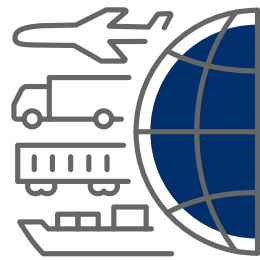




PORT HOUSTON



FTZ 84

FOREIGN-TRADE ZONE | PORT HOUSTON

What is an FTZ?

The United States Foreign-Trade Zones (FTZ) Program was created in 1934, and was intended to “expedite and encourage foreign commerce in the United States.” An FTZ is a designated area within the U.S. that’s legally considered outside national customs territory, giving businesses a unique opportunity to reduce import costs and gain better control over inventory. With an FTZ, companies can streamline their supply chains, increase flexibility, and potentially eliminate import tariffs altogether. This federal program is a powerful tool for U.S. importers and exporters looking to save on tariffs and operate more efficiently.

Today there are 302 FTZs in the United States.

Key Benefits of Using an FTZ

A Foreign Trade Zone (FTZ) is a designated area in the U.S. where businesses can store, handle, manufacture, or repackage goods with unique customs benefits—saving time and money. FTZ 84, co-administered by Port Houston and the Federal FTZ Board, includes Harris, Waller and Wharton Counties.

FTZ Benefits include:

- ✓ Relief from Inverted Tariffs
- ✓ Duty Exemption on Re-Exports
- ✓ Duty Elimination
- ✓ Duty Deferral
- ✓ Weekly Entry Savings
- ✓ Zone-to-Zone Transfers
- ✓ Ad Valorem Tax Relief

What activities can I do in a Foreign Trade Zone?

- Storage
- Manufacturing*
- Assembly*
- Distribution
- Relabeling
- Repacking
- Processing*
- Display
- Inspection
- Testing
- Repair
- Destruction

** May require special FTZ Board approval*

It's easy to convert your existing site to a Zone.

With the help of FTZ 84, existing warehouse or manufacturing sites in the Houston area can be converted to an FTZ site. New sites can be located almost anywhere in Harris, Waller and Wharton counties under FTZ 84 jurisdiction. Alternative FTZ programs are available in the region for outlying counties.

Who is involved in the FTZ Process?

U.S. FTZ Board

The Foreign Trade Zones (FTZ) Board in Washington, DC supervises the FTZ program under the joint supervision of the Commerce Department and Treasury Department

Grantee

A local organization that partners with the FTZ Board to locally administrate each foreign trade zone. The grantee of FTZ #84 is Port Houston

Customs & Border Protection (CBP)

Manages the movement of goods in/out of an FTZ and provides guidance on regulations, procedures and requirements

Operator

Runs the FTZ site. The operator files FTZ paperwork, is the party liable if any infractions occur, and holds the surety bond

User

Owns the product held in the FTZ site. The user may also be the operator

Public warehouse space available!

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Don't have an existing warehouse or storage facility? That's no problem – local companies can store goods and products into FTZ warehouses that are open to the public.

Port Houston provides dedicated support throughout the FTZ implementation process. To learn more about FTZ Public Facilities, or how to get started, contact us today!

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