

Foreign-Trade Zone 43



Mission Statement

BC CAL KAL has the primary mission of supporting economic development activities by providing services related to international trade through the use of the inland port of entry, the Foreign-Trade Zone and the Customs Cargo Center.



Private tax-exempt corporation

- Administer federal grant of authority for FTZ 43
- Execute contracts with FTZ users and operators
- Publish a tariff with schedule of rates & charges
- Operate according to public utility principles
- Oversight by a board of directors representing educational, nonprofit, manufacturing, economic development, and service sectors from two counties

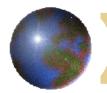


- 1976 BC CAL KAL created
- 1976 US Customs Port of Battle Creek established
- 1978 FTZ 43 authorized
- Subzones
 - 1991 Mead Johnson, Ottawa County
 - 1997 Ross Products Division of Abbot Labs, St. Joseph County
 - 2003 Perrigo, Allegan County
 - 2006 Pfizer, Kalamazoo County



What is a Foreign Trade Zone?

- Foreign merchandise is considered outside formal territory of US Customs and Border Protection, yet under their supervision
- Goods and activities must comply with federal, state and local laws
- Merchandise may be stored, processed, or manufactured
- Companies may delay, reduce, or altogether eliminate US Customs duty keeping US-based companies on a level playing field with their competitors abroad



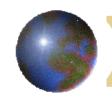




FTZ 43 embarks on new initiative:

Alternative Site Framework

- 15 counties in SW Michigan
 - 60 miles/90-minute drive from Customs port
- Companies may be approved in 45 days or less
 - Compared to up to two years
- Marketing opportunity creates awareness
- Requires acknowledgement letter from counties



Questions?

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