

# Georgia Foreign-Trade Zone

Gateway to Growth



# 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.

## Participating GFTZ industries include:

AEROSPACE AND DEFENSE

CONSUMER GOODS

MANUFACTURING

PETROCHEMICAL

PHARMACEUTICAL

TECHNOLOGY HARDWARE,  
PERIPHERALS, AND STORAGE

TRANSPORTATION AND LOGISTICS



## 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.



## Distributors

### 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.



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### 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.



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## 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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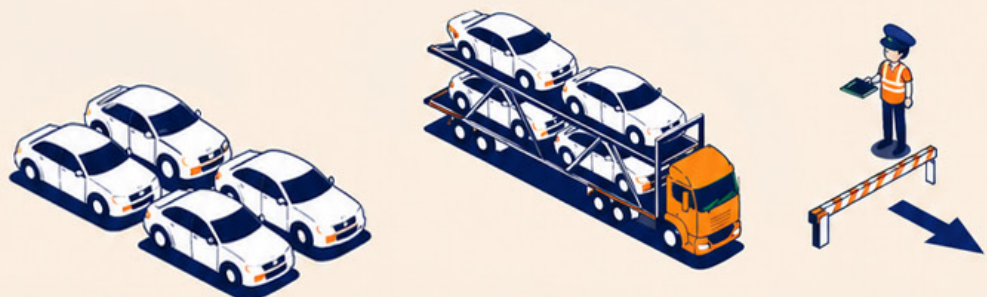
## Inside your zone:

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](http://georgiaftz.com) or email [info@georgiaftz.com](mailto:info@georgiaftz.com).

