

# Foreign Trade Zones #57

## Foreign Trade Zones

- Designated site licensed by the Foreign-Trade Zones (FTZ) Board at which special customs procedures may be used
- Allow domestic activity involving foreign items to take place prior to formal customs entry
- Duty-free treatment is accorded to items that are re-exported and duty payment is deferred on items sold in the U.S. market
- Intermodal access via rail and highways to the Charlotte region

## General Purpose Zones

- Open to multiple users
- Manufacturing permitted but most common use is warehouse and distribution activity

## Subzones

- Special-purpose zones, typically designated at manufacturing plants
- Approved for use by one company for a specific activity

## Benefits

### Foreign Trade Zone

- Merchandise may be manipulated, used in a manufacturing process, inspected, combined with other domestic or foreign materials, displayed for sale and/or re-exported without payment of duty
- Savings on personal property, sales and use taxes
- Savings on interest, labor and shipping costs

