

# 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. 840, 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](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.



Source: ITA website data

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FOREIGN-TRADE ZONE	SUBZONE	PORT
<p><b>FTZ No. 12 McAllen</b></p> <p>Grantee/Operator: McAllen Economic Development Corporation 6401 S. 33rd Street, McAllen, TX 78503 Joyce Dean (956) 682-9111 Fax (956) 682-9111 <a href="http://www.mcallenftz.org">www.mcallenftz.org</a></p>	12A TST NA TRIM, LLC	Hidalgo/Pharr
<p><b>FTZ No. 36 Galveston</b></p> <p>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</p>	36B M-I L.L.C.	Houston
<p><b>FTZ No. 39 Dallas/Fort Worth</b></p> <p>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</p>	39B GM 39C Sanden 39E Fossil Partners 39F Zale Corporation 39I Turbomeca U.S.A. 39K Dal-Tile Corporation	Dallas/Fort Worth
<p><b>FTZ No. 62 Brownsville</b></p> <p>Grantee/Operator: Brownsville Navigation District 1000 Foust Road, Brownsville, TX 78521 Tony Rodriguez (956) 831-4592 Fax (956) 831-5353</p>		Brownsville/Los Indios
<p><b>FTZ No. 68 El Paso</b></p> <p>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 <a href="http://www.elpasotexas.gov/ftz">www.elpasotexas.gov/ftz</a></p>	68A Expeditors International of Washington, Inc.	El Paso

<p><b>FTZ No. 80 San Antonio</b></p> <p>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</p>	<p>80A Bausch &amp; Lomb  80B Colin Medical Instruments  80C Friedrich Air Conditioning  80D R. G. Barry</p>	<p>San Antonio</p>
<p><b>FTZ No. 84 Harris County</b></p> <p>Grantee: Port of Houston Authority  111 East Loop North  Houston, TX 77029  Shane Williams (713) 670-2487  Fax (713) 670-2564  <a href="mailto:smwilliams@poha.com">smwilliams@poha.com</a>  www.portofhouston.com/</p>	<p>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.  800 Exxon Mobil  84P Houston Refining LP  84Q Equistar Chemicals  84R Michelin North America, Inc.  84T Toshiba International Corporation</p>	<p>Houston</p>
<p><b>FTZ No. 94 Laredo</b></p> <p>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</p>		<p>Laredo</p>
<p><b>FTZ No. 95 Starr County</b></p> <p>Grantee/Operator: Starr County Industrial Foundation  P.O. Box 502, Rio Grande City, TX 78582  Nilda Elizondo (956) 487-2709  Fax (956) 716-8560</p>		<p>Rio Grande City</p>
<p><b>FTZ No. 96 Eagle Pass</b></p> <p>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>

<p><b>FTZ No. 113 Ellis County</b></p> <p>Grantee: Ellis County Trade Zone Corporation  P.O. Box 788, Midlothian, TX 76065  L. Randall Denton (972) 723-5522</p>		<p>Dallas/Fort Worth</p>
<p><b>FTZ No. 115 Beaumont</b></p> <p>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</p>	<p>115A BASF Corporation  115B Exxon Mobil</p>	<p>Port Arthur</p>
<p><b>FTZ No. 116 Port Arthur</b></p> <p>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</p>	<p>116A Motiva Enterprises  116B Total Petrochemicals &amp;  Refining USA, Inc.  116C Premcor Refining Group  116D US DoE Strategic Petroleum  Reserve</p>	<p>Port Arthur</p>
<p><b>FTZ No. 117 Orange</b></p> <p>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</p>		<p>Port Arthur</p>
<p><b>FTZ No. 122 Corpus Christi</b></p> <p>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></p>	<p>122C BTB Refining, LLC  122D Gulf Marine Fabricators  122E Bay Ltd.  122H TOR Minerals Intl  122I CITGO Refining &amp; 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.</p>	<p>Corpus Christi</p>

<p><b>FTZ No. 149 Freeport</b></p> <p>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  <a href="http://www.portfreeport.com">www.portfreeport.com</a></p>	<p>149A BASF                  149B DSM Nutritional Products, Inc.                  149C Phillips 66 Company                  149G Dow Chemical</p>	<p>Freeport</p>
<p><b>FTZ No. 150 El Paso</b></p> <p>Grantee: Westport Economic Development Corporation                  1865 Northwestern Dr., El Paso, TX 79912                  Brent Harris (915) 877-4300</p>		<p>El Paso</p>
<p><b>FTZ No. 155 Calhoun/Victoria Counties</b></p> <p>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                  155D Tenaris Bay City, Inc.</p>	<p>Port Lavaca-Point Comfort</p>
<p><b>FTZ No. 156 Weslaco</b></p> <p>Grantee: City of Weslaco                  255 S. Kansas Ave., Weslaco, TX 78596                  Mardoqueo Hinojosa (956) 968-3181                  Fax (956) 968-6672                  mhinojosa@weslacotx.gov</p>		<p>Progreso</p>
<p><b>FTZ No. 165 Midland</b></p> <p>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><b>FTZ No. 168 Dallas/Fort Worth</b></p> <p>Grantee: Metroplex International Trade Development Corporation</p>	<p>168A B&amp;F Systems                  168B Ultrak</p>	<p>Dallas/Fort Worth</p>

<p>Operator: Foreign Trade Zone Operating Co. of Texas  P.O. Box 613307, Dallas, TX 75261  Terry Parent (817) 510-5709  Fax (972) 929-7228</p>		
<p><b>FTZ No. 171 Liberty County</b></p> <p>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</p>		<p>Houston</p>
<p><b>FTZ No. 183 Austin</b></p> <p>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</p>	<p>183A Dell Computer Corporation  183B Samsung Austin  Semiconductor, LLC  183C Flextronics America, LLC</p>	<p>Austin</p>
<p><b>FTZ No. 196 Fort Worth</b></p> <p>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>	<p>196A TTI, Inc.</p>	<p>Dallas/Fort Worth</p>
<p><b>FTZ No. 199 Texas City</b></p> <p>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 Marathon Petroleum  Corporation  199C Valero Refining  199D Seaway Crude Pipeline Co.  199E ISP Technologies</p>	<p>Houston</p>
<p><b>FTZ No. 234 Gregg County</b></p> <p>Grantee: Gregg County, Texas  269 Terminal Circle, Longview, TX 75603  Bradley Kranzman (903) 643-3031  Fax (903) 643-7371</p>	<p>234A Eubank Manufacturing  Enterprises, Inc.  234B Letourneau, Inc.</p>	<p>Shreveport-Bossier  City</p>



<p><b>FTZ No. 246 Waco</b></p> <p>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>		<p>Dallas/Fort Worth</p>
<p><b>FTZ No. 252 Amarillo</b></p> <p>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></p>		<p>Amarillo</p>
<p><b>FTZ No. 258 Bowie County</b></p> <p>Grantee: TexAmericas Center  107 Chapel Lane, New Boston, TX 75570  Eric Voyles (903) 223-9841  Fax (903) 223-8742  <a href="mailto:eric.voyles@texamericascenter.com">eric.voyles@texamericascenter.com</a>  <a href="http://www.rrcp.org">www.rrcp.org</a></p>		<p>Shreveport-Bossier  County</p>
<p><b>FTZ No. 260 Lubbock</b></p> <p>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></p>		<p>Lubbock</p>
<p><b>FTZ No. 265 Conroe (Montgomery County)</b></p> <p>Grantee: City of Conroe  P.O. Box 3066, Conroe, TX 77305  Paul Virgadamo (936) 539-4431</p>	<p>265A WLS Drilling Products, Inc.</p>	<p>Houston</p>

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<p><b>FTZ No. 269 Athens</b></p> <p>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 <a href="http://www.athensedc.com">www.athensedc.com</a></p>		Dallas/Fort Worth
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