

# YOU SHOULD CONSIDER THESE SEVEN FACTORS WHEN ORGANISING LCL SHIPMENTS IN BRAZIL

**Any company that regularly sends goods over long distances will be familiar with this: Less Than Container Load logistics (LCL). This involves consolidating partial shipments from several customers in one container. Brazil is increasingly becoming a popular destination for LCL shipments, but creates special challenges when organising them. You should consider these seven factors:**

- Brazil is the world's fifth-largest country in the world in terms of its surface area. The distances from the port to the destination can be equally great. Unloading LCL freight at the seaport of Santos also takes 48 to 72 hours on average. The delivery time within the country can therefore take between 7 and 10 days.
- To ensure reliable and punctual deliveries, serious LCL providers rely on strong partnerships with local freight forwarders, which can guarantee coverage that spans as much of the country as possible.
- The freight forwarder should be the central contact point for the transport operations and have its own distribution network with global services. Additional costs for pick-up and final delivery runs for LCL sea freight are therefore unnecessary and, if any problems occur, a trusted contact partner is available.
- Transparency for the complete delivery process of the LCL shipment is important. The service provider picks up the freight from the customer, consolidates it at the nearest hub and completes the customs clearance work – handling all these aspects itself.
- Customers obtain planning reliability through having fixed departures for their LCL containers from a wide variety of ports and benefit from normal market prices even during the peak season for freight capacity.
- Certain restrictions and bans apply when importing goods to Brazil, particularly for items in the agricultural and fishery sectors.
- If goods are imported as an LCL shipment, they must be registered with the relevant customs authority – using a Declaração de Importação. Any details about the delivery, for example, its weight, price and origin, should be available in order to prevent any misunderstandings with the local customs authorities.

