

Export checklist: Libya

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U.S. machines shipped here in 2025

\$5,000

Duty and VAT, \$100,000 excavator

Regular

RoRo from the East and Gulf Coast

SHIPPING METHODS

- Container: Booked on request. Container ports: Port of Tripoli, Port of Benghazi, Port of Misrata. 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 Tripoli, Port of Benghazi, Port of Misrata, subject to the terminal taking flat racks.
- RoRo: Regular from the East and Gulf Coast, none from the West Coast. RoRo ports: Port of Tripoli. 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 Tripoli, Port of Benghazi, Port of Misrata.

DUTY AND TAX

- Import duty: 5% of \$100,000 CIF is \$5,000 (HS 8429.52, 2021 tariff).
- No VAT or sales tax is levied on import
- Total duty and tax: \$5,000, or 5% 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 CONTROLS

- Targeted sanctions. OFAC list-based Libya sanctions; screen buyers for designated persons and armed-group links.
- OFAC Libya Sanctions (EO 13566, EO 13726) block designated individuals and entities, not trade in general. EAR99 heavy equipment needs no BIS licence, but confirm buyer, end user and payer are not SDNs or owned 50%+ by one, and that equipment isn't destined for militias or ISIS-Libya (an FTO). Expect bank scrutiny; keep end-use statements.

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 (legalized) · Packing List · Bill of Lading · Certificate of Origin (legalized) · Equipment Specifications · Import License · Banking Documentation

SOURCES

Sources: World Bank WITS; UNCTAD TRAINS via World Bank WITS; Höegh Autoliners; PwC Worldwide Tax Summaries; OFAC – Libya Sanctions; U.S. Department of State – Foreign Terrorist Organizations list. Full citations and dates on the web page.