

TRANSPORTATION FREIGHT FINANCING PROGRAM







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Transportation Freight Financing Program

Program Details

A transportation logistics company can now offer better terms to its customers, and be assured that it's invoices for the international transport of cargo can be financed on competitive terms.

Ex-Im Bank's working capital financing enables U.S. based transportation logistics providers to obtain working capital loans that facilitate the export of commercial cargo on commercial U.S.-Flag ships

These working capital loans, made by commercial lenders and backed by the Ex-Im Bank guarantee provide the liquidity to accept new export related business and compete more effectively in the International marketplace.

On this basis, transportation logistic companies may be able to borrow substantially more funds and obtain better credit terms when commercial cargo is shipped on U.S.-Flag vessel.

Program Benefits

- Fulfill Export Sales Orders
- Turn domestic and foreign accounts receivable due and payable from exporters of cargo into cash.
- Expand access to financing



Eligible Borrowers

- Borrowers must be located in the United States and be in the International freight logistics business.
- Eligible borrowers include: shippers, freight forwarders, logistics service providers and ocean, air, rail and truck carriers.
- Borrowers must have at least a one year operating history and have a positive net worth.

Who is Eligible?

U.S. export service providers who appear on a U.S.-flag vessel ocean bill of lading including:

- Shipper / Exporter
- Freight Forwarder / Logistics Provider
- NVOCC
- Ocean Carriers
- Custom House Brokers

Services That Can Be Financed

Any services directly related to the logistics of moving goods from the supplier to and on a U.S.-flag vessel.



- Ocean Freight
- Air Freight
- Cargo Insurance / Marine Insurance
- Crating and Packing
- Port Drayage (Port Trucking)
- Inland Rail
- Inland Trucking
- Inland Water / Marine Highway
- Terminal Fees
- Forwarder Fees
- And more

All services must be invoiced by the borrower and generally must be due and payable in the United States.

Military or nuclear cargoes are not eligible under this program.



Borrowing Availability and Loan Term

As indicated in the financing example below, available funding will be based on an advance rate percentage of the value of eligible services invoiced and not yet paid.

The advance rate is typically 90% of the invoice depending on the credit worthiness of the customer.

A loan facility is generally open for a one-year term (renewable) and can be either transaction-specific or revolving.

Services To Be Covered	Invoice Amount	Available Funding
Trucking in the USA	\$100,000.	\$ 90,000
Marine Insurance US Company	\$ 10,000.	\$ 9,000
Ocean Freight	\$750,000.	\$ 675,000
Third country / post carriage inland Freight	\$ 10,000.	\$ 9,000
US Export Packing / Warehousing	\$75,000.	\$ 67,500
TOTAL	\$945,000	\$850,500

Collateral

These Guaranteed working capital loans are secured by the accounts receivable due and payable from the shippers of the cargo, and the proceeds generated from such accounts receivable. At times, other collateral could also be required.

Documentation: Loan Eligibility

Core required documents are the Bill of Lading (B/L) and the Invoices for the eligible services and any related documentation required under an asset based lending program

To be eligible, the borrower must appear on the US-flag vessel freighted Bill of Lading (B/L) and on the invoices being submitted for coverage.

If an NVOCC is used as an intermediary, the eligible party must have the relevant US Flag Vessel B/L (master B/L) attached.

U.S. Content Requirements

The aggregate value of all services appearing on the invoices must have at least 50% U.S. content for the whole invoice to qualify. If less than 50% U.S. content, then Ex-Im Bank can only support up to the percent of the U.S. content appearing on the invoice.

U.S. content includes the following:

- Freight services performed in the United States.
- Cargo/Marine insurance provided by U.S. companies.
- Packing and crating done in the United States.
- Ocean freight charges on U.S.-Flag vessels.



Program Policies

Eligibility of any particular participant or service under this program will be determined by the Ex-Im Bank.

Eligibility is also subject to the Ex-Im Banks standard programs and policies

Getting Started

Application

You can apply to Ex-Im Bank for working capital financing in two ways:

(1) Delegated Authority Lender:

An exporter may apply through a lender that has been granted a TFF guarantee from Ex-Im Bank.

A listing of lenders that have already enrolled in the TFF Ex-Im Bank program are on page 9.

(2) Preliminary Commitment Application (direct):

An exporter may apply directly to Ex-Im Bank for a preliminary commitment (PC) to a guarantee.

A PC is a nonbinding expression of interest from Ex-Im Bank that the borrower's needs, as outlined in the application, generally meet Ex-Im Bank's financing requirements.

When a PC is granted, the exporter can approach a lender to secure the most attractive loan package.

To apply for a preliminary commitment, please contact Ex-Im Bank's Business Development staff at:

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Email general business inquiries to: info@exim.gov

Fees/Interest Rate

- Application Processing Fee \$100 for a final commitment (No additional fee is charged for conversion of a preliminary commitment to a final commitment.)
- Up-front Facility Fee 1.5% of the total loan amount, based on a one-year loan.
 (For loans of up to six months, the facility fee is 0.75% of the total loan amount.)
- Interest rate and application fees as charged by the commercial lender.

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