

# Export checklist: Central African Republic

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**\$30,900**

Duty and VAT, \$100,000 excavator

**Regular**

RoRo from the East and Gulf Coast

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## SHIPPING METHODS

- Container: Booked on request. Landlocked: containers discharge at a neighbouring port and continue by rail or truck. Routes: Via Port of Douala (Cameroon).
- 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 Douala (Cameroon).
- RoRo: Regular from the East and Gulf Coast, none from the West Coast. RoRo runs to the gateway port only; the machine then drives or is trucked inland. Routes: Via Port of Douala (Cameroon).
- 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 Douala (Cameroon).

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## DUTY AND TAX

- Import duty: 10% of \$100,000 CIF is \$10,000 (HS 8429.52, 2023 tariff).
- TVA: 19% of the duty-inclusive \$110,000 is \$20,900
- Total duty and tax: \$30,900, or 31% of CIF.
- Excavators 10% · Wheel loaders 10% · Crawler dozers 10% · Motor graders 10% · Backhoes and other excavating machines 10% · Crawler and rough-terrain cranes 10%

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## U.S. EXPORT CONTROLS

- Targeted sanctions. OFAC list-based CAR sanctions; screen buyers for armed-group or designated-entity links.
- OFAC Central African Republic Sanctions (EO 13667) block persons contributing to the conflict, including armed groups and illicit traders in natural resources. No general trade ban, and no BIS licence for EAR99 machinery. Screen consignee, end user and payer against the SDN list; treat mining or logging end uses in conflict areas as red flags.

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## 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.

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## DOCUMENTS AT DESTINATION

Commercial Invoice · Packing List · Bill of Lading · Certificate of Origin · Transit Documentation · Import Declaration · Equipment Specifications

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## SOURCES

Sources: UNCTAD TRAINS via World Bank WITS; Höegh Autoliners; Ministère des Finances et du Budget; OFAC – Central African Republic Sanctions. Full citations and dates on the web page.