



Export Services

International Shipping

We can support both small and large export shipments depending on any customer's individual need.

For exporting hops we utilize a Shipping Coordinator based in Yakima, where the main hop warehouses are located. Our Shipping Coordinator is experienced specifically in international hop exports, and works with many of the larger hop producers in the Pacific Northwest.

Once we confirm information on a shipment, we will coordinate efforts with our Shipping Coordinator, who will get a quote and send to you for approval. Upon your approval, our Shipping Coordinator will book the shipment and coordinate the pickup and delivery.

Below is a general over view of what services are provided.

1. Coordinate and book shipment
 - OCEAN FREIGHT
 - FULL CONTAINERS OR LCL SHIPMENTS
 - AIR FREIGHT

2. Complete all Export Documents required:
 - COMMERCIAL INVOICE
 - PACKING LIST
 - DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE DOCUMENTS (based on country requirements)
 - * Certificate of Origin
 - * Attestation of Equivalence
 - * Phytosanitary Certificate

If a country requires additional documents those will be provided as well. Once shipment is complete all original documents are sent to customer via FedEx for customs clearance. Our Shipping Coordinator tracks the shipment until it arrives and give updates are requested.

Freight Carriers Used:

For a small shipment of 1-4 cartons, FedEx or UPS International shipping is used. The current export company that is most commonly used for larger shipments is DSV Air & Sea.

If you have any specific preferences on a company you prefer to ship with, our Shipping Coordinator will arrange shipments with that company.

Every shipment and customer is different and has certain preferences. Our Shipping Coordinator is an independent contractor with specific hop export experience, who will work with you to make sure all your preferences and requirements are met.

Shipping Coordinator Fees:

The base fee to handle the export shipment document preparation from start to finish is \$0.10 a pound.

In addition, the customer will be billed for the actual shipping costs (if applicable, FedEx costs to send originals, applicable state Department of Agriculture certificates, Attestation of Equivalence (required for some countries)).

GENERAL PACKING SPECIFICATIONS

Standard Packaging

Most packaged hops are pelletized and packed in a nitrogen-flushed, UV-resistant mylar foil loose pack. Standard packs are 22 lb foils, with 2 packages in each carton.

Container Load Specifications

Pallet dimensions:

- Estimated pallet dimensions 48" x 40".
- Height will be determined by the number of layers.
- A single pallet is typically stacked with either a maximum of six or seven layers (30 or 35 total 44 lb cartons), for a total maximum of 1,320 lbs of packaged hops on a single pallet.

20' Standard Containers:

- For a standard 20' container, figure 16 pallets if double stacked, 8 pallets if single stacked.
- For single stacking, figure up to seven layers of five 44 lb cartons for a total of 35 cartons/pallet.
(1,320 lbs per pallet), or 10,560 lbs / Standard 20' Container.
- For double stacking, figure each pallet with five layers, five cartons per layer for a total of 25 cartons/pallet. (1,100 lbs per pallet), or 17,600 lbs / Standard 20' Container.

20' Reefers:

- For a 20' Reefer, also figure 16 pallets if double stacked, 8 pallets if single stacked.
- For single stacking, figure up to seven layers of five 44 lb boxes for a total of 35 boxes. (1,320 lbs per pallet), or 10,560 lbs / 20' Reefer.
- For double stacking, (due to Reefers being limited on height space), figure each pallet with only four layers, 5 cartons per layer, for a total of 20 cartons/pallet. (880 lbs per pallet), or 14,080 lbs / 20' Reefer.

40' Standard Containers:

- For a standard 40' Container, figure 36 pallets if double stacked, 18 pallets if single stacked.
- For single stacking, figure up to seven layers of five 44 lb cartons for a total of 35 cartons/pallet.
(1,320 lbs per pallet), or 23,760 lbs / Standard 40' Container.
- For double stacking, figure each pallet with five layers, five cartons per layer for a total of 25 cartons/pallet; (1,100 lbs per pallet), or 39,600 lbs / Standard 40' Container.

40' Reefers:

- For a standard 40' Container, figure 36 pallets if double stacked, 18 pallets if single stacked.
- For single stacking, figure up to seven layers of five 44 lb cartons for a total of 35 cartons/pallet.
(1,320 lbs per pallet), or 23,760 lbs / 40' Reefer.
- For double stacking, figure each pallet with four layers, five cartons per layer for a total of 20 cartons/pallet; (880 lbs per pallet), or 31,680 lbs / 40' Reefer.

CONTAINER PACKING NOTATIONS:

1. For the 20' containers it is recommended to plan on 16 pallets, double-stacked. For the standard 20' and 40' it is possible to put 1-2 more pallets in at the end if you have a 4-way pallet where you can switch the direction of the pallet. This makes for a very tight pack and sometimes with the variance of the container it can be hard to get the door shut and sealed.

2. Occasionally when double-stacking, the weight of the top pallet has been known to compress the top layers of boxes, and the only way to avoid that when doubling stacking may be with an additional liner between pallets (not commonly used by hop shippers, however). From experience, there have been instances of crushed boxes, but usually the foils have not been broken, and it is usually only a few of the top tier of boxes on the lower pallet that get crushed. Some suppliers have already switched to heavier weight boxes to help with this. Part of the cause is not just the double stack, but when the containers are loaded and unloaded onto the ships, the cargo is bounced around a lot.

The preference to single or double stack all depends on the customer. Some don't want double stack and others know the risk and are ok with it. We offer both options.