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Unlock The Benefits of Foreign Trade Zones

Foreign Trade Zones are secure zones under U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Supervision in or near a U.S. port of entry where goods are handled as if they remained outside the boundaries of the United States.

Utilizing a Foreign Trade Zone allows greater competitiveness in the global marketplace with reduced operation costs from delayed or reduced duty payments on foreign goods, as well as additional savings that can benefit a business' bottom line.

Any industry can see significant savings using an FTZ if they warehouse, repackage or manufacture using imported goods.

All programs can be combined to suit your particular business needs with significant cost savings.

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Duty Benefits

Exemption - Duties are not placed on imported goods which will eventually be exported from the FTZ, or on goods destroyed in an FTZ (goods that turn into waste or scrap).

Deferral - Goods can enter and stay indefinitely in the FTZ without having to pay duties until import entry is made into the U.S. (goods are not imported until they leave the zone).

Reduction - For production in an FTZ zone a company can request or elect to pay the lesser duty on either finished product or its foreign components; whichever is lower.

Tax Relief

Goods being held in the FTZ may be exempt from State and Local Ad Valorem Taxes.



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Weekly Entry Savings Example:

Merchandise Processing Fees (MPF) can be as low as \$485 per week. On 1000 entries per year that would be \$485,000 but only \$25,220 per year within an FTZ with weekly entry, resulting in a savings of \$459,780



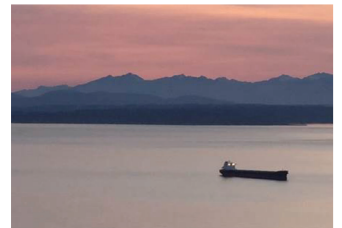
Zone to Zone Transfers allow goods to be moved from one zone to another in-bond without having to pay duties until the goods are moved from the final zone into the Commerce of the United States, or exported.

Reduced Processing Fees & Streamline Operations

Streamline your operations and reduce your processing fees with weekly entry or direct delivery options. Weekly entry allows importers to file one entry per



week instead of the regular per shipment entry, minimizing paperwork and expenses, such as reduced costs paid to CBP for per shipment entries. With Direct Delivery this option quickens the movement of cargo by allowing goods to move directly from port to zone without prior approval of the admission from Customs.



Quality Control - Zones may be used for quality control inspections and imported products that do not meet specifications deemed substandard can be destroyed, scrapped or returned without incurring duty.

Security & Inventory Management



Zones have extensive inventory and security requirements that benefit inventory management and reduce the risk of theft, thus potentially lowering insurance premiums.

Labor, Overhead & Profit

To calculate the dutiable value of imported goods moved from a zone, duties are not owed on labor, overhead or profit attributed to production in an FTZ.