excise taxes.

Merchandise may be stored within a Foreign Trade Zone for an unlimited period of time. It may be opened, inspected, assembled, mixed, cleaned, labeled or

repackaged within a zone. Merchandise may be displayed, sampled or examined within the zone.

Foreign Trade Zones make U.S. manufacturing more competitive and promote more trade and jobs. The Port of Long Beach is the grantee agency for Foreign Trade Zone 50, which covers Orange County, western San Bernardino County and most of Los Angeles County.

Visit www.polb.com/ftz-50 for more information.



Foreign Trade Zone 50 Application and Activation Process Map

LEGEND

Prospective Operator
Grantee
(Port of Long Beach)

FTZ Board
Prospective Operator or FTZ
Consultant

CBP

**Activation and Implementation Phases
can run concurrently.*

Complete the application and send to the Port of Long Beach, including:

- California Business Certificate, if not already established in California
- Right-to-Use Letter from property owner or applicant
- Property map with proposed facility outlined in red
- Application fee

Submit the completed application to the FTZ Board, including:

- Transmittal letter
- CBP concurrence request
- Completed application and supporting documents

FTZ Board review and approval

- Response within 30-45 days
- FTZ site number assigned
- Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Concurrence letter to FTZ Board

APPLICATION
PHASE

- FTZ Operations Agreement between the City of Long Beach and the FTZ Operator initiated
- Create FTZ procedures manual
- Establish security
- Staff training
- Set up FTZ inventory software
- Finalize FTZ Operations Agreement with Grantee

IMPLEMENTATION
PHASE

- Present CBP with a copy of operations manual
- CBP site inspection
- Security walkthrough
- Background checks
- Acquire certificate of insurance and customs bond
- CBP activation approval within 3-8 months

ACTIVATION
PHASE

How Can Foreign Trade Zone 50 Give My Company a Competitive Edge?

Decrease operating costs, increase efficiency

Qualifying businesses within FTZ-50 can decrease their operating costs and increase cash flow by reducing, deferring or eliminating customs duties and excise taxes. Eliminate delays in customs clearances by having shipments delivered directly to your business in FTZ-50.

Be right in the heart of one of the world's busiest trading hubs

Take full advantage of operating outside U.S. Customs borders while being physically in the center of one of the busiest logistics hubs in the world. The Port of Long Beach and neighboring Port of Los Angeles combined handle nearly 40 percent of the country's containerized trade. Together they are the 9th-busiest seaport complex in the world. The region is served by a vast network of

freeways and railways, 1.7 billion square feet of distribution centers and six major airports: LAX, John Wayne, Ontario, Burbank, San Bernardino and Long Beach.

The FTZ-50 Advantage

The Port of Long Beach operates under the Alternative Site Framework (ASF), which allows any facility within the FTZ-50 Service Area to be designated as an FTZ site.

The FTZ Program goes to you!



Contact us to find out how the FTZ-50 Program can help you navigate Customs holds, mitigate tariffs, and streamline supply chains.

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