

Export checklist: Ghana

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341

U.S. machines shipped here in 2025

22-27 days

Fastest published transit

\$20,750

Duty and VAT, \$100,000 excavator

Regular

RoRo from the East and Gulf Coast

SHIPPING METHODS

- Container: Booked on request. Container ports: Port of Tema. 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 Tema, subject to the terminal taking flat racks.
- RoRo: Regular from the East and Gulf Coast, none from the West Coast. Published services: Grimaldi North America – West Africa. RoRo ports: Port of Tema.
- 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 Tema, Port of Takoradi.

DUTY AND TAX

- Import duty: 5% of \$100,000 CIF is \$5,000 (HS 8429.52, 2023 tariff).
- VAT: 15% of the duty-inclusive \$105,000 is \$15,750 (Ghana Revenue Authority (GRA), checked June 2026)
- Total duty and tax: \$20,750, or 21% of CIF.
- Excavators 5% · Wheel loaders 5% · Crawler dozers 5% · Motor graders 5% · Backhoes and other excavating machines 5% · Crawler and rough-terrain cranes 5%

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 Form (IDF) · Final Classification and Valuation Report · Equipment Specifications

USED-MACHINERY RULES

- Conformity: Ghana Standards Authority EasyPass (notice of 18 May 2026, mandatory for shipments from 1 July 2026): goods in HS chapters 84, 85 and 87 need a pre-shipment Certificate of Conformity. Used goods are covered unless on the prohibited list.
- Inspection: EasyPass assessment combines documentary review, physical inspection and control testing in an ISO 17025 lab when conformity documents are lacking. Destination inspection is not allowed. Route A fee: 0.55% of FOB, minimum \$350, paid by the exporter.
- Documents: Exporter files an EasyPass Request for Certificate with the final invoice (pro forma accepted at application), conformity documents such as test reports or quality certificates, and the manufacturer's management-system certificate if available. Markings must be in English.
- Licence or permit: Customs Act 2015 (Act 891): importing a right-hand-steering motor vehicle is prohibited unless the Minister approves. Prohibited vehicles are seized and forfeited, and vehicles not cleared within 60 days of discharge are forfeited.
- Documents: Importer needs Registrar General registration, a Ministry of Trade Import Declaration Form, GSA importer registration for regulated products, and a GRA Tax Clearance Certificate. The Bill of Entry and customs declaration are filed in ICUMS.