

Export checklist: Syria

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Regular

RoRo from the East and Gulf Coast

SHIPPING METHODS

- Container: Booked on request. Container ports: Port of Latakia, Port of Tartus. 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 Latakia, Port of Tartus, subject to the terminal taking flat racks.
- RoRo: Regular from the East and Gulf Coast, limited from the West Coast. RoRo ports: Port of Latakia, Port of Tartus. 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 Latakia, Port of Tartus.

DUTY AND TAX

- 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. Embargo lifted: EAR99 equipment ships under License Exception SPP; Syria removed from terror-sponsor list Aug 2026.
- OFAC no longer maintains comprehensive Syria sanctions (EO 14312, SySR removed Aug 2025); SST designation rescinded 24 Aug 2026. EAR \$746.9 still requires a licence for CCL items, but EAR99 machinery is authorised by License Exception SPP (\$740.5) unless a Part 744 end-user control applies. Screen against PAARSS SDNs (Assad associates, Captagon traffickers) and Entity List.

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 · Export License (US) · End-User Certificate · Sanctions Compliance Documentation

SOURCES

Sources: Höegh Autoliners; UNCTAD TRAINS via World Bank WITS; BIS – Syria export controls; OFAC – Promoting Accountability for Assad and Regional Stabilization Sanctions; U.S. Department of State – State Sponsors of Terrorism; BIS – EAR Part 746. Full citations and dates on the web page.