

# Sea Freight from China to Oran

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China → Oran · via ORN air / Oran sea · clearance by Direction Générale des Douanes, Algeria



Cargo handling on the China-Oran lane.

We move sea freight cargo from South China into Oran through ORN air / Oran sea. Oran is western port and industrial city, which shapes the kind of cargo that moves on this lane and how it should be packed.

The clearing authority is Direction Générale des Douanes, Algeria. Historical dwell on this gateway is around 10–20 days, and it lengthens in Sep–Nov.

## Routing and transit on this lane

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.

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| Sea gateways used             | Algiers, Oran, Béjaïa     |
| Sea transit, China to gateway | 24-32 calendar days       |
| Gateway serving Oran          | ORN air / Oran sea        |
| Inland leg to Oran            | Same day from the gateway |
| Typical clearance / dwell     | 10-20 days                |
| Peak season to plan around    | Sep-Nov                   |

## Import duty and tax position for Oran

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.



Handling on the ORN air / Oran sea routing serving Oran.

## What to sort out before the cargo leaves China

- Use ISPM-15 treated pallets. Untreated wood is the most common reason otherwise-clean cargo gets held.
- Compare gross weight against volumetric weight ( $L \times W \times H \div 6000$ ) — the higher figure is what gets billed on air and express.
- Put the Oran delivery address, contact name and phone number on the invoice, not just the packing list.
- Photograph carton markings and seal numbers before departure — it makes any claim far easier to settle.
- Ask for the HS code in writing from your supplier and verify the Algeria duty rate against it yourself.
- Get the conformity paperwork moving early: Certificate of conformity and bank domiciliation of the import contract required before shipment.

## Frequently asked questions

How long does shipping from China to Oran 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 same-day inland leg to Oran.

What duty and tax will I pay importing into Oran?

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 Oran.

Is sea freight cheaper than air freight into Oran?

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 same-day inland leg. The crossover point is normally somewhere between 100 and 300 kg depending on the density of your cargo.

How is the chargeable weight calculated for Oran?

We compare actual gross weight against volumetric weight — length × width × height in centimeters divided by 6000 for air — and bill the greater of the two, rounded up to the next kilogram. Light, bulky cargo is almost always billed on volume.

When is the busiest time on the China–Algeria lane?

Space and rates tighten around Sep–Nov, plus the China-side windows of Chinese New Year in January or February and Golden Week in early October. Book one to two weeks earlier in those periods.

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.

## Other delivery cities in Algeria

- [China to Algiers](#)
- [China to Constantine](#)
- [China to Annaba](#)
- [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.

- [Pet Products Consumer Goods & Gifts](#)
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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.

Most landed-cost surprises trace back to classification rather than freight. [the WCO Harmonized System](#) defines the heading structure every customs administration builds on, and [ITC Market Access Map](#) will show you the duty a given heading attracts in this destination.

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 Oran. The video below covers the wider shipping process that sits around it.

What Is CBM? Sea Freight Volume Explained (Calculate Shipping Cost Fast!) — DDPCHAIN. 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 Oran

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.

Oran Sea Freight, Algeria: Cost, Transit & Customs

Sea Freight to Oran: 24–32 calendar days in transit, cleared by Direction Générale des Douanes, Algeria, same 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 Oran.

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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 →](#)