

Shipment by Ocean

Ocean transportation rates may be quite competitive with both truck and rail. The disadvantage is that this mode requires at least fourteen days of transit time from Canada to Mexico, plus an additional four or five days for customs clearance and warehouse storage at the port of entry. Bulk, specialized cargoes and very large shipments comprise the vast majority of ocean shipments.

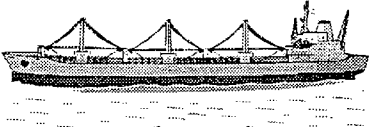

There are two types of ocean shipping. Less-than-container-load (LCL) takes about 25 days to reach its destination. Full-container-load (FLC) takes about 20 days.


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↳ Type of vessel

- ↳ conventional (bulk)
- ↳ container
- ↳ roll-on-roll-off
- ↳ container-roll-off
- ↳ specialized

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There are several types of vessels used in ocean transportation to Mexico:

- conventional vessels are used for bulk cargoes such as grain, wood and minerals;
- container vessels offer unit loading systems, which are effective for break bulk shipments;
- roll-on-roll-off vessels handle goods on skids;
- container-roll-off vessels handle goods in cartons; and
- specialized vessels, such as tankers, are generally designed for a particular cargo.