



**Miami Free Zone Celebrates 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2014**  
Promoting Trade & Commerce in South Florida for over thirty-five years

June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014 - Long before the morning traffic began, the construction projects at nearby roadways broke ground, or many of the thousands of international businesses now residing in the City of Doral arrived, there wasn't much besides the Miami Free Zone and a handful of logistics providers out in what was once simply referred to as Miami Airport West. For years considered one of the largest privately owned and operated Foreign Trade Zones in the Americas, the Miami Free Zone has continued to be a constant presence in the international trade arena for more than three decades – playing a leading role in promoting trade and commerce in South Florida.

As we celebrate the 35-year anniversary of this trade landmark in 2014, most can attest that Miami Free Zone is just as active and operating more efficiently than ever. Today, the Zone is home to over 100 international companies and 1,000 employees, including businesses from Colombia, Brazil, Italy, Japan, Spain, Switzerland, and many other countries. In 2013, products arrived from over 60 countries and were re-exported to over 80 countries, totaling over 25,000 export transactions and exceeding US \$1 Billion in total merchandise value; making the Zone one of the most active Foreign Trade Zones by amount of export activity in the U.S.

In contrast to your more typical Foreign Trade Zones (FTZ) around the United States, which offerings consist mainly of warehousing facilities, the Zone specializes in providing a turnkey FTZ solution and a unique international business concept. At the Zone, clients can find expert FTZ solutions, while benefiting from establishing their business within a vibrant trade community that features importers & exporters, logistics providers, trade promotion agencies, and other favorable trade resources and service providers. The Zone hosts a variety of international trade events year-round, totaling over 60 events in 2013 and more yet to come in 2014 – all designed to provide added value business opportunities to existing clients and local companies in the area.

From our early beginnings in what was once just an undeveloped parcel “way out west”, it is a proud moment to see how after 35 years of hard work, this local trade landmark has become a true regional business center and a leading example for Foreign Trade Zones across the Country.

About Miami Free Zone

Miami Free Zone (MFZ) is the most experienced Foreign Trade Zone (FTZ) in Miami-Dade County and a leading regional wholesale marketplace. For more than three decades, Miami Free Zone has consistently provided the international trade community with expert FTZ services, along with premium warehouse, showroom, and executive office spaces within a highly engaged and diverse business community. As a Federally approved Foreign Trade Zone, Miami Free Zone (FTZ #32) provides its users with exceptional trade benefits, such as significant tax and duty savings, flexible control over domestic and foreign inventory, and some of the highest security controls in Miami-Dade. The facility processes inbound and outbound international transactions in excess of \$1 billion per year and hosts a variety of international trade related events, establishing Miami Free Zone's status as a leading strategic epicenter for international business.

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