

PRACTICAL GUIDE · EQUIPMENT AND HEAVY TRANSPORT

Importing mining and construction machinery into Guinea

A 50-tonne excavator, a drill rig or a crusher is not imported like a container of goods. The shipping method, the documents and the convoy to site are decided before the order is even placed. Here are the points to settle for the mining and construction sectors in Guinea.

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01 Choosing the shipping method

- RoRo: the machine drives on and off the vessel. Simple for self-propelled machines.
- Flat rack or open top: for machines too wide or too tall for a standard container.
- Conventional break bulk: for heavy lifts handled by the ship's or the quay's cranes.
- Container: for spare parts, attachments and small dismantled machines.

02 The machine's documents

- Detailed commercial invoice, with model, year and serial number.
- Packing list with the dimensions and weight of each package.
- Certificate of origin.
- For a used machine: proof of age and condition, as currently required.

> Exact dimensions and weight are used twice: for customs classification and for planning the convoy.

03 New, used, temporary

The customs regime depends on use. A machine sold in Guinea is imported definitively; a machine rented for the duration of a project may qualify for temporary admission; a project under a mining agreement may benefit from exemptions. Each regime has its own guarantees and deadlines, to be checked before shipment.

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04 The abnormal load convoy

Above a certain size, transport is on a lowbed or low-loader semi-trailer, with a permit, an escort and a surveyed route. Bridges, power lines, bends and town crossings must be checked, and suitable times chosen.

05 Construction and infrastructure

Construction companies also import concrete plants, cranes, graders and materials. The logic is the same: complete documents, the right shipping method, customs prepared in advance, delivery planned to the site, in Conakry or in the regions.

06 Our role

TransXpress handles the purchase if needed, the freight, customs clearance at the port of Conakry, handling and the convoy to site, and also offers equipment rental for short-term needs.

? Frequently asked questions

RoRo or flat rack for a hydraulic excavator?

RoRo works if the machine can drive and the line offers it; otherwise flat rack or conventional break bulk. The choice depends on the size and on the services calling at Conakry.

Is a permit needed to move an out-of-gauge machine?

Yes, an abnormal load needs a permit, often an escort and a surveyed route.

Can a machine be imported temporarily?

Temporary admission exists for equipment that will be re-exported, against a guarantee. The conditions are checked case by case.

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