

Export checklist: Somalia

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\$10,250

Duty and VAT, \$100,000 excavator

Limited

RoRo from the East and Gulf Coast

SHIPPING METHODS

- Container: Booked on request. Container ports: Port of Mogadishu, Port of Berbera (Somaliland), Port of Bosaso (Puntland). 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 Mogadishu, Port of Berbera (Somaliland), Port of Bosaso (Puntland), subject to the terminal taking flat racks.
- RoRo: Limited from the East and Gulf Coast, none from the West Coast. RoRo ports: Port of Berbera (Somaliland). 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 Mogadishu, Port of Berbera (Somaliland), Port of Bosaso (Puntland).

DUTY AND TAX

- Import duty: 5% of \$100,000 CIF is \$5,000 (HS 8429.52, 2023 tariff).
- Import sales tax: 5% of the duty-inclusive \$105,000 is \$5,250
- Total duty and tax: \$10,250, or 10% 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 Somalia sanctions plus al-Shabaab FTO; strict party screening needed.
- OFAC Somalia Sanctions (EO 13536, EO 13620) block designated persons; al-Shabaab is an FTO, so any material support (including equipment or transport) is a crime. No BIS licence for EAR99 machinery, but screen consignee, end user, payer and port agents against the SDN list; watch for charcoal-trade or al-Shabaab-controlled areas.

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 · Equipment Specifications · End-User Documentation

SOURCES

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