

Foreign Trade Zone 136

An FTZ is an area within the United States, in or near an U.S. Customs port of entry, where foreign and domestic merchandise is considered to be outside the country, or at least, outside the U.S. Customs territory. Certain types of merchandise can be imported into a Zone without going through formal Customs entry procedures or paying import duties. Customs duties are due only at the time of transfer from the FTZ for U.S. consumption. If the merchandise never enters the U.S. commerce, then no duties or taxes are paid on those items.

Port Canaveral is Grantee of Foreign Trade 136, which encompasses more than 4,000 acres throughout Brevard with hubs in the north, central, and south regions of Brevard County, Florida.

Currently, FTZ 136 has six operators and one sub-zone operator.

FTZ 136 General Purpose sites include: Port Canaveral, Melbourne International Airport, Space Coast Regional Airport, Spaceport Commerce Park and Tate Industrial Park.

Foreign Trade Zones help companies to remain competitive with overseas businesses and keep jobs in the United States.

Additional benefits of operating within a Foreign Trade Zone include: deferral, reduction and possible elimination of duties, tighter inventory control systems and potential direct delivery benefit that reduces long hold times at crowded ports of entry.

Merchandise entering a FTZ may be assembled, manufactured, repackaged, tested, stored, destroyed, sampled, salvaged, mixed, relabeled, processed and manipulated.

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