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Foreign Trade Zone (FTZ) - Usage-Driven Site, FTZ #38, Site 43, Greer, SC Your Gateway to Smarter Global Trade

A Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) is a secure, customs-controlled area located within the United States that is legally considered to be outside the U.S. customs territory for duty purposes. Rather than being merely a physical location, an FTZ represents a strategic instrument to enhance operational efficiency and performance.

Within a FTZ, companies are permitted to store, handle and process goods without the immediate payment of customs duties and taxes. This framework enables businesses to reduce costs and increase flexibility across their supply chain operations.

FTZs operate pursuant to the FTZ Act of 1934 (19 U.S.C. §§ 81a–81u) and are administered in accordance with:

- FTZ Board Regulations (15 CFR Part 400)
- U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Regulations (19 CFR Part 146)

A U.S. FTZ is typically a physically secured facility located in or near a port of entry. Goods admitted into the zone are treated as being outside the customs territory, allowing duty payments to be deferred, reduced or eliminated under certain conditions.

FTZs are more than just physical locations—they provide a clear strategic advantage for customers using Berrang Inc.'s Foreign Trade Zone. By allowing duties to be deferred until goods enter the U.S. market, and eliminating duties entirely on re-exported goods, the FTZ helps reduce overall import costs, avoid unnecessary charges on scrap or exports.

At the same time, the FTZ offers protection against unpredictable tariff changes and creates greater planning reliability, giving customers less risk and more predictability in global sourcing. Customs procedures are also faster and simpler, with accelerated clearance, reduced administrative effort, and consolidated entries that lead to faster inbound logistics, less paperwork, and lower administration costs.

The FTZ also increases supply chain flexibility by allowing goods to be stored for extended periods without immediate duty impact and by supporting activities such as storage, packaging, labeling, and distribution within the zone. This enables companies to react more quickly to changing market demand, adjust volumes and flows without financial penalties, and gain more agility in procurement, inventory,

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and sales. In addition, the FTZ strengthens global competitiveness through more attractive pricing, improved market positioning, and smoother zone-to-zone transfers for customers operating their own FTZs, creating an end-to-end supply chain with less friction. Finally, the controlled and secure environment supports strong compliance standards, reduces the risk of loss or tampering, and is especially valuable for industries with high regulatory and quality requirements.

Whether you are in manufacturing, logistics, distribution, or international trade, an FTZ helps you:

- Lower costs
- Faster processes
- Greater flexibility
- Stronger global position

Unlock Your Potential with Berrang and FTZ

An FTZ is far more than a customs solution—it is a strategic business tool designed to enhance operational efficiency, reduce costs, and support sustainable growth. Seize the opportunity to capitalize on its advantages, strengthen your business performance, and achieve greater security and flexibility across your supply chain.

For more information on how to leverage FTZ capabilities in the United States through Berrang Inc.'s expertise in supply chain management and its services for fasteners and assembly components, please contact:

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Abbreviation Reference

FTZ = Foreign Trade Zone
CBP = U.S. Customs and Border Protection
FTZ Act = Foreign-Trade Zones Act of 1934