

Shipping from China to Hidd

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China → Hidd · via BAH air / Khalifa Bin Salman sea · clearance by Bahrain Customs Affairs



Cargo handling on the China-Hidd lane.

For buyers shipping into Hidd, the practical question is not the ocean or flight time but what happens after arrival. Hidd is industrial zone adjoining the container port; cargo enters through BAH air / Khalifa Bin Salman sea, and the inland leg is same-day, so the clearance date is effectively the delivery date.

Clearance itself is handled by Bahrain Customs Affairs, and typical dwell at the gateway runs 2-5 days.

What the routing looks like in practice

Bahrain is usually served by feeder from Jebel Ali or direct calls at Khalifa Bin Salman, and the King Fahd Causeway makes it a viable entry point for eastern Saudi Arabia. Volumes are small, so LCL consolidation via Dubai is often the economic choice over

waiting for a direct sailing.

Air gateways used	BAH (Bahrain International)
Air transit, China to gateway	3-5 business days
Sea gateways used	Khalifa Bin Salman Port
Sea transit, China to gateway	18-26 calendar days
Gateway serving Hidd	BAH air / Khalifa Bin Salman sea
Inland leg to Hidd	Same day from the gateway
Typical clearance / dwell	2-5 days
Peak season to plan around	Sep-Nov

Duty, tax and clearance into Hidd

Bahrain Customs Affairs assesses duty and tax on cargo arriving for Hidd consignees. Current regime: VAT 10%; GCC common tariff of 5% on most goods, with a de-minimis position of BHD 300 for personal consignments.

Conformity is the part most first-time importers underestimate: Bahrain conformity requirements for regulated goods; Arabic labeling. Getting this wrong is expensive because it usually cannot be fixed after the cargo has landed.

Restrictions and known friction points for Bahrain: Alcohol and pork are restricted to licensed importers. Onward road movement into Saudi Arabia is a separate customs event across the causeway.



Handling on the BAH air / Khalifa Bin Salman sea routing serving Hidd.

Air, sea or overland into Hidd?

Mode	Transit to gateway	Best suited to
→ Air Freight	3-5 business days	time-critical, high-value and low-volume cargo
🚢 Sea Freight	18-26 calendar days	volume cargo where cost per kilo matters more than speed

Transit shown is China departure to the Bahrain gateway and excludes the same-day inland leg to Hidd and 2-5 days of clearance.

Before you book: Hidd checklist

- Check the de-minimis position (BHD 300 for personal consignments) against your invoice value before you decide how to split the shipment.
- Compare gross weight against volumetric weight ($L \times W \times H \div 6000$) — the higher figure is what gets billed on air and express.
- Budget for the inland leg: same-day delivery beyond gateway clearance to reach Hidd.
- Ask for the HS code in writing from your supplier and verify the Bahrain duty rate against it yourself.
- Declare lithium batteries, magnets, liquids and powders up front — retro-declaring after booking usually means re-planning the whole shipment.
- Confirm the consignee in Hidd can act as importer of record — Bahrain Customs Affairs will not release cargo to an unregistered party.

Mode guides for Hidd

- [➔ Air Freight to Hidd](#)
- [□□ Sea Freight to Hidd](#)

Frequently asked questions

How long does shipping from China to Hidd take?

China to the Bahrain gateway is 3–5 business days by air, 18–26 calendar days by sea. On top of that, allow 2–5 days of clearance with Bahrain Customs Affairs and a same-day inland leg to Hidd.

What duty and tax will I pay importing into Hidd?

Bahrain Customs Affairs applies: VAT 10%; GCC common tariff of 5% on most goods. The de-minimis position is BHD 300 for personal consignments. Under a DDP arrangement these are pre-paid, so nothing is collected on arrival in Hidd.

Can you deliver door-to-door in Hidd?

Yes. Delivery to a Hidd address is quoted as one figure covering freight, duty and tax owed to Bahrain Customs Affairs, and the same-day inland leg. Confirm whether your consignee wants the goods at a warehouse, a marketplace fulfillment center or a shop front, because the last-mile requirement differs.

When is the busiest time on the China–Bahrain 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.

Can you ship batteries or sensitive cargo to Hidd?

Yes. Battery cargo by air follows IATA PI 965–970 depending on how the cells are packed, and moves on certified channels via BAH (Bahrain International). Surcharges apply and the declaration has to be made before booking.

Is sea freight cheaper than air freight into Hidd?

Per kilo, yes — usually by a wide margin. The trade-off is time: 18–26 calendar days by sea versus 3–5 business days by air to the Bahrain 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.

Other delivery cities in Bahrain

- [China to Khalifa Bin Salman](#)
- [China to Manama](#)
- [China to Riffa](#)
- [China to Muharraq](#)
- [China to Isa Town](#)

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References & official sources

Duty rates, thresholds and conformity requirements for Bahrain 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 Bahrain Customs Affairs or your broker before you ship.

- [Bahrain Customs Affairs](#)
- [WTO — Tariff Profiles \(applied MFN duty by country\)](#)
- [WCO — Harmonized System nomenclature](#)
- [IMO — IMDG Code for dangerous goods by sea](#)
- [IATA — Lithium battery shipping guidance \(PI 965–970\)](#)

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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 Bahrain duty position yourself

Duty and tax figures on this page are planning estimates. The binding assessment is made by Bahrain Customs Affairs 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.

If you want to sanity-check a duty figure yourself, start from the heading rather than the product name — [the WCO Harmonized System](#) is the underlying nomenclature, and [the WTO Tariff & Trade Data portal](#) holds the applied rates by country pair.

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.

On the origin side, export declaration and any commodity inspection requirement fall under [China Customs \(GACC\)](#); we handle that filing as part of the service, but the requirement is theirs, not ours.

If this is your first shipment into Bahrain, the [Bahrain Country Commercial Guide](#) covers the practical import environment in more depth than a rate page reasonably can, and it is written by a party with no stake in your booking.

Watch: the process behind this route

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

Bills of Lading 101 - What Is a Bill of Lading — Flexport. 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 Hidd

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](#) → [See the Bahrain route page](#) →

Freight Rates to Bahrain

⚙ 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

× ×

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.

Hidd, Bahrain Freight from China: Transit & Customs

Cargo from China to Hidd, Bahrain clears through BAH air / Khalifa Bin Salman sea. Bahrain Customs Affairs assesses duty and tax; the inland leg adds same day.

Get a Quote

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

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Customs clearance in Bahrain

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

[Bahrain clearance requirements →](#)

Priced routes to Bahrain

- [Ningbo to Khalifa Bin Salman FCL Ocean Freight Rates | 20GP & 40HQ](#)
- [Shanghai to Khalifa Bin Salman Container Shipping — 20GP Rates](#)