

Export checklist: Afghanistan

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U.S. machines shipped here in 2025

None

RoRo from the East and Gulf Coast

SHIPPING METHODS

- Container: Booked on request. Landlocked: containers discharge at a neighbouring port and continue by rail or truck. Routes: Via Port of Karachi (Pakistan), Via Bandar Abbas (Iran).
- Flat rack: Booked on request. For machines too wide or tall for a closed box. The flat rack discharges at the gateway port and the machine continues on a lowbed or rail flat. Routes: Via Port of Karachi (Pakistan), Via Bandar Abbas (Iran).
- RoRo: No regular service from U.S. coasts. No regular RoRo service runs here from U.S. ports. Self-propelled machines go on flat rack or breakbulk instead.
- Breakbulk: Liner breakbulk or charter. For cargo too large or heavy for a flat rack. It discharges at the gateway port and moves inland in transit. Routes: Via Port of Karachi (Pakistan), Via Bandar Abbas (Iran).

U.S. EXPORT CONTROLS

- Targeted sanctions. Taliban are SDGT-designated; GL 20 allows dealings with governing institutions, but not with listed individuals.
- OFAC Afghanistan-Related Sanctions rest on EO 13224 (Taliban, Haqqani Network SDGTs). GL 20 authorises transactions with Afghan governing institutions, but not with blocked persons; Haqqani Network and ISIS-K are FTOs. EAR99 machinery needs no BIS licence, but screen ministries, contractors and payers, and expect banking-channel difficulties.

U.S. EXPORT STEPS

- File the EEI in AES before loading (every vehicle, and any Schedule B line over \$2,500) and pass the ITN to the carrier.
- Titled machines: original title and EEI to U.S. Customs at the port at least 72 hours before export.
- Wood packaging and dunnage must be ISPM 15 heat-treated and stamped.
- Check the export classification (EAR99 or an ECCN) before booking.

DOCUMENTS AT DESTINATION

Commercial Invoice · Packing List · Bill of Lading · Certificate of Origin · Transit Documentation · End-User Certificate · Sanctions Compliance Documentation

SOURCES

Sources: World Bank WITS; Höegh Autoliners; OFAC – Afghanistan-Related Sanctions; U.S. Department of State – Foreign Terrorist Organizations list. Full citations and dates on the web page.