

Export checklist: Venezuela

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192

U.S. machines shipped here in 2025

\$22,496

Duty and VAT, \$100,000 excavator

Regular

RoRo from the East and Gulf Coast

SHIPPING METHODS

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

DUTY AND TAX

- Import duty: 5.6% of \$100,000 CIF is \$5,600 (HS 8429.52, 2023 tariff).
- IVA: 16% of the duty-inclusive \$105,600 is \$16,896 (SENIAT (Venezuela), checked June 2026)
- Total duty and tax: \$22,496, or 22% of CIF.
- Excavators 5.6% · Wheel loaders 6% · Crawler dozers 5% · Motor graders 7% · Backhoes and other excavating machines 14% · Crawler and rough-terrain cranes 7%

U.S. EXPORT CONTROLS

- Targeted sanctions. Government of Venezuela and PdVSA blocked by OFAC; deal only with screened private buyers or under GLs.
- EO 13884 blocks the Government of Venezuela, including state companies and PdVSA; supply to them needs a general licence (e.g., GL 48D for oil/gas/power operations, which excludes Russia/China/Iran-linked parties). Cartel de los Soles and Tren de Aragua are FTOs. EAR \$744.21 requires a licence for Supp. 2 items for military end users. Screen consignees, ultimate owners and banks.

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 · Sanctions Compliance Assessment · Import Documentation · Equipment Specifications

USED-MACHINERY RULES

- Age limit: Decreto 5.103 rewrites Chapter 87 Note 1: vehicles in 87.01 (tractors), 87.04 (except 8704.10 dumpers), 87.06 and 87.16 may enter only if model or manufacture year is at most 5 years old.
- Licence or permit: U.S. sanctions are targeted: sales to private buyers are allowed. Dealings with the Government of Venezuela, PdVSA, entities owned 50% or more by them, or SDN-listed parties need an OFAC licence. Check EAR licence requirements and military end-use red flags.
- Documents: Goods must be declared to SENIAT, Venezuela's customs. Typical documents: customs declaration, commercial invoice, bill of lading. Add a packing list, certificate of origin and special permits when required.