SEAWAY PROJECT CARGO

# Export checklist: Malawi

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U.S. machines shipped here in 2025

**$17,500**
Duty and VAT, $100,000 excavator

**Limited**
RoRo from the East and Gulf Coast

## SHIPPING METHODS

- Container: Booked on request. Landlocked: containers discharge at a neighbouring port and continue by rail or truck. Routes: Via Port of Beira (Mozambique), Via Port of Nacala (Mozambique), Via Port of Dar es Salaam (Tanzania).
- Flat rack: Booked on request. For machines too wide or tall for a closed box. The flat rack discharges at the gateway port and the machine continues on a lowbed or rail flat. Routes: Via Port of Beira (Mozambique), Via Port of Nacala (Mozambique), Via Port of Dar es Salaam (Tanzania).
- RoRo: Limited from the East and Gulf Coast, none from the West Coast. RoRo runs to the gateway port only; the machine then drives or is trucked inland. Routes: Via Port of Beira (Mozambique), Via Port of Nacala (Mozambique), Via Port of Dar es Salaam (Tanzania).
- Breakbulk: Liner breakbulk or charter. For cargo too large or heavy for a flat rack. It discharges at the gateway port and moves inland in transit. Routes: Via Port of Beira (Mozambique), Via Port of Nacala (Mozambique), Via Port of Dar es Salaam (Tanzania).

## DUTY AND TAX

- Import duty: 0% of $100,000 CIF is $0 (HS 8429.52, 2021 tariff).
- VAT: 18% of the duty-inclusive $100,000 is $17,500
- Total duty and tax: $17,500, or 18% 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 · Transit Documentation · Import Declaration Form · Equipment Specifications

## SOURCES

Sources: World Bank WITS; UNCTAD TRAINS via World Bank WITS; Höegh Autoliners; Malawi Revenue Authority. Full citations and dates on the web page.