

**469.321 DEFINITIONS.**

Subdivision 1. **Scope.** For purposes of sections 469.321 to 469.329, the following terms have the meanings given.

Subd. 2. **Foreign trade zone.** "Foreign trade zone" means a foreign trade zone designated pursuant to United States Code, title 19, section 81a, for the right to use the powers provided in United States Code, title 19, sections 81a to 81u, or a subzone authorized by the foreign trade zone.

Subd. 3. **Foreign trade zone authority.** "Foreign trade zone authority" means the Greater Metropolitan Foreign Trade Zone Commission number 119, a joint powers authority created by the county of Hennepin, the cities of Minneapolis and Bloomington, and the Metropolitan Airports Commission, under the authority of section 469.059, 469.101, or 471.59, and includes any other political subdivisions that enter into the authority after its creation, as well as the county in which the zone is located. Notwithstanding section 471.59, the members of the authority are not required to have separate authority to establish or operate a foreign trade zone.

Subd. 4. **International economic development zone or zone.** An "international economic development zone" or "zone" is a zone so designated under section 469.322.

Subd. 5. **Person.** "Person" includes an individual, corporation, partnership, limited liability company, association, or any other entity.

Subd. 6. **Qualified business.** "Qualified business" means a person who has signed a business subsidy agreement as required under sections 116J.993 to 116J.995 and 469.323, subdivision 4, carrying on a trade or business at a place of business located within the international economic development zone that is:

(1)(i) engaged in the furtherance of international export or import of goods as a freight forwarder; and (ii) certified by the foreign trade zone authority as a trade or business that furthers the purpose of developing international distribution capacity and capability; or

(2) the owner or operator of a regional distribution center.

Subd. 7. **Regional distribution center.** A "regional distribution center" is a distribution center developed within a foreign trade zone. The regional distribution center must have as its primary purpose, the facilitation of the gathering of freight for the purpose of centralizing the functions necessary for the shipment of freight in international commerce, including, but not limited to, security and customs functions.

Subd. 8. **International economic development zone percentage or zone percentage.** "International economic development zone percentage" or "zone percentage" means the following fraction reduced to a percentage:

(1) the numerator of the fraction is:

(i) the ratio of the taxpayer's property factor under section 290.191 located in the zone for the taxable year which is land, buildings, machinery and equipment, inventories, and other tangible personal property that is a regional distribution center or is used in the furtherance of the taxpayer's freight forwarding operations over the property factor numerator determined under section 290.191, plus

(ii) the ratio of the taxpayer's international economic development zone payroll factor under subdivision 9 over the payroll factor numerator determined under section 290.191; and

(2) the denominator of the fraction is two.

When calculating the zone percentage for a business that is part of a unitary business as defined under section 290.17, subdivision 4, the denominator of the payroll and property factors is the Minnesota payroll and property of the unitary business as reported on the combined report under section 290.17, subdivision 4, paragraph (j).

**Subd. 9. International economic development zone payroll factor or international economic development zone payroll.** "International economic development zone payroll factor" or "international economic development zone payroll" is that portion of the payroll factor under section 290.191 used to operate a regional distribution center, or used in the furtherance of the taxpayer's freight forwarding operations that represents:

(1) wages or salaries paid to an individual for services performed in the international economic development zone; or

(2) wages or salaries paid to individuals working from offices within the international economic development zone, if their employment requires them to work outside the zone and the work is incidental to the work performed by the individual within the zone. However, in no case does zone payroll include wages paid for work performed outside the zone of an employee who performs more than ten percent of total services for the employer outside the zone.

**Subd. 10. Freight forwarder.** "Freight forwarder" is a business that, for compensation, ensures that goods produced or sold by another business move from point of origin to point of destination.

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