

Georgia Foreign-Trade Zone



Gateway to Growth



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Benefits

Lower taxes, new jobs, and more

For more than 40 years, Georgia Foreign-Trade Zone (GFTZ) has helped lower costs and increase efficiency for companies operating in Georgia. The U.S. Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) program confers savings that far outweigh the costs, and helps make the U.S. a more attractive market for manufacturing and trade.



Manufacturers

Lowered import taxes:

For example, while imported automobile parts carry duty rates of up to 18%, imported automobiles carry duty rates of only 2.5%. If an auto-parts manufacturer joins an FTZ, all parts are classified at the 2.5% rate.

Domestic job creation:

Lower duty rates on imported parts encourage companies to manufacture finished products in the U.S. rather than overseas.



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Reduced reporting:

Rather than reporting individual shipments to U.S. Customs and Border Protection, FTZ businesses submit only a consolidated weekly entry. As a result, they pay no more than \$498 a week (\$25,896 annually) in Merchandise Processing Fees (MPF).

Increased efficiency and lower costs:

 Streamlined customs reporting helps businesses save meaningfully on imported merchandise.

Participating GFTZ industries include:

AEROSPACE AND DEFENSE

CONSUMER GOODS

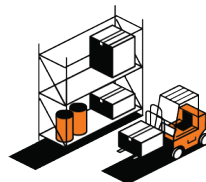
MANUFACTURING

PETROCHEMICAL

PHARMACEUTICAL

TECHNOLOGY HARDWARE, PERIPHERALS, AND STORAGE

TRANSPORTATION AND LOGISTICS



All

Duties waived on select imports:

 Duties are never paid on imported items that are later exported from an FTZ. Neither are duties paid on imported merchandise that is rejected, scrapped, or consumed within an FTZ.

Shortened supply chain:

An FTZ's direct delivery process eliminates the need for a customs entry before receiving materials, shortening delivery time by up to three days in many instances.

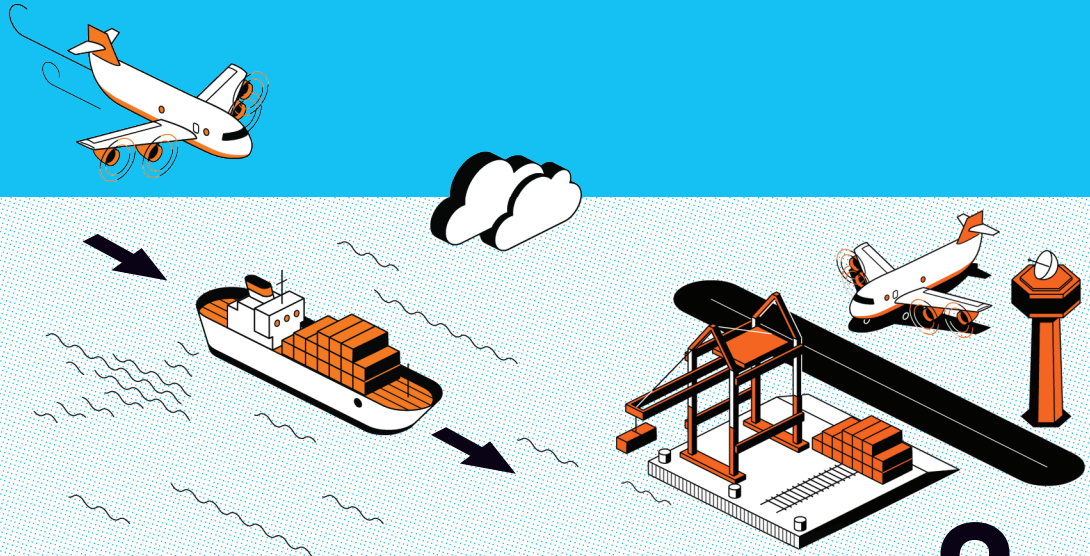
How GFTZ Works

A company-specific FTZ saves money and time

1

Point of origin

Material from around the world sets sail or takes to the air on its way to Georgia, where it will be sold within the U.S., re-exported, or used in the making of finished goods.



2

Taking possession

Material arrives into an international port of entry and moves directly into a company-specific, FTZ-designated site, such as a factory or warehouse. Rather than reporting individual shipments to U.S. Customs and Border Protection, FTZ businesses submit only a consolidated weekly entry—saving both time and money.

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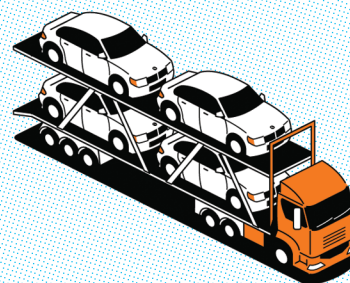
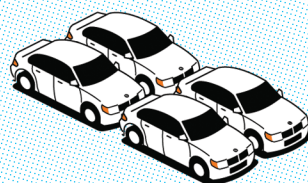
Inside your zone

Duties paid on all parts and materials used in manufacturing are classified at the finished-goods rate. Duties are never paid on material that is consumed, rejected, scrapped, or otherwise remains within an FTZ.

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Outside your zone

Duties are paid only when finished goods leave an FTZ to be sold within the U.S.—and duties are never paid on material that is exported from the U.S.





Next Steps

For more information about joining GFTZ, taking advantage of the U.S. Foreign-Trade Zone program, and arranging a no-cost, no-obligation analysis, visit georgiaftz.com or email info@georgiaftz.com.

