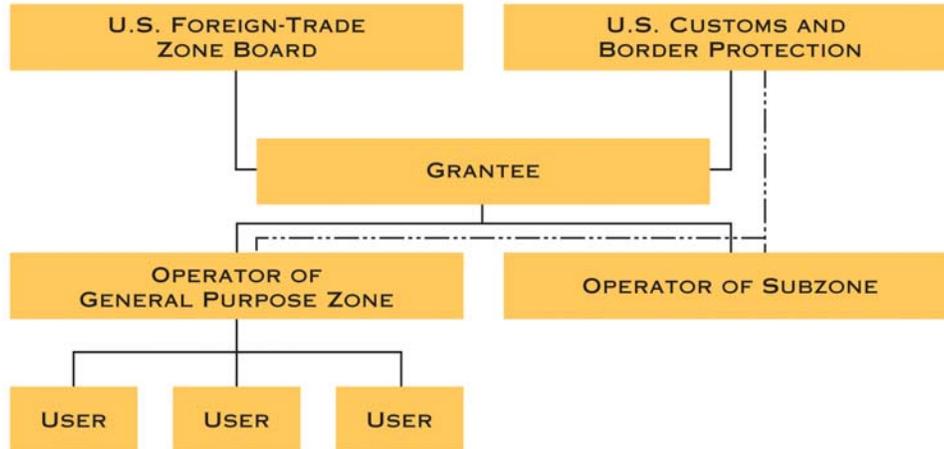




Foreign-Trade Zone Participants



- **Grantee:** Corporation to which the privilege of establishing, operating and maintaining a foreign-trade zone has been granted by the Foreign-Trade Zones Board. Grantee corporations must be either public corporations including a state, a political sub-division, a public agency, a corporate municipal instrumentality of one or more states or private not-for-profit corporations organized for the purpose of establishing a zone project. Qualified private corporations must be chartered for this purpose under a law of the state in which the zone is located.
- **Operator:** A corporation, partnership or person that operates a zone or subzone under the terms of an agreement with the grantee. A grantee may act as its own operator.
- **User:** A person or company using a zone for storage, handling or processing of merchandise. Note: An operator may authorize a user to maintain its own inventory system and procedures manual. However, the operator remains responsible to Customs for inventory control unless the user posts its own operator's bond.
- **U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP):** The unified border agency within the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) responsible for merchandise brought into the U.S.
- **Foreign-Trade Zones Board:** Entity established to carry out the provisions of the Foreign-Trade Zones Act. Consists of the Secretary of the Department of Commerce (chair) and the Secretary of the Treasury, or their designated alternates.

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