

Export checklist: Argentina

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620

U.S. machines shipped here in 2025

18–20 days

Fastest published transit

\$21,968

Duty and VAT, \$100,000 excavator

Limited

RoRo from the East and Gulf Coast

SHIPPING METHODS

- Container: Booked on request. Container ports: Port of Buenos Aires. No schedule we track lists a direct call, so the carrier and any transshipment are confirmed at booking.
- Flat rack: Booked on request. For machines too wide or tall for a closed box, on container lines that accept out-of-gauge cargo. Discharge at Port of Buenos Aires, subject to the terminal taking flat racks.
- RoRo: Limited from the East and Gulf Coast, none from the West Coast. Published services: NYK RORO MSX; NYK RORO North–South. RoRo ports: Port of Buenos Aires, Port of Zárate.
- Breakbulk: Liner breakbulk or charter. For cargo too large or heavy for a flat rack, loaded by ship or shore crane. Breakbulk and heavy-lift ports: Port of Buenos Aires, Port of Zárate.

DUTY AND TAX

- Import duty: 0.8% of \$100,000 CIF is \$800 (HS 8429.52, 2023 tariff).
- IVA: 21% of the duty-inclusive \$100,800 is \$21,168 (Aduana Argentina (ARCA), checked June 2026)
- Total duty and tax: \$21,968, or 22% of CIF.
- Excavators 0.8% · Wheel loaders 6% · Crawler dozers 1% · Motor graders 7% · Backhoes and other excavating machines 14% · Crawler and rough-terrain cranes 1%

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 · SIMI Registration · Import License (if required) · Equipment Specifications

USED-MACHINERY RULES

- Licence or permit: Decree 273/2025 (in force April 17, 2025) eliminated the CIBU used-goods certificate. Importers now file a sworn declaration in ARCA's Malvina system that the goods are not waste (Ley 24.051) and not for energy recovery or disposal.
- Age limit: Used capital goods in chapters 84–90 are importable unless their tariff position appears in Annex II of Res. 909/1994, as updated by Decree 273/2025. Parts for permitted goods may enter on an extra sworn declaration.
- Age limit: Used motor vehicles remain non-importable under Decree 110/1999. Special-use vehicles (art. 7 f) now follow the Res. 909/94 used-goods regime instead of a prior authorization tied to local production.
- Inspection: Used agricultural machinery needs a SENASA Phytosanitary Import Authorization (AFIDI), obtained through SIGPV-IMPO before the transaction. SENASA checks the documents and physically inspects for cleanliness, freedom from soil and plant debris, and the required treatments.
- Documents: Sea shipments need an original commercial invoice plus three copies, in Spanish, hand-signed and bearing the Spanish sworn price declaration, plus a bill of lading, packing list and insurance certificate if applicable.

SOURCES

Planning guide, not a customs ruling. Confirm rates and rules with your broker before shipping.

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