



IMPERIAL VALLEY FOREIGN TRADE ZONE

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The Imperial Valley Foreign Trade Zone (FTZ) is located within the Cities of Brawley, Calexico, Calipatria, El Centro, and the unincorporated area of the Imperial County.

The FTZ was created to "expedite and encourage foreign commerce" in the United States. This is accomplished through the designation of geographical areas, in or adjacent to Customs Ports of Entry. Merchandise of every description may be held in the Zone without being subject to Customs duties and other ad valorem taxes.

Key benefits of the FTZ include:

- Relief from inverted tariffs
- Duty exemption on re-exports
- Duty elimination on waste, scrap, and yield loss
- Weekly Entry Savings
- Duty Deferral

These types of tariff and tax reliefs are designed to lower the costs of U.S.-based operations engaged in international trade and thereby create and retain the employment and capital investment opportunities that result from those operations. They are also intended to assist U.S.-based companies enhance their cost-competitiveness.

