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#### **URGENT BRIEFING**

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The vast majority of all U.S. military sea cargo sold to the Israeli Ministry of Defense (IMOD) passes through a single warehouse in Jersey City, NJ. Located at 1A Colony Road and owned by Interglobal Forwarding Services (IFS), this facility handles over 1,000 tons of IDF-bound military cargo every week.

According to public bill of lading data, everything that enters and exits this warehouse is bound for the Israeli Military. IFS has handled at least **878 tons of sea cargo per week** in 2025, as well as handling an estimated **263-525 tons per week of air cargo.** 

This warehouse is effectively an overseas logistics department of the IMOD. It ships military cargo and coordinates U.S. Military transport for large amounts of ammunition when required, working hand in hand with the Israeli procurement office for weaponry in the U.S. — the IMOD Mission purchasing office, located at the Israeli Consulate at 800 2nd Ave in New York.









### Sea Cargo

**91 percent of sea exports that don't touch a US Military base pass through the IFS warehouse.** It is the default location for any export of military goods to Israel: according to the IMOD, all cargo ordered by IMOD must be directed to IFS (with exception).

Key exceptions, when IMOD military cargo does not flow through IFS, include:

- Large quantities of ammunition: usually, the U.S. Military ships direct to Israel usually either via airlift at an Air Mobility Command, or through Military Ocean Terminal Sunny Point (MOTSU) in North Carolina.<sup>2</sup> These shipments can both be direct transfer from the U.S. Military to IMOD through arms deals, or special procurements by the IMOD, shipments for which IFS has historically chartered and arranged, both out of MOTSU and Dover Air Force Base.<sup>3</sup>
- Prime contractor shipping: Major weapons contractors, such as Lockheed Martin, General Dynamics, and RTX, or the U.S. Government itself typically deliver to IMOD either via commercial air cargo (for spare aircraft parts<sup>4</sup> and smaller explosives deliveries<sup>5</sup>) or a chartered sealift or airlift done by the US Military (see first exception above).
- Supply to Israeli companies: although IFS does handle some IMI and Rafael shipments, most Israeli companies such as Elbit Systems have their own system of shipping and procurement outside of IMOD, as well as their own routes.
- Heavy shipments: When an individual shipment exceeds 6,500 tons, IFS will arrange for other warehouses to handle excess cargo.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Per IMOD's own website: "Following is the required marking for each piece of the shipment: Ship to: GOI /MOD c/o G&B Packing Company, Inc. 1A Colony Road Jersey City, NJ 07305" for all shipments from the U.S. procured by the IMOD.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See the Palestinian Youth Movement (PYM) report on the MV Sagamore, which has delivered MK-84 bombs to IMOD via MOTSU at least twice.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> According to a 2015 pamphlet by G&B Packing, the sister company of IFS, IFS had chartered a "full ocean vessel for explosives through Military Ocean Terminal Sunny Point" and "Coordinated chartered monthly military aircraft out of Dover Air Force Base".

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> See PYM report on F-35 program spare parts program via Fort Worth and Oakland airports.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> In May 2025, 14 tons of nitrocellulose (a TNT equivalent) were <u>shipped</u> out of JFK to Israel.









#### Shipment Contents

In 2025, the shipments follow a general pattern. On weekly Maersk vessels, heavy cargo, like steel armored plates, boots, helmets, Merkava tank parts, and armored and unarmored cars, travel from the IFS warehouse to Port Newark–Elizabeth Marine Terminal, where they are loaded onto a Maersk vessel on the MECL line, dropped off in Tangier, Morocco, and picked up by another Maersk vessel on the Med Loop C to be taken to Haifa.

Occasionally IMOD (through IFS) charters ZIM vessels to make special ammo trips (e.g., ZIM VIRGINIA on 1/28/25 and 8/17/25 and ZIM ASIA on 3/28/25). These vessels travel directly from Newark to Israel, rather than trans-shipping in Tangier like the weekly Maersk ships. The warehouse seems to have a capacity of 6,000 tons, as this is the largest observed cargo shipment out of IFS. These shipments have delivered thousands of MK-84 bomb bodies, HEMTTs and FMTV's, armored personnel carrier hulls, artillery vehicles, and 364 tons of highly explosive smokeless powder.

IFS also handles shipments for Israeli Military Industries (IMI) and Rafael Advanced Systems. In 2025, there were 5 shipments to IMI, all of which were redacted but one containing 340 tons of rifle ammunition<sup>7</sup>:

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Prior to November 2024, these Maersk shipments contained Oshkosh HEMTT's, Namer Tank Hulls, MK-84 bomb bodies, bullet core, along with many redacted entries. After international outrage over Maersk shipping weapons and violating the Spanish arms embargo by trans-shipping through Algeciras, many of the weapons shipments moved over to the more infrequent ZIM trips.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Estimated weight, based on weight per cartridge matching the 5.56 cartridge for the Tavor X95, the standard-issue Israeli rifle.









#### Air Cargo

While IFS does not handle all military air cargo going to Israel, there is evidence that it handles a significant share thereof.

A former employee of IFS states on his LinkedIn profile that the warehouse handled "5–10 pallets of air cargo a day" in 2015 for IMOD. Assuming the pallets are loaded to max capacity, this comes out to 263 to 525 tons per week.8

According to U.S. Census Data, JFK Airport is the largest port of exit of HS Code 93 (Arms and Ammunition) exports to Israel, handling 40 percent by weight. While it cannot be confirmed that IFS is responsible for this figure (as air cargo data is not publicly available like sea cargo), IFS has been seen to ship explosives through JFK before, thanks to a Freedom of Information request in Belgium by Vredesactie.<sup>9</sup>

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> A standard air cargo PMC pallet has a maximum capacity of 7.5 tons. Assuming pallets are loaded to max capacity, 5–10 pallets a day comes out to 37.5–75 tons a day.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> See the March 2024 <u>report</u>, Belgian arms exports to Israel: The discrepancy between words and deeds in export control policy. Most flights analyzed were Challenge Airlines, an Israeli operator that runs multiple flights every week from JFK Airport.



