



TEXAS FOREIGN TRADE ZONES

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Overview

U.S. and Texas Foreign-Trade Zones

U.S. foreign-trade zones (FTZs or Zones) are the domestic equivalents of what are internationally known as ‘free-trade zones.’ They are usually located in areas with geographic trade advantages, such as major seaports, international airports, and national frontiers. Within FTZs, company goods can be unloaded, manufactured, reassembled, tested, sampled, processed, repackaged, and re-exported without the intervention of U.S. customs authorities. Only when goods are moved outside a Zone do they become subject to U.S. customs duties. Zone status may also make sites eligible for state and local tax benefits.

Officially, FTZs are sites approved and administered by U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) as well as the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (FTZB) and located in or near U.S. Customs Ports of Entry, where foreign and domestic merchandise is considered to be outside the country for the purposes of duty payment.

FTZs promote the international competitiveness of U.S.-based businesses because Zone activities primarily involve domestic operations combining foreign inputs with significant domestic inputs. Zones also facilitate and expedite international trade, retain and create jobs, and encourage investment, manufacturing, and logistics within the United States. Businesses operating in FTZs can reduce duty and tax costs, as well as streamline their production and processes.

The primary manufacturing industries benefiting from FTZs are oil refining, vehicles/automotive parts, consumer electronics, and pharmaceuticals. Logistics-related firms also benefit, as companies can utilize FTZs for warehousing, inspection, labeling, salvaging, and distribution. Retail trade is prohibited.

Some FTZs contain Subzones, which are special-purpose zones approved for use by one company for a specific activity, usually as manufacturing plants. Major companies operating in Texas FTZs include BASF Corp., CITGO Refining & Chemicals, Dell Computer, Dow Chemical, Exxon Mobil, General Motors, Shell Oil, and Zale Corporation.

Calendar year (CY) 2013 FTZ statistics from the U.S. Department of Commerce’s International Trade

Administrations (ITA), the latest data available, indicate that the combined value of merchandise entering all U.S. FTZs totaled over \$835 billion, up from \$732 billion in CY 2012.

Texas leads the nation with 32 FTZs, more than any other state, according to the ITA’s FTZ website. The map on the next page provides details on Texas FTZ locations. The state also currently has 64 firms assigned to subzones. The ITA website’s Texas FTZ listings (see pages 3-9) provide details on Texas Subzones.

U.S. Foreign-Trade Zones By the Numbers

- Number of zones: 177 FTZs and over 500 Subzones
- Location of zones: 50 states and Puerto Rico
- Value of merchandise: over \$835 billion
- Exports: over \$79 billion
- Employment: approximately 390,000
- Businesses served: 3,050

Source: ITA, CY 2013

Texas had a number of top FTZ national rankings in CY 2013, according to the ITA.

- Texas ranked No. 1 for total FTZ exports, manufacturing/production-related activity, and warehouse/distribution-related exports.
- FTZ subzone No. 84O, assigned to Exxon Mobil in Houston, Texas, ranked No. 1 for the value of manufacturing operations-related merchandise received with \$25-50 billion. Texas subzones held five of the top 10 rankings in this breakout area (122L No. 4; 116A No. 5; 199A No. 7; 84J No. 9).

Texas Foreign-Trade Zones By the Numbers

- Merchandise Received: over \$100 billion
- Exports: \$25-\$50 billion
- Total Shipments: over \$100 billion
- Employment: 58,001-59,000
- Top products: oil/petroleum (80%); other electronics (8%); electrical machinery (3%)
- Warehouse/distribution businesses served: 421

Source: ITA, CY 2013

For more information on FTZs, contact the FTZB at:

Foreign-Trade Zones Board
U.S. Department of Commerce
1401 Constitution Ave., NW, Room 21013
Washington, DC 20230
Telephone: (202) 482-2862
Fax: (202) 482-0002
Email: ftz@trade.gov
Website: <http://ia.ita.doc.gov/ftzpage/>

For general importing/exporting questions, contact U.S. Customs and Border Protection at 877-CBP-5511.



Source: ITA website data

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FOREIGN-TRADE ZONE	SUBZONE	PORT
FTZ No. 12 McAllen Grantee/Operator: McAllen Economic Development Corporation 6401 S. 33rd Street, McAllen, TX 78503 Joyce Dean (956) 682-9111 Fax (956) 682-9111 www.mcallenftz.org	12A TST NA TRIM, LLC	Hidalgo/Pharr
FTZ No. 36 Galveston Grantee: Board of Trustees of the Galveston Wharves Operator: Port of Galveston P.O. Box 328, Galveston, TX 77553 Diane Falcioni (409) 766-6121 Fax (409) 766-6107	36B M-I L.L.C.	Houston
FTZ No. 39 Dallas/Fort Worth Grantee/Operator: Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport Board P.O. Drawer 619428, DFW Airport, TX 75261 Christina L. Wood (972) 973-4667 Fax (972) 973-4651	39B GM 39C Sanden 39E Fossil Partners 39F Zale Corporation 39I Turbomeca U.S.A. 39K Dal-Tile Corporation	Dallas/Fort Worth
FTZ No. 62 Brownsville Grantee/Operator: Brownsville Navigation District 1000 Foust Road, Brownsville, TX 78521 Tony Rodriguez (956) 831-4592 Fax (956) 831-5353		Brownsville/Los Indios
FTZ No. 68 El Paso Grantee: City of El Paso 501 George Perry, Suite i, El Paso, TX 79925 Jose Quinonez (915) 771-6016 Fax (915) 772-2491 Quinonezji@elpasotexas.gov www.elpasotexas.gov/ftz	68A Expeditors International of Washington, Inc.	El Paso

FTZ No. 80 San Antonio Grantee: City of San Antonio Economic Development Department P.O. Box 839966, San Antonio, TX 78283 Jesse Canedo (210) 207-4689 Fax (210) 207-8151 jesse.candeo@sanantonio.gov www.sanantonio.gov/edd	80A Bausch & Lomb 80B Colin Medical Instruments 80C Friedrich Air Conditioning 80D R. G. Barry	San Antonio
FTZ No. 84 Harris County Grantee: Port of Houston Authority 111 East Loop North Houston, TX 77029 Shane Williams (713) 670-2487 Fax (713) 670-2564 smwilliams@poha.com www.portofhouston.com/	84E Gulf Coast Maritime 84H Shaffer, Inc. 84I Tuboscope Vetco Int'l 84J Shell Oil Co. 84K Dril-Quip 84L Tadiran Microwave Networks 84M Hydril USA Manufacturing LLC 84N Pasadena Refining System, Inc. 80O Exxon Mobil 84P Houston Refining LP 84Q Equistar Chemicals 84R Michelin North America, Inc. 84T Toshiba International Corporation	Houston
FTZ No. 94 Laredo Grantee: City of Laredo Operator: Laredo International Airport Operator of Foreign-Trade Zone No. 94 5210 Bob Bullock Loop, Laredo, TX 78041 Timothy Franciscus-Timm (956) 795-2000 Fax (956) 795-2572		Laredo
FTZ No. 95 Starr County Grantee/Operator: Starr County Industrial Foundation P.O. Box 502, Rio Grande City, TX 78582 Nilda Elizondo (956) 487-2709 Fax (956) 716-8560		Rio Grande City
FTZ No. 96 Eagle Pass Grantee: City of Eagle Pass Operator: Maverick Co. Dev. Corp. P.O. Box 3693, Eagle Pass, TX 78853 Raul E. Perez (830) 773-6166 Fax (830) 773-6287 raul.perez@eaglepassmcdc.com		Eagle Pass

FTZ No. 113 Ellis County Grantee: Ellis County Trade Zone Corporation P.O. Box 788, Midlothian, TX 76065 L. Randall Denton (972) 723-5522		Dallas/Fort Worth
FTZ No. 115 Beaumont Grantee: Foreign-Trade Zone of Southeast Texas, Inc. P.O. Drawer 2297, Beaumont, TX 77704 David C. Fisher (409) 835-5367 Fax (409) 835-0512	115A BASF Corporation 115B Exxon Mobil	Port Arthur
FTZ No. 116 Port Arthur Grantee: Foreign-Trade Zone of Southeast Texas, Inc. P.O. Drawer 2297, Beaumont, TX 77704 David C. Fisher (409) 835-5367 Fax (409) 835-0512	116A Motiva Enterprises 116B Total Petrochemicals & Refining USA, Inc. 116C Premcor Refining Group 116D US DoE Strategic Petroleum Reserve	Port Arthur
FTZ No. 117 Orange Grantee: Foreign-Trade Zone of Southeast Texas, Inc. P.O. Drawer 2297, Beaumont, TX 77704 David C. Fisher (409) 835-5367 Fax (409) 835-0512		Port Arthur
FTZ No. 122 Corpus Christi Grantee/Operator: Port of Corpus Christi Authority 1305 N. Shoreline Blvd. Corpus Christi, TX 78401 Sonya Lopez-Sosa (361) 885-6187 Fax (361) 881-5162 sonya@pocca.com www.portofcorpuschristi.com/ftzdefined.htm	122C BTB Refining, LLC 122D Gulf Marine Fabricators 122E Bay Ltd. 122H TOR Minerals Intl 122I CITGO Refining & Chemicals 122J Valero Refining Co. 122K Sherwin Alumina Co. 122L Flint Hills Resources LP 122O International Resistive Company 122P Kiewit Offshore Services 122Q Baker Hughes, Inc. 122R Halliburton Energy Services, Inc.	Corpus Christi

FTZ No. 149 Freeport Grantee: Port Freeport 200 W. 2nd St., Suite 301, Freeport, TX 77541 Nancy Stephens (979) 233-2667 x4315 Fax (979) 233-5625 stephens@portfreeport.com www.portfreeport.com	149A BASF 149B DSM Nutritional Products, Inc. 149C Phillips 66 Company 149G Dow Chemical	Freeport
FTZ No. 150 El Paso Grantee: Westport Economic Development Corporation 1865 Northwestern Dr., El Paso, TX 79912 Brent Harris (915) 877-4300		El Paso
FTZ No. 155 Calhoun/Victoria Counties Grantee: Calhoun-Victoria Foreign-Trade Zone, Inc. P.O. Drawer 397, Point Comfort, TX 77978 Charles Hausmann (361) 987-2813 Fax (361) 987-2189	155C Alcoa 155D Tenaris Bay City, Inc.	Port Lavaca-Point Comfort
FTZ No. 156 Weslaco Grantee: City of Weslaco 255 S. Kansas Ave., Weslaco, TX 78596 Mardoqueo Hinojosa (956) 968-3181 Fax (956) 968-6672 mhinojosa@weslacotx.gov		Progreso
FTZ No. 165 Midland Grantee: City of Midland c/o Midland International Airport 9506 Laforce Blvd., P.O. Box 60305, Midland, TX 79711 Tommy Martin (432) 560-2200 Fax (432) 560-2237	165A Phillips 66 Company	Midland
FTZ No. 168 Dallas/Fort Worth Grantee: Metroplex International Trade Development Corporation	168A B&F Systems 168B Ultrak	Dallas/Fort Worth

Operator: Foreign Trade Zone Operating Co. of Texas P.O. Box 613307, Dallas, TX 75261 Terry Parent (817) 510-5709 Fax (972) 929-7228		
FTZ No. 171 Liberty County Grantee: Liberty County Economic Development Foreign-Trade Zone 171 P.O. Box 857, Liberty, TX 77575 John Hebert (936) 336-7311 Fax (936) 336-9285		Houston
FTZ No. 183 Austin Grantee: Foreign Trade Zone of Central Texas, Inc. Round Rock Chamber of Commerce 212 E. Main St., Round Rock, TX 78664 Ben White (512) 255-5805 bwhite@roundrockchamber.org	183A Dell Computer Corporation 183B Samsung Austin Semiconductor, LLC 183C Flextronics America, LLC	Austin
FTZ No. 196 Fort Worth Grantee: Alliance Corridor, Inc. c/o Hillwood Development Corporation 13600 Heritage Pkwy., Suite 200 Fort Worth, TX 76177 Steve Boecking (817) 224-6050 Fax (817) 224-6060	196A TTI, Inc.	Dallas/Fort Worth
FTZ No. 199 Texas City Grantee: Texas City Foreign-Trade Zone Corporation P.O. Box 2608, Texas City, TX 77592 Nicholas Finan (409) 643-5927 Fax (409) 942-1073	199A Marathon Petroleum Corporation 199C Valero Refining 199D Seaway Crude Pipeline Co. 199E ISP Technologies	Houston
FTZ No. 234 Gregg County Grantee: Gregg County, Texas 269 Terminal Circle, Longview, TX 75603 Bradley Kranzman (903) 643-3031 Fax (903) 643-7371	234A Eubank Manufacturing Enterprises, Inc. 234B Letourneau, Inc.	Shreveport-Bossier City

FTZ No. 246 Waco Grantee: City of Waco, Texas c/o Economic Development Division Greater Waco Chamber of Commerce P.O. Box 1220, Waco, TX 76703 Kris Collins (254) 752-6551 Fax (254) 752-6618 kcollins@wacochamber.com		Dallas/Fort Worth
FTZ No. 252 Amarillo Grantee: City of Amarillo c/o Amarillo Economic Development Corporation 801 South Fillmore Street, Suite 205 Amarillo, TX 79101 Brian R. Jennings (806) 379-6411 Fax (806) 371-0112 brian@amarilloedc.com		Amarillo
FTZ No. 258 Bowie County Grantee: TexAmericas Center 107 Chapel Lane, New Boston, TX 75570 Eric Voyles (903) 223-9841 Fax (903) 223-8742 eric.voyles@texamericascenter.com www.rrcp.org		Shreveport-Bossier County
FTZ No. 260 Lubbock Grantee: City of Lubbock 1500 Broadway, 6th Floor Lubbock, TX 79401 Christine Allen (806) 723-8227 Fax (806) 749-4501 christine.allen@lubbockeda.org		Lubbock
FTZ No. 265 Conroe (Montgomery County) Grantee: City of Conroe P.O. Box 3066, Conroe, TX 77305 Paul Virgadamo (936) 539-4431	265A WLS Drilling Products, Inc.	Houston

FTZ No. 269 Athens Grantee: Athens Economic Development Corporation 100 W. Tyler St., Athens, TX 75751 Brian J. Malone (903) 675-4617 Fax (903) 675-4830 bjmalone@athensedc.com www.athensedc.com		Dallas/Fort Worth
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