

PACAM

foreign trade zone (ftz)

Since 1990, PACAM has operated one of the largest General Purpose Foreign Trade Zones on the West Coast, the Oakland Foreign Trade Zone #56. The U.S. Foreign-Trade Zone Program was created by the Federal Government in the 1930s and is thriving today. Its purpose is to facilitate trade and increase the global competitiveness of U.S. based companies.

Legally, a Foreign Trade Zone (FTZ) is a location within the United States that the Government considers outside the U.S. Custom's territory.

Once goods are inside the FTZ, merchandise may be stored, processed, assembled, repackaged, salvaged, tested, destroyed, processed, sampled, mixed, cleaned, relabeled, manufactured and stored – all duty-free!

In this location, goods may be brought into the FTZ without formal customs entry or duty charges. More often, our customers pay lower costs, not only to U.S. Customs, but also to banks, insurance companies and other vendors.

A short list of the potential benefits that can be derived by operating in PACAM's specially designated FTZ facilities includes:

- Duty deferral, reduction and/or elimination of U.S. Customs duties of imported products
- Distribution savings reducing Merchandise Processing Fees (MPF)
- Lower inventory costs & improved cash flow
- Streamlined import/export documentation entry procedures

As a result, PACAM customers have realized significant financial benefits integrating the FTZ into their global supply chain and domestic distribution strategies.

To assist our customers in maximizing FTZ benefits, PACAM provides FTZ consulting services including:

- FTZ strategy evaluation
- Feasibility studies
- Implementation of FTZ programs
- Application and activation services



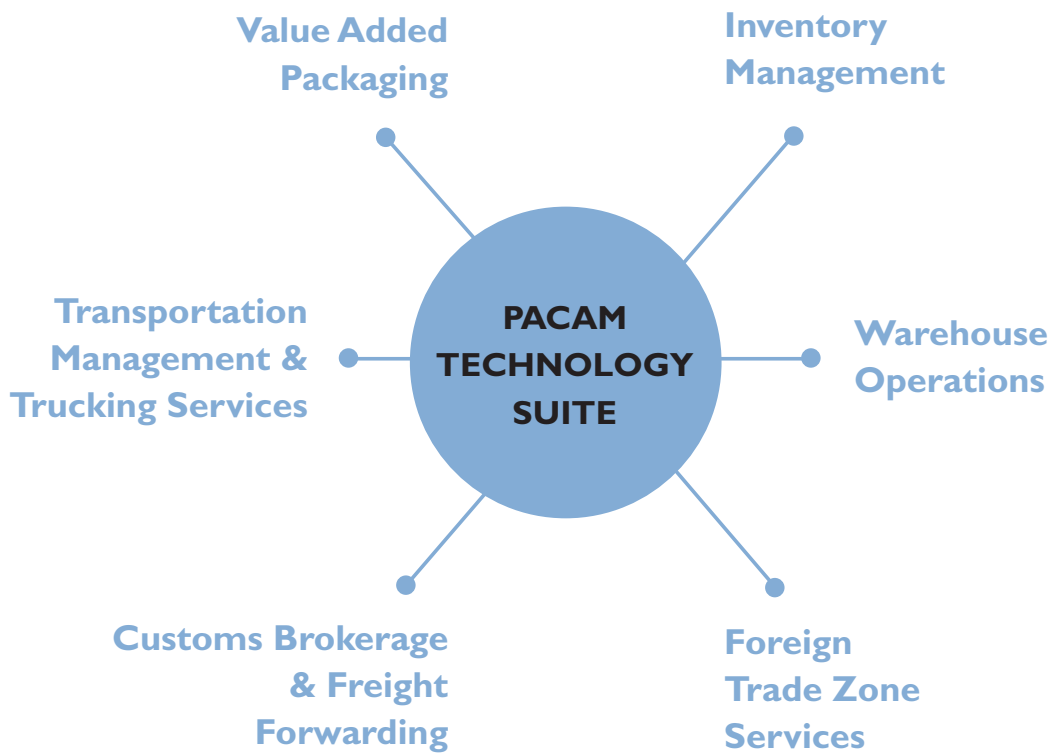
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