

**FOREIGN-TRADE ZONE #208
NEW LONDON, CONNECTICUT**

And New London County

ZONE SCHEDULE FOR FTZ #208

**GRANTEE
NEW LONDON FOREIGN-TRADE ZONE COMMISSION**

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New London Foreign Trade Zone Commission

City of New London
Office of Development and Planning
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Foreign-Trade Zone #208

Site Description

New London's Foreign Trade Zone #208 (FTZ 208) had been comprised of approximately 138 acres in the area of the Admiral Harold E. Shear State Pier until the recent reorganization to the Alternative Site Framework (ASF) to include all of New London County. The expanded "service area" for the FTZ 208 includes all the cities, towns, and tribal land in New London County all of which are within 60 miles and 60 minutes from the New London, Connecticut Customs and Boarder Protection Port of Entry. The existing site around State Pier has now become a "magnet site."

Situated at the mouth of the Thames River, New London's port location on the north shore of Long Island Sound provides convenient access to the major trans-Atlantic and coastal sea-lanes. The harbor's entrance is perfectly straight, unusually short and has a 40-foot channel depth. The original footprint for FTZ 208 is now a magnet site which includes two piers; the principal terminal is 1000 feet long and 200 feet wide with a berthing depth of 34 feet.

Adjacent and parallel to the State Pier is another State-owned pier, the Long Wharf Pier. This pier is 970 feet long and 150-200 feet wide. The State Pier has approximately 100,000 square feet of available warehouse space. Additional warehouse locations within the Magnet site supports another 125,000 square feet of warehouse space. Commodities shipped to the port in the past have included lumber, salt, steel, and copper cathode. The Connecticut Port Authority has been named owner/ manager of the state pier and Gateway Terminals has been designated state pier operator with the goal of expanding the use of State Pier. The port is slated for significant upgrades and expected to be used in support of offshore wind power development. The approval for the Alternative Site Framework is intended to support the diversification of local economies in the region and to create the foundation for the development of a supply chain to support this new industry as well as existing business in the Shipbuilding Industry, i.e., General Dynamics Electric Boat Submarines and the U.S. Coast Guard Research and Development headquarters currently based in New London, Connecticut. The improvements to the Connecticut State Pier together with international cargo shipping, maritime trade, and the offshore wind industry will create new and emerging opportunities for international trade and foreign direct investment which has been encouraged by the U.S. Department of Commerce over the last several years. In addition to the FTZ advantages, qualified businesses may be eligible for several Enterprise Zone benefits. Highway access to Interstate-95 is within minutes, and rail facilities within the magnet site area provides direct access to both the U.S. and Canadian rail networks. There are also traditional and high-speed ferry services located within and adjacent to the magnet site that provide maritime routes to New York/New Jersey, Long Island, Martha's Vineyard, Block Island and Fisher's Island. The Grantee for Zone #208 is the New London Foreign Trade Zone Commission and can be contacted at the following:

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SECTION I GRANTEE AND FTZ OPERATOR POLICIES

A. APPOINTMENT OF OPERATOR

Any Operator who desires to operate in the New London FTZ #208 or any Operator who desires to operate a site within the New London FTZ or any subzone of FTZ #208 must be appointed by the New London Foreign Trade Zone Commission (the Grantee). All Operators must enter into an Operating Agreement with the Grantee for a specific operating term, said term to be a minimum of ten years and subject to other terms and conditions of the operating agreement. All Operators act as an independent contractor and are solely responsible for all obligations and liabilities that it incurs arising out of the operation of the zone.

B. REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES OF OPERATOR

All Operators must be filed with and on record as being in good standing with the Connecticut Secretary of the State. All Operators must submit proof that they are financially solvent and carry sufficient insurance coverage for risks incurred by the Operator and Grantee arising out of the Operator's FTZ operations.

C. EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVISIONS

All Operators are required to abide by the laws for ensuring that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, marital status, ancestry, mental retardation or physical disability, including but not limited to blindness, unless it is shown by the Operator that such disability prevents performance of the work involved. Additionally, it is encouraged that the Operator will make a good faith effort to employ minority business enterprises as subcontractors and suppliers of materials when applicable.

D. FAIR AND EQUITABLE FEES

Any Operator of alternative site framework Zone #208 or any site within the Zone offering public services shall ensure that all rates and charges for all services or privileges shall be fair and reasonable, and the Operator shall afford to all who may apply for the use of the Zone and its facilities and appurtenances uniform treatment under like condition, subject to all treaties or commercial conventions as are now in force or may hereafter be made from time to time by the United states with foreign governments

Copies of this information must be on file with the Foreign Trades Zone Board, Washington D.C., and available at the office of said Operator, as well as at the office of the Grantee, the New London Foreign Trade Zone Commission.

SECTION II GENERAL RULES, REGULATIONS AND STANDARDS OF OPERATION

A. COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAWS

All Operators must agree to comply with all Federal and State laws and Municipal ordinances and all rules and regulations applicable to the activities conducted within the zone.

B. NOTIFICATION OF GRANTEE OF ANY CLAIMS

Operators are required to notify the Grantee of all claims, investigations, litigation, arbitration and other proceedings relating to their operation of the zone.

C. FTZ OPERATIONS MANUAL

All Operators shall establish standards of FTZ operations and management described in an Operations Manual, which conforms to the requirements of the US Customs and FTZ Board, and to require conformance to those requirements, by all persons, firms and corporations admitted by the Operator to Zone #208. Included with the manual shall be a schedule describing all rates and charges collected by each Operator or any other party for access to a zone site, including, for example warehousing. A copy of this manual and all subsequent changes must be provided to the Grantee.

D. BOOKS AND RECORDS; REPORTS

Operators are responsible to prepare and deliver to the Grantee all reports required to be filed by the Grantee and Operator with the FTZ Board and all other reports relating to FTZ operations that are required to be filed with Federal, State and Municipal governments.

E. RETAINER OF CONSULTANT

For a period of one year Operators will be required to retain the services of an organization which is licensed by the U. S. Customs Service and who is experienced in the operation of a United States foreign trade zone for the purpose of advising and assisting the Operator and ensuring that its FTZ operations are in compliance with all applicable Federal laws.

F. RIGHT OF ENTRY

Representatives of the Grantee and all Federal, State and Municipal governments and agencies shall have the right to enter the Operator's specific FTZ site at any time during regular business hours for the purpose of ensuring that it is being used and operated in accordance with all applicable laws, ordinances, rules and regulations.

G. MAINTENANCE OF SITE

All Operators are required, at its expense: (a) to maintain in good condition their FTZ site, including without limitation, all buildings, improvements, driveways, parking areas and sidewalks and security facilities; (b) remove all trash and waste in the site; (c) remove all snow and ice from all parking areas and sidewalks in the site; (d) provide all heat, electricity, plumbing and security for the site; and (e) maintain their site in accordance with all ordinances and codes of the City of New London or their respective municipality and all rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.

H. FEES, COSTS AND EXPENSES

Operators are required to pay all fees, costs and expenses incurred by it arising out of the operation of their site. This shall include all U.S. Customs Service duties and user fees attributable to their activities in the Zone. Operators are solely responsible for any duties, fees, liabilities, obligations, damages, penalties, claims, costs, charges, expenses, and the like imposed by Customs as a result of operator's zone activity or any other import activity for which they are responsible.

I. U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE BOND

All Operators are required to carry a surety bond issued to the United States Customs Service in an amount recommended by Customs Area Port Director. In no case shall the amount be less than \$50,000. Such bond will be written in such a way as to cover and indemnify the Grantee as well.

J. INSURANCE

Operators are required to place, or cause to be placed, with an insurance company, and keep in effect during the life of their Agreement with the Grantee, insurance coverage in an amount sufficient to cover comprehensive liability risks arising from their FTZ operations. Said coverage shall name the Grantee as additional insured.

K. FINANCIAL REPORTS

At the end of each fiscal year all Operators must make available to the Grantee a financial report in a form specified in the Operating Agreement prepared by the certified public accountant of the Operator concerning the financial position of the operator as of the end of the fiscal year and the results of its operations for the prior twelve-month period.

SECTION III ADMINISITRATIVE FEES

All Operators are required to pay to the Grantee an annual fee covering reasonable expenses attributable to the Grantee's development, marketing and supervision of FTZ #208 operations and the activities of the Operators. The annual fee is set at seven thousand, five hundred dollars (\$7,500) for the first year, and five thousand dollars (\$5,000) every year thereafter.