

Export checklist: Germany

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1,398

U.S. machines shipped here in 2025

13 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 Hamburg, Port of Bremerhaven, Port of Duisburg. 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 Hamburg, Port of Bremerhaven, Port of Duisburg, subject to the terminal taking flat racks.
- RoRo: Regular from the East and Gulf Coast, none from the West Coast. Published services: Atlantic Container Line A Service; Grimaldi MED/USA/MEX. RoRo ports: Port of Hamburg, Port of Bremerhaven.
- 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 Hamburg, Port of Bremerhaven, Port of Duisburg.

DUTY AND TAX

- Import duty: 0% of \$100,000 CIF is \$0 (HS 8429.52, 2023 tariff).
- Import VAT: 19% of the duty-inclusive \$100,000 is \$19,000 (EU TARIC / national customs & tax authority, 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 · EUR.1 Movement Certificate · CE Declaration of Conformity · Equipment Specifications

SOURCES

Sources: World Bank WITS; Atlantic Container Line; UNCTAD TRAINS via World Bank WITS; Grimaldi Lines. Full citations and dates on the web page.