

# **Riga Freeport: Your Gateway to Europe, CIS, and Beyond**



# Riga Freeport

- The Freeport of Riga is a leading logistics and distribution hub for the Baltic States.
- Direct sea connections to more than 50 global ports via top container lines (Maersk, MSC, CMA CGM, COSCO, Hapag-Lloyd, etc.).
- Excellent road and rail links for fast deliveries across the EU, CIS, and Scandinavia.
- Part of the EU customs area with access to 450+ million consumers.
- Flexible customs regimes and Free Economic Zone status for tax and operational benefits.



# Real Logistics Landscape: How Goods Enter the EU

Most deep-sea shipments from enter Europe via major Western European ports such as Hamburg, Rotterdam, or Antwerp.

However, Latvia offers a highly competitive advantage as a secondary logistics hub:

- Cargo can be shipped onward to Riga and stored in customs warehouses without immediate customs clearance or VAT payment.
- Customs and storage costs in Latvia are significantly lower than in Western European ports.
- From Riga, goods can be distributed flexibly to the EU, Scandinavia, the Baltics, and CIS countries by road, rail, or sea.



# Latvia as a Strategic Logistics Hub, Real Advantages

## Cost-Effective Storage and Distribution Hub

- Storage, handling, and value-added services in Latvia are much more cost-effective than in Germany or the Netherlands.
- Cargo can be kept under customs control, giving companies the flexibility to clear goods for the EU or re-export to other countries when required.
- This optimizes inventory costs, avoids unnecessary customs procedures, and allows maximum flexibility in supply chain management.



# Latvia as a Strategic Logistics Hub, Real Advantages

## Customs and VAT Advantages

- Goods can be imported, stored, processed, and re-exported without immediate customs clearance or VAT payment.
- Latvia offers the possibility to defer customs and VAT payments until goods leave the warehouse for their final EU destination.
- Fast and simplified customs procedures, “one-stop” customs, electronic declarations, and pre-arrival documentation are available.



# Latvia as a Strategic Logistics Hub, Real Advantages

## Location

- Latvia is ideally positioned for companies targeting the Baltics, Scandinavia, or CIS markets (Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Ukraine, etc.).
- Well- developed rail, road, and short- sea connections allow for fast onward movement to Russia, Central Asia, and Northern Europe.
- Logistics operators in Latvia specialize in transshipment, cross- docking, and consolidated shipments, so cargo can be efficiently redirected to any market in the EU, CIS, or Scandinavia as demand changes.



# Key Benefits for International Companies

- **Faster Time- to- Market:** Reach EU, Scandinavia, and CIS customers quickly, with optimized last-mile delivery from Latvia.
- **Cost Optimization:** Lower port and warehouse fees compared to Western European ports; tax reductions in Freeport and SEZ.
- **Simplified EU Entry:** All customs and VAT procedures can be handled in Latvia; seamless movement within the EU.
- **Flexible Cargo Handling:** A full range of services for general cargos, both standard and non-standard, as well as additional cargo types upon request.
- **Risk Mitigation:** Modern facilities and high security standards ensure cargo safety and transparency.



# Conclusions

1. Latvia offers all the same logistics advantages as major Western European ports, but with significantly lower costs for storage, handling, and value-added services. This makes Riga the smart choice as your flexible logistics hub in Europe.

2. For companies targeting the CIS countries, Ukraine, Georgia, and Central Asia (including Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, and beyond), Latvia is the historical and most efficient transit gateway. With its unique geographic position, decades of well-established transit routes, and deep logistics expertise, Riga is the fastest, most cost-effective, and reliable bridge between the EU and these Eastern markets.



# Marine and Logistics Service LLC

Connecting Continents, Europe, and  
Beyond.

With Expertise You Can Trust.



## About Us

- Based in Riga (Latvia) within the Freeport of Riga Customs Area.
- Our management team has over 20 years of experience in logistics and operations in the Freeport zone.
- The company was established in 2016.
- Over 4,000 m<sup>2</sup> of our own secure warehouse space, with access to additional storage facilities and open areas.
- We offer a full range of logistics, warehousing, and transport services by sea, air, rail, and road.



## Our Key Advantages

- **Individual Approach:** We prioritise each client's unique needs, creating the most efficient logistics strategies tailored to your requirements.
- **Full-Service Cycle:** Logistics, warehousing, and transport- all managed under one roof, with a dedicated manager overseeing your cargo from document processing to delivery.
- **Cost Efficiency:** As a direct service provider within the Freeport, we use our own facilities, staff, and equipment, eliminating agent or intermediary fees.
- **Process Optimization:** We leverage our extensive experience and close partnerships in the port to maximize operational efficiency.



## Our Key Advantages

- **Specialized Cargo Handling:** Flexible solutions for any type of cargo, with custom loading and securing strategies for each shipment.
- **Surveyor/Tally Services:** Detailed reports for full transparency and dispute resolution.
- **Flexibility:** We easily adapt to changes in cargo volume and client requirements.



# Freeport & Customs Area Advantages

- Ability to amend cargo documentation for onward shipment.
- Tax- free resale of goods stored under the T- 1 customs procedure.
- Fast and cost- effective container dispatch from Riga Freeport.



# Our Services

We handle standard and non-standard general cargo, as well as other cargo types on request.

- **Warehousing Services:** Storage, sorting, packaging, cross-docking, handling oversized and consolidated cargo, mechanized and manual loading/unloading.
- **Customs Area Storage:** Especially valuable for clients importing/exporting by sea, with long-term storage options until further transport is needed.



# Our Services

- **Forwarding & Transport:**
- Sea freight (Far East, USA, Central Asia, Europe)
- International road and rail transport
- Multimodal transport solutions
- FCL/LCL shipments
- **Optimal route planning**
- **Customs Brokerage:** Preparation of all customs declarations (T1, EX, IM, TIR, etc.), document consulting, and special customs procedures.
- **Stevedoring Services:** Professional cargo loading/unloading, securing, and handling.



**Contact us to discuss your logistics needs.**

**We'll develop the optimal solution for your cargo and business, leveraging all the advantages of the Freeport of Riga.**

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