



THE
**BEER
INDUSTRY**

Tools & Opportunities
for U.S. Exporters





A GROWING INDUSTRY

Beer is one of the most popular drinks in the world and enjoyed by millions of consumers. Thousands of breweries in the United States make and sell beer, and provide consumers with extensive offerings ranging from amber ales to wheat beers.

Beer exports from the United States have continued to thrive, with an average value exceeding \$303.5 million dollars in 2025. Top international markets since 2025 for beer included:

| <i>Top Importers</i> | <i>Total Sales</i> |
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| Honduras | \$79.4 million |
| South Korea | \$43.6 million |
| Panama | \$21.7 million |
| Costa Rica | \$16.6 million |
| Canada | \$16.6 million |
| China | \$15.3 million |
| Chile | \$13.7 million |
| Dominican Republic | \$11.7 million |
| European Union | \$11.1 million |
| French Guiana | \$8.8 million |

However, despite these opportunities breweries are often faced with the same exporting challenges: offering open account credit terms to international buyers and making sure they get paid on the foreign receivables generated from these transactions.

With the help of Export Credit Insurance for small businesses, many breweries have the support they need to compete globally.

2025 Beer Industry Facts at a Glance



\$303.5M
total export revenue



9,778
small and independent
U.S. breweries



443,000
beer industry jobs
nationwide

www.fas.usda.gov/data/commodities/beer

www.brewersassociation.org/association-news/the-2025-year-in-beer/



WHAT'S STOPPING YOU FROM EXPORTING?

Imagine this: your U.S. business has identified an international buyer for its product, you have agreed on pricing, and your buyer wants open account credit terms. How will your company manage the risk of nonpayment by your international buyer? Insuring the receivables generated by international sales with EXIM's Export Credit Insurance is a great place to start.

Export Credit Insurance is an insurance policy that covers international receivables.

Export Credit Insurance mitigates the risk of nonpayment and empowers you to meet, or beat, your competitors by offering attractive credit terms. Your business can use open account credit terms to win new customers and increase sales to existing buyers.

Another benefit to insuring international receivables is that lenders will often accept them as collateral, expanding your borrowing base and improving cash flow.

Export Credit Insurance:

- ✔ Increases your ability to compete in international markets
- ✔ Protects your international receivables from nonpayment
- ✔ Expands your borrowing base for improved liquidity



BENEFITS INCLUDE:

Increased Sales

Every business wants to be more competitive. Providing open account credit terms can be the difference between winning and losing a deal. With more time to pay, customers have the financial flexibility to increase the size of their orders. Open account credit terms speed up the delivery of goods by avoiding delays associated with a letter of credit or cash in advance.

Risk Prevention

The challenge for exporters, particularly small businesses, is clear. Selling to international buyers on open account credit terms can be risky. If the buyers don't pay, there is very little recourse for the U.S.-based company and the financial hit can be significant. Export credit insurance mitigates the risk of nonpayment by insuring international receivables.

Cash Management

When your business needs cash to fulfill orders or pay for operations, you often look to your local lender. These lenders are more likely to include international receivables and inventory in your borrowing base when those receivables are insured, giving you access to additional financing and improving cash flow.

What Does Export Credit Insurance Cover?

Commercial Risks:

- ✔ Insolvency
- ✔ Bankruptcy
- ✔ Protracted Default

Political Risks:

- ✔ War, Revolution, Insurrection
- ✔ Currency Transfer Risk
- ✔ Cancellation of an Import or Export License



HOW DOES EXPORT CREDIT INSURANCE WORK?



Step 1:

You identify an international buyer and obtain an Export Credit Insurance policy.



Step 2:

You offer credit terms to your international buyer.

Step 3:

The buyer accepts the deal's terms.

Step 4:

You ship your product and invoice the buyer.

Step 5:

You report shipments and pay premiums on the amount shipped.

Step 6:

The buyer pays. If they fail to do so, EXIM pays.



WHAT POLICY OPTIONS ARE OFFERED?

Express Insurance

Most attractive to small businesses with limited or no prior export experience.

Features Include:

- ✓ 95% coverage
- ✓ No deductible
- ✓ Pay-as-you-go premiums
- ✓ Streamlined application

Multi-Buyer Insurance

Options to cover all or part of your export portfolio.

Features Include:

- ✓ 95% coverage
- ✓ No deductible
- ✓ Pay-as-you-go premiums

Single-Buyer Insurance

Covers one buyer for a predetermined period of time and dollar amount.

Features Include:

- ✓ 90% coverage
- ✓ No deductible
- ✓ Individual policies for each deal
- ✓ Policies to cover all the deals from a single buyer

TIP: With Single-Buyer Insurance, you can have multiple policies for the same buyer covering different deals.



WHAT'S NEXT?

The Export-Import Bank of the United States (EXIM) is here to support you on your exporting journey. We offer a wide range of financing tools for your company's unique needs, as well as free consultations, educational material, exporter resources, and more. You can:



Get Started

Request a free consultation with an EXIM specialist in your area to determine your eligibility.

grow.exim.gov/consultationrequest



Get Helpful Advice

Do you have questions about account terms and financing for exporters? Our experts are here to help:

grow.exim.gov/export-financing-faqs



Learn Exporting Basics

Learn the basic fundamentals of trade finance and turn export opportunities into sales.

grow.exim.gov/export-guide



Guide to Working Capital Loan Guarantee

Find out how EXIM can unlock your cash flow by working with your lender.

grow.exim.gov/wclg-guide



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