

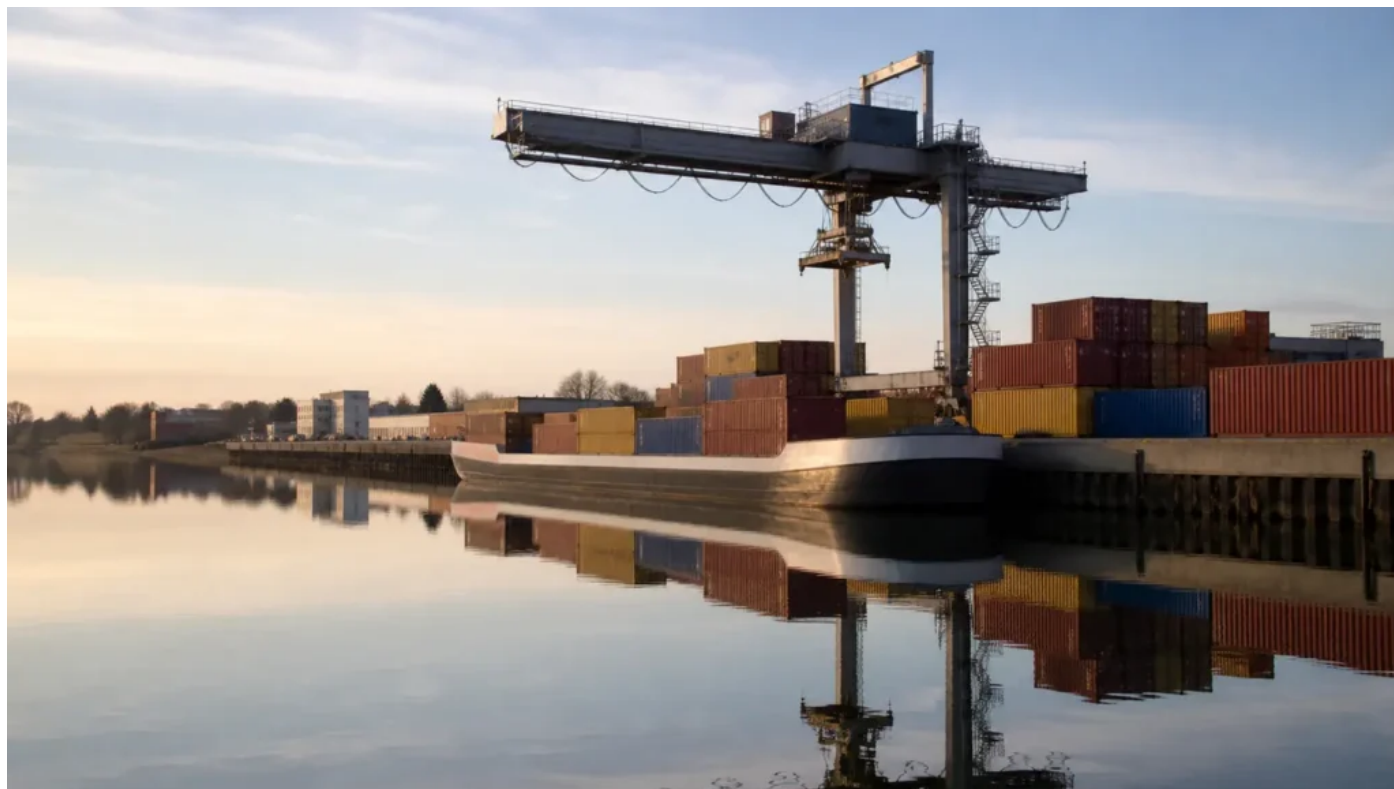
Sea Freight from China to Constantine

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China → Constantine · via ALG air / Skikda sea · clearance by Direction Générale des Douanes, Algeria



Cargo handling on the China–Constantine lane.

Freight from China into Constantine clears through ALG air / Skikda sea. Constantine is eastern regional capital, and allow +1 day for the inland leg on top of clearance.

Clearance itself is handled by Direction Générale des Douanes, Algeria, and typical dwell at the gateway runs 10–20 days.

What you will pay on arrival in Algeria

Imports into Algeria are cleared by Direction Générale des Douanes, Algeria. The headline position is: VAT 19%; duty 5–60%, plus additional safeguard duty (DAPS) of up to 200% on some consumer goods. The de-minimis threshold is No practical de-minimis for commercial cargo.

Conformity is the part most first-time importers underestimate: Certificate of conformity and bank domiciliation of the import contract required before shipment. Getting this wrong is expensive because it usually cannot be fixed after the cargo has landed.

Restrictions and known friction points for Algeria: Bank domiciliation of the import contract is mandatory before shipping. DAPS safeguard duty applies to a long list of finished goods. Import bans and quotas on certain categories change with policy — verify at booking.

What the routing looks like in practice

Algeria protects domestic production aggressively, and the additional safeguard duty on finished consumer goods can dwarf the base tariff. Every commercial import also has to be domiciled with an Algerian bank before shipment, which links the logistics timetable to the consignee's banking arrangements. Treat the license and domiciliation as the critical path.

Sea gateways used	Algiers, Oran, Béjaïa
Sea transit, China to gateway	24–32 calendar days
Gateway serving Constantine	ALG air / Skikda sea
Inland leg to Constantine	+1 day from the gateway
Typical clearance / dwell	10–20 days
Peak season to plan around	Sep–Nov



Handling on the ALG air / Skikda sea routing serving Constantine.

Before you book: Constantine checklist

- Confirm the consignee in Constantine can act as importer of record — Direction Générale des Douanes, Algeria will not release cargo to an unregistered party.
- Plan around the China-side windows too: Chinese New Year and Golden Week both compress capacity on the Algeria lane.
- Book earlier than the transit time suggests during Sep–Nov, when space on this lane tightens.
- Photograph carton markings and seal numbers before departure — it makes any claim far easier to settle.
- Get the conformity paperwork moving early: Certificate of conformity and bank domiciliation of the import contract required before shipment.
- Use ISPM-15 treated pallets. Untreated wood is the most common reason otherwise-clean cargo gets held.

Frequently asked questions

How long does shipping from China to Constantine take?

China to the Algeria gateway is 24–32 calendar days. On top of that, allow 10–20 days of clearance with Direction Générale des Douanes, Algeria and a +1 day inland leg to Constantine.

What duty and tax will I pay importing into Constantine?

Direction Générale des Douanes, Algeria applies: VAT 19%; duty 5–60%, plus additional safeguard duty (DAPS) of up to 200% on some consumer goods. The de-minimis position is No practical de-minimis for commercial cargo. Under a DDP arrangement these are pre-paid, so nothing is collected on arrival in Constantine.

Which port or airport does cargo for Constantine clear through?

Cargo for Constantine is routed via ALG air / Skikda sea. Sea gateways for Algeria are Algiers, Oran, Béjaïa; air gateways are ALG (Algiers), ORN (Oran). We pick whichever gives the shortest total door time for your address.

What certification do I need for Algeria?

For regulated goods, plan for: Certificate of conformity and bank domiciliation of the import contract required before shipment.

Missing conformity paperwork is the single most common cause of a hold, and in most cases it cannot be remedied once the cargo has arrived.

What documents does Direction Générale des Douanes, Algeria require?

A commercial invoice with HS codes, a packing list, the bill of lading or air waybill, a certificate of origin where it lowers duty, and any product certification (Certificate of conformity and bank domiciliation of the import contract required before shipment). We prepare and file these as part of the service.

Is sea freight cheaper than air freight into Constantine?

Per kilo, yes — usually by a wide margin. The trade-off is time: 24–32 calendar days by sea versus 5–8 business days by air to the Algeria gateway, before clearance and the +1 day inland leg. The crossover point is normally somewhere between 100 and 300 kg depending on the density of your cargo.

Other delivery cities in Algeria

- [China to Algiers](#)
- [China to Oran](#)
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- [China to Blida](#)
- [China to Setif](#)

[All Algeria freight information →](#)

References & official sources

Duty rates, thresholds and conformity requirements for Algeria change by ministerial decision, sometimes mid-year. The figures on this page are buyer-planning references, not a customs ruling — confirm the current position for your own HS code with Direction Générale des Douanes, Algeria or your broker before you ship.

- [Direction Générale des Douanes](#)
- [WTO — Tariff Profiles \(applied MFN duty by country\)](#)
- [IATA — Lithium battery shipping guidance \(PI 965-970\)](#)
- [World Bank — Logistics Performance Index](#)
- [ICC — Incoterms 2020 rules \(DDP, DAP, FOB definitions\)](#)
- [IPPC — ISPM 15 wood packaging standard](#)

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Shipping by industry

This page covers the route and clearance picture for the destination. Packing, classification and the compliance step that actually holds a shipment depend on what you are sending — these guides cover that by commodity.

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Checking the Algeria duty position yourself

Duty and tax figures on this page are planning estimates. The binding assessment is made by Direction Générale des Douanes, Algeria against your declared HS code at the time of entry; where the amount is material, verify the current rate through [ITC Market Access Map](#) before committing to an order.

Classification drives everything downstream: the same carton can attract very different duty depending on the heading it lands in, and the structure those headings come from is [the World Customs Organization Harmonized System](#). If your product sits near a boundary between two headings, resolve it before shipping rather than at the border.

For ocean cargo, restricted commodities move under [the IMO's IMDG Code](#), and the container has to be declared and stowed accordingly. Batteries, flammables and corrosives all have a compliant ocean path; what causes rolled bookings is finding out about them after the container is packed.

Watch: the process behind this route

This guide covers routing and clearance for Constantine. The video below covers the wider shipping process that sits around it.

Sea Freight Shipping Process for Beginners: Complete Factory-to-Door Guide (Every Step Explained) — Vixnk - English. Published on YouTube by a third party; we link it because it explains the process well, not because we produced it or endorse the provider.

Get a rate for Constantine

This lane is quoted per shipment rather than from a published rate card, because the landed cost depends on the commodity, its density, the conformity requirements above and the delivery point. Send the cargo details and we will come back with a full DDP figure.

[Request a quote →](#)

Freight Rates to Algeria

⚖ Cargo Weight (KG)

☐ Enter the actual gross weight of your shipment in kilograms. If you're unsure, fill in the volume fields below and we'll calculate it for you.

☐ Or enter volume (cm) — volumetric weight ÷ 6000

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Non-integers rounded up. Larger of actual vs volumetric is used.

☐ Number of Boxes

Total chargeable weight = weight per box × number of boxes.

⚠ When you have not filled in the volume information, our prices may be inaccurate.

Constantine Sea Freight, Algeria: Cost, Transit & Customs

Sea Freight to Constantine: 24–32 calendar days in transit, cleared by Direction Générale des Douanes, Algeria, +1 day to the door.

What the rate covers and what it does not.

Get a Quote

Send the cargo details and we respond within one business day with a full DDP figure for Constantine.

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Customs clearance in Algeria

Duty and tax position, certification, typical port dwell and what actually holds shipments at this border — plus who files the entry.

[Algeria clearance requirements →](#)