SEAWAY PROJECT CARGO

Export checklist: United Kingdom

Seaway Project Cargo · prepared October 18, 2026

1,581	9–12 days	$20,000	Regular
U.S. machines shipped here in 2025	Fastest published transit	Duty and VAT, $100,000 excavator	RoRo from the East and Gulf Coast

SHIPPING METHODS

- Container: Booked on request. Container ports: Port of Felixstowe, Port of Southampton, Port of Liverpool. 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 Felixstowe, Port of Southampton, Port of Liverpool, subject to the terminal taking flat racks.
- RoRo: Regular from the East and Gulf Coast, none from the West Coast. Published services: Atlantic Container Line A Service; Grimaldi MED/USA/MEX. RoRo ports: Port of Felixstowe, Port of Southampton, Port of Immingham.
- 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 Felixstowe, Port of Southampton, Port of Immingham, Port of Liverpool.

DUTY AND TAX

- Import duty: 0% of $100,000 CIF is $0 (HS 8429.52, 2023 tariff).
- Import VAT: 20% of the duty-inclusive $100,000 is $20,000 (HMRC, checked June 2026)
- Total duty and tax: $20,000, or 20% 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 · UKCA Declaration (if applicable) · Import License (certain goods) · Equipment Specifications

SOURCES

Sources: World Bank WITS; Grimaldi Lines; UNCTAD TRAINS via World Bank WITS; Atlantic Container Line. Full citations and dates on the web page.