

Overweight Container Guidelines for US Inland Transportation

Overweight containers have additional costs of transportation via Rail & Truck

Here is a guidance on what is considered as an overweight container for inland transportation via truck and/or rail movement. Note, the following weights are Total Combined Weight of cargo payload and container. Inland transport overweight additional charges apply when the cargo is within the specified limits.

The surcharge rates can be found in our Tariff as well as can be referenced in the USA Local Charges/ Service Fees [here](#).

Weight Limits in Metric Tons

US Inland Transportation

Container Type	Truck	Rail		Combined Rail	
	Overweight Threshold	Overweight Threshold	Maximum Allowed Weight	Overweight Threshold	Maximum Allowed Weight
20'STD	20.131	20.131	23.586	20.131	23.586
20'RE	18.691	18.691	22.386	18.691	22.386
20'FR	20.471	20.471	23.586	20.471	23.586
20'OT	20.475	20.475	23.586	20.475	23.586
20'HT	20.771	20.771	23.586	20.771	23.586
40'STD	23.711	23.711	30.481	23.711	30.481
40'RE	22.471	22.471	29.281	22.471	29.281
40'FR	24.016	24.016	30.481	24.016	30.481
40'HT	23.497	23.497	30.481	23.497	30.481
40'OT	24.027	24.027	30.481	24.027	30.481
40'HC	23.721	23.721	30.481	23.721	30.481
45'RT	22.251	22.251	29.281	22.251	29.281

All weights are in Metric Tons

*Maximum allowable US Highway Transport Gross Cargo Weight Guidelines can be found [here](#).

US <-> Canada Cross-border Transportation

Expires July 31, 2025: (See August file for updated weight limits)

Container Type	Truck	Rail		Combined Rail	
	Overweight Threshold	Overweight Threshold	Maximum Allowed Weight	Overweight Threshold	Maximum Allowed Weight
20' Import & Export	20.131	24.078	27.297	20.131	27.297
40' Import & Export (<i>excl. below lanes</i>)	23.711	30.968	33.234	23.711	33.234
*40' Export *(<i>Chicago / Detroit / Minneapolis to Montreal / Vancouver / Saint John</i>)	23.711	29.153	30.966	23.711	33.234
**40' Import **(<i>Montreal / Vancouver / Saint John to Chicago / Detroit / Minneapolis</i>)	23.711	25.523	30.966	23.711	33.234

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