

Export checklist: Yemen

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U.S. machines shipped here in 2025

Regular

RoRo from the East and Gulf Coast

SHIPPING METHODS

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

U.S. EXPORT CONTROLS

- Targeted sanctions. Houthis (Ansarallah) are an FTO since March 2025; avoid Houthi-controlled ports and counterparties.
- OFAC Yemen-related Sanctions (EO 13611) block designated persons; Ansarallah re-designated an FTO 5 March 2025, so shipping equipment to Houthi-controlled entities or via Houthi-held ports (e.g., Hudaydah) risks material-support liability. AQAP is also an FTO. EAR99 machinery needs no BIS licence otherwise; document end user and route, and screen all parties.

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 · UNVIM Clearance (for Hodeidah) · End-User Documentation · Sanctions Compliance Certification

SOURCES

Sources: World Bank WITS; Höegh Autoliners; OFAC – Yemen-related Sanctions; U.S. Department of State – Foreign Terrorist Organizations list. Full citations and dates on the web page.