

Export checklist: Chile

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2,037

U.S. machines shipped here in 2025

13 days

Fastest published transit

\$26,140

Duty and VAT, \$100,000 excavator

Regular

RoRo from the East and Gulf Coast

SHIPPING METHODS

- Container: Booked on request. Container ports: Port of San Antonio, Port of Valparaíso. 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 San Antonio, Port of Valparaíso, subject to the terminal taking flat racks.
- RoRo: Regular from the East and Gulf Coast, limited from the West Coast. Published services: NYK RORO MSX; NYK RORO USCX (via the Panama Canal). RoRo ports: Port of San Antonio.
- 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 San Antonio, Port of Valparaíso, Port of Antofagasta, Port of Mejillones.

DUTY AND TAX

- Import duty: 6% of \$100,000 CIF is \$6,000 (HS 8429.52, 2023 tariff).
- IVA: 19% of the duty-inclusive \$106,000 is \$20,140 (Servicio Nacional de Aduanas (Chile), checked June 2026)
- Total duty and tax: \$26,140, or 26% of CIF.
- Excavators 6% · Wheel loaders 6% · Crawler dozers 6% · Motor graders 6% · Backhoes and other excavating machines 6% · Crawler and rough-terrain cranes 6%

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 · Phytosanitary Certificate · Equipment Technical Specifications · Import Declaration (DIN)

USED-MACHINERY RULES

- Inspection: Used farm, forestry, gardening and earthmoving machinery must be cleaned inside and out at origin, disassembled if needed, and arrive free of soil, plant debris and pests. SAG inspects on arrival; the importer pays for treatment or reshipment.
- Age limit: Article 21 of Ley 18.483 bans imports of used vehicles. Exceptions include off-highway transport vehicles, concrete-mixer trucks, repair/workshop trucks, street-cleaning vehicles and similar special-use vehicles not used for transport as such.
- Trade agreement: For U.S.-Chile FTA preference, the importer must present on Customs' request a certificate of origin issued by the importer, exporter or producer. It carries the Annex 4 data and may cover identical shipments for up to 12 months.

SOURCES

Sources: World Bank WITS; NYK RORO; UNCTAD TRAINS via World Bank WITS; SAG Resolución Exenta N° 3.103/2016; Servicio Nacional de Aduanas; Servicio Nacional de Aduanas Resolución 342/2015. Full citations and dates on the web page.