



## **FOREIGN TRADE ZONE**

San Antonio is home to U.S. Foreign Trade Zone No. 80, which offers businesses a way to mitigate the cost of free trade and allows the United States economy to enjoy relatively greater benefits from its free trade initiatives.

A FTZ allows commercial merchandise to receive the same customs treatment it would if it were outside the commerce of the United States. Domestic and foreign goods can be placed in a FTZ without formal U.S. Customs entry and pay no customs duties or government excise taxes until your final product enters the U.S. market at which point duty is paid on either of the product itself or its component parts, whichever is lower.

### **Merchandise admitted into the FTZ can be:**

- Stored
- Assembled
- Repaired
- Manufactured\*
- Sampled
- Salvaged
- Cleaned
- Relabeled
- Mixed
- Repackaged
- Processed
- Tested
- Manipulated
- Destroyed

*\*Requires special permission from the Foreign Trade Zone Board*

### **How to apply**

For more information, please contact a County representative at (210) 335-0667.