

# 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 (58%) 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 benefitting 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 Bausch & Lomb, BP Products North America, Dell, Dow Chemical, Exxon Mobil, General Motors, and Zale Corporation.

Fiscal year (FY) 2010 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 \$534.3 billion, up from \$430.5 billion in FY 2009. Subzones accounted for 85%, or \$453.3 billion, of this total.

Texas currently 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 68 firms assigned to subzones. The ITA website's Texas FTZ listings (see pages 3-8) provide details on Texas Subzones.

#### U.S. Foreign-Trade Zones By the Numbers

- Number of zones: 250 FTZs and 263 Subzones
- Location of zones: 50 states and Puerto Rico
- Value of merchandise: over \$534 billion
- Exports: \$34.8 billion
- Employment: approximately 320,000
- Businesses served: 2,400

*Source: ITA, FY 2010 data*

Texas FTZs and Subzones had a number of top national rankings in FY 2010, according to the ITA.

- FTZ No. 68 in El Paso was ranked No. 1 for the value of exports it shipped with over \$1.7 billion.
- FTZ No. 196 at Fort Alliance in Fort Worth was ranked No. 1 for the value of foreign merchandise received (imports) with over \$4 billion.
- FTZ subzone No. 840, assigned to Exxon Mobil at the Port of Houston, ranked No. 3 for the value of domestic and foreign merchandise received with \$18.2 billion.

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By the Numbers**

- Merchandise receipts: \$161.1 billion, a 16.5% increase from \$138.3 billion in 2009
- Exports: \$7.2 billion, a 30.9% increase from \$5.5 billion in 2009
- Employment: 51,006
- Businesses served: 393

*Source: National Association of Foreign-Trade Zones (NAFTZ), FY 2010 data*

For more information on FTZs, contact the FTZB at:

Foreign-Trade Zones Board  
U.S. Department of Commerce  
1401 Constitution Ave., NW, Room 2111  
Washington, DC 20230  
Telephone: (202) 482-2862  
Fax: (202) 482-0002  
Email: [ftz@trade.gov](mailto: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.

**Texas Foreign-Trade Zone Locations**



*Source: ITA website data*

## Texas Foreign-Trade Zones

FOREIGN-TRADE ZONE	SUBZONE	PORT
FTZ No. 12 McAllen Grantee/Operator: McAllen Economic Development Corporation 6401 South 33rd Street, McAllen, TX 78501 Joyce Dean (956) 682-2875 Fax (956) 682-9111 <a href="http://www.mftz.org">www.mftz.org</a>		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) 973-4649 Fax (972) 574-8069	39B GM 39C Sanden 39E Fossil Partners 39F Zale Corporation 39G Exel Global Logistics, Inc. 39H American Eurocopter LLC 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 79906 Jose Quinonez (915) 771-6016 Fax (915) 772-2491 Quinonezji@elpasotexas.gov <a href="http://www.elpasotexas.gov/ftz">www.elpasotexas.gov/ftz</a>		El Paso

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<p>FTZ No. 80 San Antonio                      Grantee: City of San Antonio Economic Development Department                      P.O. Box 839966, San Antonio, TX 78283                      Carmelina Davis (210) 207-6529                      Fax (210) 207-8151                      carmelinad@sanantonio.gov  <a href="http://www.sanantonio.gov/edd/IndustryDev/PDF/11FNLFTZ8-23.pdf">www.sanantonio.gov/edd/IndustryDev/PDF/11FNLFTZ8-23.pdf</a></p>	<p>80A Bausch &amp; Lomb                      80B Colin Medical Instruments                      80C Friedrich Air Conditioning                      80D R. G. Barry</p>	<p>San Antonio</p>
<p>FTZ No. 84 Harris County                      Grantee: Port of Houston Authority                      111 East Loop North                      Houston, TX 77029                      Shane Williams (713) 670-2604                      Fax (713) 670-2564</p>	<p>84C DuPont                      84E Gulf Coast Maritime                      84F Valero Refining                      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.                      800 Exxon Mobil                      84P Houston Refining LP                      84Q Equistar Chemicals                      84R Michelin North America, Inc.</p>	<p>Houston</p>
<p>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 (956) 795-2000                      Fax (956) 795-2572</p>		<p>Laredo</p>
<p>FTZ No. 95 Starr County                      Grantee/Operator: Starr County Industrial Foundation                      P.O. Box 502, Rio Grande City, TX 78582                      Rose Benavidez (956) 487-2709                      Fax (956) 716-8560</p>		<p>Rio Grande City</p>
<p>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  <a href="mailto:raul.perez@eaglepassmcdc.com">raul.perez@eaglepassmcdc.com</a></p>		<p>Eagle Pass</p>

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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 <a href="http://www.portofcorpuschristi.com/ftzdefined.htm">www.portofcorpuschristi.com/ftzdefined.htm</a>	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 122M Valero Three Rivers Refinery 122N Equistar Chemicals 122O International Resistive Company 122P Kiewit Offshore Services 122Q Baker Hughes, Inc. 122R Halliburton Energy Services, Inc.	Corpus Christi

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<p>FTZ No. 149 Freeport                      Grantee: Port Freeport                      200 W. 2nd St., Suite 301, Freeport, TX 77541                      Nancy Stephens (979) 233-2667 x4258                      Fax (979) 233-5625                      stephens@portfreeport.com  <a href="http://www.portfreeport.com">www.portfreeport.com</a></p>	<p>149A BASF                      149B DSM Nutritional Products, Inc.                      149C Phillips 66 Company                      149F Equistar Chemicals                      149G Dow Chemical</p>	<p>Freeport</p>
<p>FTZ No. 150 El Paso                      Grantee: Westport Economic Development Corporation                      1865 Northwestern Dr., El Paso, TX 79912                      Brent Harris (915) 877-4300</p>		<p>El Paso</p>
<p>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</p>	<p>155C Alcoa</p>	<p>Port Lavaca-Point Comfort</p>
<p>FTZ No. 156 Weslaco                      Grantee: City of Weslaco                      255 S. Kansas Ave., Weslaco, TX 78596                      Joe Pedraza (956) 968-3181                      Fax (956) 968-6672  <a href="mailto:jpandraza@weslacotx.gov">jpandraza@weslacotx.gov</a></p>		<p>Progreso</p>
<p>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</p>	<p>165A Phillips 66 Company</p>	<p>Midland</p>
<p>FTZ No. 168 Dallas/Fort Worth                      Grantee: Metroplex International Trade Development Corporation                      Operator: Foreign Trade Zone Operating Co. of Texas                      P.O. Box 613307, Dallas, TX 75261                      (Ms.) Lou Thomas (972) 915-0083                      Fax (972) 929-7228</p>	<p>168A B&amp;F Systems                      168B Ultrak</p>	<p>Dallas/Fort Worth</p>

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<p>FTZ No. 171 Liberty County                      Grantee: Liberty County Economic Development Corporation Foreign-Trade Zone 171                      P.O. Box 857, Liberty, TX 77575                      John Hebert (936) 336-7311                      Fax (936) 336-9285</p>		Houston
<p>FTZ No. 183 Austin                      Grantee: Foreign Trade Zone of Central Texas, Inc. Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce                      210 Barton Springs Rd., Suite 400, Austin, TX 78041                      Adriana Cruz (512) 322-5626                      Fax (512) 478-9615</p>	<p>183A Dell Computer Corporation                      183B Samsung Austin Semiconductor, LLC</p>	Austin
<p>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</p>		Dallas/Fort Worth
<p>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</p>	<p>199A BP Products North America                      199B Marathon Petroleum Company LLC                      199C Valero Refining                      199D Seaway Crude Pipeline Co.                      199E ISP Technologies</p>	Houston
<p>FTZ No. 234 Gregg County                      Grantee: Gregg County, Texas                      269 Terminal Circle, Longview, TX 75603                      Rick Davis (903) 643-3031                      Fax (903) 643-7371</p>	<p>234A Eubank Manufacturing Enterprises, Inc.                      234B Letourneau, Inc.</p>	Shreveport-Bossier City
<p>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  <a href="mailto:kcollins@wacochamber.com">kcollins@wacochamber.com</a></p>		Dallas/Fort Worth



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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 <a href="mailto:brian@amarilloedc.com">brian@amarilloedc.com</a>		Amarillo
<b>FTZ No. 258 Bowie County (NEW)</b> Grantee: Red River Redevelopment Authority 107 Chapel Lane, New Boston, TX 75570 Randy Mansfield (903) 223-9841 Fax (903) 223-8742 <a href="mailto:rmansfield@rrcp.org">rmansfield@rrcp.org</a> <a href="http://www.rrcp.org">www.rrcp.org</a>		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 <a href="mailto:christine.allen@lubbockeda.org">christine.allen@lubbockeda.org</a>		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. 265B Sondex, L.P. 265C Materials Science Technology, 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 <a href="mailto:bjmalone@athensedc.com">bjmalone@athensedc.com</a> <a href="http://www.athensedc.com">www.athensedc.com</a>		Dallas/Fort Worth



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