



Foreign-Trade Zones

A Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) is a designated area within U.S. borders which promotes domestic employment and helps U.S. firms compete in the global marketplace. An FTZ is located in or near a U.S. Customs port of entry, where foreign and domestic merchandise is generally considered to be international commerce. Foreign or domestic merchandise may enter this enclave without a formal customs entry or the payment of custom duties or government excise taxes.

Foreign-Trade Zone procedures allow domestic activity involving foreign items to take place as if it were outside U.S. Customs territory. Duty-free treatment is accorded items that are re-exported and duty payment is deferred on items sold in the U.S. market, thus offsetting Customs advantages available to overseas producers who compete with producers located in the United States.

A site that has been granted zone status may not be used for zone activity until the site or a section thereof has been separately approved for FTZ activation by local U.S. Customs officials, and the zone activity remains under the supervision of Customs. A subzone is a special-purpose zone, usually at a manufacturing plant.

FTZ sites and facilities remain within the jurisdiction of local, state or federal governments or agencies.

Maryland has four Foreign-Trade Zones:

- Baltimore #74
- BWI Airport #73
- Prince George's County #63
- Washington County #255

Baltimore # 74

The City of Baltimore's Foreign-Trade Zone, FTZ #74 was established in 1982 and has been continually expanded and modified due to various requests for additional space. Zone space, originally 60,000 square feet, currently includes more than 900 activated acres at multiple sites in the Baltimore area.

In 2017 the Zone served 193 businesses employing 659 people. Over \$11.3 billion worth of goods were transferred to U.S. Customs' Territory and \$397 million in merchandise was exported from the FTZ to international markets.

Following is a list of selected active sites within FTZ #74.

Site	Acreage	Description
2	33	2500 Broening Hwy., Baltimore
4	489	2700 Broening Hwy., Baltimore
6	100	2900 Childs St., Baltimore
7	11	1200 Wallace St. and 2101 East Fort Ave., Baltimore
15	8	5107 North Point Blvd., Sparrows Point
20	4	1299 E. Patapsco Ave., Baltimore
21	15.5	3501 East Biddle St., Baltimore
24	2.9	8004 Stansbury Rd., Dundalk
27	2.3	9 Loveton Circle, Sparks
32	5.12	1820 Portal St., Baltimore
33	111	1900 Chesapeake Ave. and 2009 Frankfurst Ave., Baltimore

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34	5.12	4200 and 4210 Boston St., Baltimore
37	9	1500 Chesapeake Ave., Baltimore
39	5.46	4505 North Point Blvd., Sparrows Point
40	3.4	7700 Rolling Mill Rd., Baltimore
41	1.05	917 Middle River Rd., Middle River
42	3.2	2400 Broening Hwy., Baltimore
43	32.5	2012 and 2014 Reservoir Rd., Sparrows Point
44	10.8	1200 South Newkirk St., Baltimore
45	48.7	100 Bethlehem Blvd., Sparrows Point
46	4	7100 Mardigian Rd., Sparrows Point

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BWI Airport # 73

The Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport (BWI) Foreign-Trade Zone specializes in airfreight and other high value goods. It permits multiple operators and consists of five sites with developed and undeveloped parcels, as well as several subzones.

Site/ Subzone	Acreage	Description
1	15.8	Located at BWI Airport consisting of three air cargo buildings (A,B,C) with 101,565 square-feet of FTZ designated floor space; not currently activated
2	13	Undeveloped land at BWI Airport located on Maryland Route 176 near Taxiway "T;" not currently activated
3	3.94	Hoogerwerff (USA – General Purpose Operator); includes 73,025 square-feet of warehouse space in the Route 100 Industrial Park at 6905 San Tomas Road, Elkridge; not currently activated
4	28.85	Parcel within the Carroll Industrial Park, 2000 Washington Boulevard, Baltimore; not currently activated
5	5	Belt's Corporation (General Purpose Operator); includes 205,000 square-feet of warehouse space (of which approximately 96,000 square-feet is presently activated) at 6925 San Tomas Road, Elkridge
73A		Rotorex Company, Inc.; special-purpose subzone rotary compressor manufacturing plant in Walkersville; not currently activated
73B		Northrop Grumman Corporation; special-purpose subzone of eleven sites in Maryland; currently activated
73C		IKEA Distribution Services; not currently activated

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Prince George's County # 63

Prince George's County's application to the U.S. Foreign-Trade Zones Board under the alternative site framework was recently approved, so now FTZ #63 is county-wide and companies can access FTZ benefits anywhere in the county. The county is near three major ports of entry: Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport, the Port of Baltimore and Washington Dulles International Airport. The zone's central location in the Northeast Corridor plus its highly developed transportation network and close proximity to Washington, D.C. provide efficient overnight access to markets in the eastern United States.

Prince George's County Economic Development Corporation offers funding and direct assistance to companies locating in the county, as well as workforce development, recruitment and training services for employers.

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Washington County # 255

The Washington County Foreign-Trade Zone is associated with the Baltimore Customs port of entry at the Port of Baltimore. It consists of seven individual sites totaling nearly 1,700 acres. Existing buildings and development ready commercial/industrial sites are available with array of amenities including airport runway access, rail, interstate highway access, municipal water, sewer and natural gas.

Site	Acreage	Description
1	279	Fort Ritchie at Cascade; being developed as a mixed-use business park at the former Fort Ritchie military base
2	452	387 acres at the Hagerstown Regional Airport coupled with 65 acres adjacent to the airfield
4	698	Hopewell Valley; comprised of Hunters Green Business Center I & II and Newgate Industrial Parks with excellent access to Interstates 81 & 70
6	140	Interstate Industrial Park complex in Williamsport
7	128	Hancock Enterprise Zone adjacent to the intersection of Interstates 68 and 70

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