



Is transloading right for your supply chain?

Here's a quick decision tree to help you determine if transloading is right for you:

High shipment volume and frequent logistics needs?

Yes: Transloading can be a great way to leverage cost-effective transport modes for each leg, potentially saving you money.

No: If your shipments are infrequent or low volume, the added handling steps may not justify the benefits.

Deliveries to diverse or metro-area destinations?

Yes: Transloading allows you to adapt to different final destinations – including single-location delivery into major metro areas – using trucks where rail or direct container access may be limited.

No: If your deliveries are highly concentrated and easily served by direct container delivery, transloading may offer limited added value.

Handle varied cargo types or shipment sizes (LCL)?

Yes: Transloading facilities can consolidate different shipments heading to similar destinations — even if cargo is similar — helping maximise trailer utilisation and reduce costs.

No: If your LCL volumes are too low to achieve consistent consolidation or compression, or weight limits restrict efficiency, transloading may be less suitable.

Key priorities with freight shipping?

Cost savings: Transloading can help you find the most economical transport options for each journey leg.

Speed: Transloading can expedite deliveries by utilising the best mode at each stage.

If your needs match these scenarios, transloading could significantly optimise your supply chain. If not, consider simpler logistics strategies to avoid unnecessary complexity.

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