

Businesses within a U.S. designated Foreign Trade Zone can avoid customs duties on qualifying imported materials.

Benefits ranging from inverted tariffs for manufacturers and duty deferral for high volume importers are also available.

The Eureka Redevelopment Agency's Foreign Trade Zone program is just one of the various ways we encourage smart growth and foster economic development and revitalization.

Other assistance programs include:

- Enterprise Zone
- Owner Participation
- Revolving Loans
- Façade Grants
- Seismic Upgrades
- Housing Programs

Contact us today to find out how we can help you with your specific needs.



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Eureka's Foreign Trade Zone

Our region is one of 240 elite manufacturing and industrial areas located throughout the United States. Located within our county are various U. S. designated "Foreign Trade Zone" sites. These are areas that are physically within the U.S. but are considered outside of the U.S. for Customs purposes.

In many circumstances, businesses located within a Foreign Trade Zone can save money by elimination, reduction or deferral of Customs duties on imported material used in manufacturing their products.

If you are concerned about Zone operational issues or regulations, or you think Zones are only suited to a particular industry, consider this:

Car manufacturing plants, oil refineries, computer manufacturers and textile distributors are all utilizing Zone benefits. So are companies with as few as 15 employees.

To qualify, manufacturers and distribution businesses need to be located in one of the four designated sites in and around Eureka. Boundaries, however, are somewhat flexible and can be modified for specific projects.

Is it right for you?

The Eureka Foreign Trade Zone includes industrial sites located in the City of Eureka and the Greater Humboldt County area. There are over 525 acres zoned for diverse industrial and coastal-dependent industrial purposes where companies looking to expand or enter international trade can do so easily. Sites currently included in the Zone are in the Dock B area of Eureka, on the Samoa Peninsula, in Fields Landing, and at the Eureka/Arcata Airport.

The Eureka Redevelopment Agency provides free cost-benefit analyses for businesses, to determine if they can qualify for Foreign Trade Zone benefits. With a cost-benefit analysis completed, you will be able to see if a Foreign Trade Zone is right for you.

For more information or to complete the Foreign Trade Zone questionnaire online, visit our website at www.eurekaredevelopment.com.

Deferred duties payments

For distributors, duty payments can be deferred almost up to the time of actual sale. If a distribution facility within a Foreign Trade Zone is importing in large quantities, holding inventory for long periods of time, or is facing high duty rates, that facility can improve its cash-flow by deferring payment of duties until the time finished goods leave the Zone – much closer to the time of actual sale.

Inverted tariffs

Manufacturers located within the Foreign Trade Zone may be able to reduce tariff exposures. For example, certain products produced within the Zone – if imported – may be subject to a lower duty rate, than the rate(s) currently being paid on the imported components. The rates for these imported components may be reduced to the final product rate upon making entry of the final product from the Zone into the U.S. If other component rates are assessed lower than that of the final product, the importer has the option of fixing those rates at their lower levels.

**Manufacturing businesses
within a Foreign Trade Zone
experience true  cost reduction with
duty-free tax savings on qualifying
imported materials.**