What are Foreign Trade Zones?

A designated U.S location offering companies special procedures to help encourage U.S activity- in competition with foreign alternatives- by allowing delayed or reduced duty payments on foreign merchandise, as well as other savings.

In other words...

Foreign trade zones help U.S businesses compete in the global economy by leveling the global playing field.

Wow! How many are there?

There are more than 250 U.S foreign trade zones across the country. In North Carolina alone, there are four foreign trade zones.

Your business might benefit if...

- you import and/or export products or components and assembles, exhibits, cleans, manipulates, manufactures, mixes, processes, relabels, repackages, repairs, salvages, samples, stores, test, displays, and/or destroys them.

Benefits? What benefits?

- Duty Exemption
- Duty Deferral
- Inverted Tariff
- Logistical or Other Benefits