

Export checklist: Vietnam

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414

U.S. machines shipped here in 2025

\$10,000

Duty and VAT, \$100,000 excavator

Limited

RoRo from the East and Gulf Coast

SHIPPING METHODS

- Container: Booked on request. Container ports: Cat Lai Port (Ho Chi Minh City), Port of Hai Phong, Cai Mep Port. 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 Cat Lai Port (Ho Chi Minh City), Port of Hai Phong, Cai Mep Port, subject to the terminal taking flat racks.
- RoRo: Limited from the East and Gulf Coast, regular from the West Coast. RoRo ports: Cat Lai Port (Ho Chi Minh City), Port of Hai Phong. 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: Cat Lai Port (Ho Chi Minh City), Port of Hai Phong, Cai Mep Port.

DUTY AND TAX

- Import duty: 0% of \$100,000 CIF is \$0 (HS 8429.52, 2023 tariff).
- VAT: 10% of the duty-inclusive \$100,000 is \$10,000 (Vietnam Customs, checked June 2026)
- Total duty and tax: \$10,000, or 10% 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 · Equipment Specifications · Import Declaration · Quality Inspection Certificate (if required)

USED-MACHINERY RULES

- Age limit: Decision 18/2019/QĐ-TTg, Art. 6.1: used machinery and equipment (HS chapters 84 and 85) must be 10 years old or less, counted as the year of arrival in Vietnam minus the manufacture year. Appendix I allows 15-20 years for listed sectors.
- Conformity: Decision 18/2019, Art. 6.2: machines must be built to Vietnam's QCVN technical regulations on safety, energy saving and environment. If no QCVN applies, they must meet TCVN or the national standards of a G7 country or Korea.
- Inspection: Art. 8.1: G7/Korea-made units may use an original manufacturer letter on year and standards, consularly legalized with Vietnamese translation. Otherwise a designated inspection body's certificate is needed, valid six months before arrival (Art. 10.2).
- Licence or permit: Art. 9: over-age machines need Ministry of Science and Technology permission. The importer must be producing in Vietnam, and remaining capacity must be at least 85% of design with material/energy consumption no more than 15% above design.
- Documents: Art. 8: the customs dossier must include a sealed copy of the enterprise registration certificate. Goods may be taken into storage pending assessment, but the inspection certificate must reach customs within 30 days.

SOURCES

Sources: World Bank WITS; UNCTAD TRAINS via World Bank WITS; Höegh Autoliners; Vietnam Trade Portal. Full citations and dates on the web page.

Planning guide, not a customs ruling. Confirm rates and rules with your broker before shipping.

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