

Export checklist: Colombia

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787

U.S. machines shipped here in 2025

7–9 days

Fastest published transit

\$19,000

Duty and VAT, \$100,000 excavator

Regular

RoRo from the East and Gulf Coast

SHIPPING METHODS

- Container: Booked on request. Container ports: Port of Cartagena, Port of Buenaventura, Port of Barranquilla. 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 Cartagena, Port of Buenaventura, Port of Barranquilla, subject to the terminal taking flat racks.
- RoRo: Regular from the East and Gulf Coast, limited from the West Coast. Published services: Höegh Autoliners Jacksonville – Colombia – Panama. RoRo ports: Port of Cartagena.
- 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 Cartagena, Port of Buenaventura, Port of Barranquilla.

DUTY AND TAX

- Import duty: 0% of \$100,000 CIF is \$0 (HS 8429.52, 2023 tariff).
- IVA: 19% of the duty-inclusive \$100,000 is \$19,000 (DIAN (Colombia), checked June 2026)
- Total duty and tax: \$19,000, or 19% of CIF.
- Excavators 0% · Wheel loaders 0% · Crawler dozers 0% · Motor graders 0% · Backhoes and other excavating machines 0% · Crawler and rough-terrain cranes 0%

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 · Import Declaration · Technical Standards Documentation · Equipment Specifications

USED-MACHINERY RULES

- Licence or permit: Used, rebuilt or refurbished goods are 'productos en condiciones especiales de mercado' (Decree 925/2013, Arts. 4 and 14) and need a licencia previa. File via VUCE stating the year of manufacture; refused if national production is registered with MinCIT.
- Age limit: Decree 925/2013 Art. 16 grants licences for used vehicles only in listed cases. These include off-highway dumpers (8704.10) and off-road mobile cranes (8705.10) with service life up to 15 years. Environmental rules apply.
- Documents: Required: commercial invoice, packing list, bill of lading, import licence if required, certificate of origin, import declaration, and an Andean Customs Value Declaration at \$5,000 FOB or more. Importer needs RUT/NIT, VUCE registration and an ONAC digital signature.
- Trade agreement: Remanufactured goods meeting U.S.-Colombia TPA Art. 4.23 (and Decree 730/2012 Art. 14) are exempt from the licencia previa. Ordinary used machinery still needs one.
- Trade agreement: The U.S.-Colombia TPA has been in force since 15 May 2012. The importer claims the preference based on an origin certification with the certifier, HS code, origin basis and date.

SOURCES

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

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