

Export checklist: Ecuador

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359

U.S. machines shipped here in 2025

\$15,000

Duty and VAT, \$100,000 excavator

Regular

RoRo from the East and Gulf Coast

SHIPPING METHODS

- Container: Booked on request. Container ports: Port of Guayaquil, Port of Manta. 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 Guayaquil, Port of Manta, subject to the terminal taking flat racks.
- RoRo: Regular from the East and Gulf Coast, limited from the West Coast. RoRo ports: Port of Guayaquil. Carriers call these routes on their schedules; we confirm the next sailing at booking.
- 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 Guayaquil, Port of Manta.

DUTY AND TAX

- Import duty: 0% of \$100,000 CIF is \$0 (HS 8429.52, 2023 tariff).
- IVA: 15% of the duty-inclusive \$100,000 is \$15,000 (SENAE (Ecuador), checked June 2026)
- Total duty and tax: \$15,000, or 15% 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 · INEN Certificate (if required) · Equipment Specifications

USED-MACHINERY RULES

- Age limit: COMEX Resolution 51, Art. 3: used road equipment (equipo caminero), agricultural equipment and their parts may be imported freely only if the model year is within the 15 years before import. Subheading 8704.10.00.90 is included.
- Licence or permit: MIT non-automatic import licence (pre-shipment) for heavy cargo vehicles, machinery and road equipment of 3.5 t gross weight or more. File via the VUE single window with an apostilled spec sheet and RUC; valid 90 days.
- Documents: Required documents: commercial invoice, bill of lading, insurance policy, RUC tax number, certificate of origin when applicable. Also an INEN-1 certificate when applicable, plus gross and net weights per item. Clearance runs through ECUAPASS with a Central Bank e-signature.
- Conformity: An INEN-1 standards-compliance certificate is required when the product falls under an Ecuadorian technical regulation.

SOURCES

Sources: World Bank WITS; UNCTAD TRAINS via World Bank WITS; Höegh Autoliners; COMEX; Ministerio de Infraestructura y Transporte; ITA. Full citations and dates on the web page.