



Dear NAFTZ Member,

Each year the Foreign-Trade Zones (FTZ) Board releases an annual report to Congress, stating all FTZs by state, all board orders, the movement of merchandise in zones, and the summary of the statistics and summary of main foreign-status products received in zones.

The FTZ Board has just released its 72nd Annual Report for FY 2010, which confirms the continuing importance of the FTZ program in promoting U.S. exports, commercial activity, and economic recovery. For your convenience we have included the report in this email—please **click here** to view the report.

In its annual message to Congress, the FTZ Board reports that the combined value of shipments to America's 168 active General-Purpose Zones and 263 Subzones totaled \$535 billion in 2010, a 24 percent increase from 2009. Exports from the zones and subzones totaled \$34.8 billion in 2010, a 23 percent increase from the year before.

Approximately 320,000 U.S. workers were employed at the 2,400 companies operating under FTZ procedures in 2010, the FTZ Board reported.

Daniel Griswold, President of the National Association of Foreign-Trade Zones, welcomed the report. "Today's report is yet more evidence of the important role of foreign-trade zones in helping Americans compete in the global economy. The FTZ program allows U.S. companies to create well-paying and sustainable jobs in communities across the country."

Griswold noted that the 23-percent annual growth in exports from FTZs in 2010 was significantly faster than overall export growth. "America's foreign-trade zones are absolutely essential to achieving President Obama's National Export Initiative goal of doubling U.S. exports by 2014."

The regulations of the FTZ Board are published in the Code of Federal Regulations at Title 15, Part 400 (15 C.F.R. Part 400), and the regulations of U.S. Customs and Border Protection concerning zones at Title 19, Part 146 (19 C.F.R. Part 146). For more information on this, please visit the FTZ Board's website at: <http://www.trade.gov/ftz>.

If you have any further questions concerning the report, please call the office at 202.331.1950.