

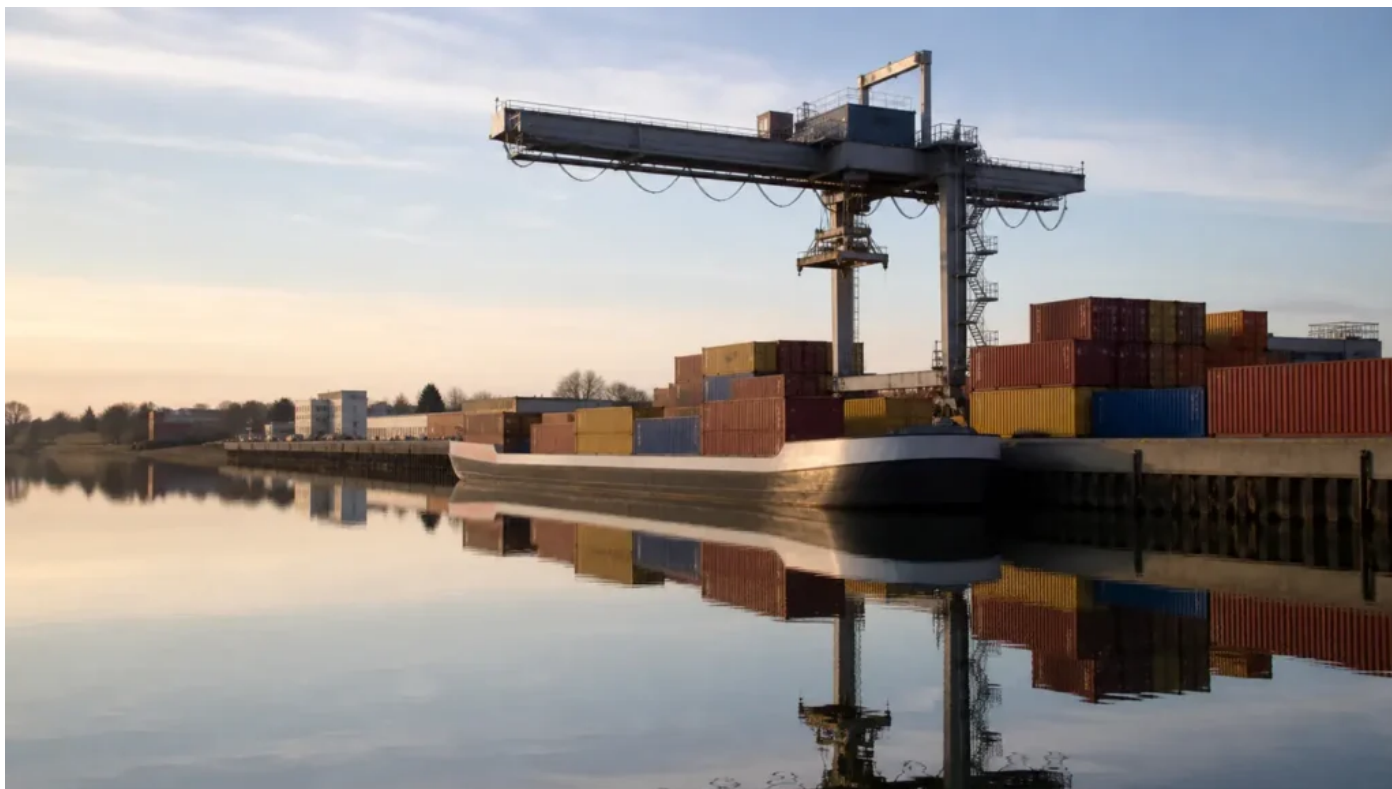
Sea Freight from China to Mostar

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Sea Freight

China → Mostar · via SJJ air / Ploce transit · clearance by Indirect Taxation Authority of Bosnia and Herzegovina



Cargo handling on the China-Mostar lane.

Freight from China into Mostar clears through SJJ air / Ploce transit. Mostar is southern city closest to the Croatian port, and the inland leg is same-day, so the clearance date is effectively the delivery date.

On the destination side, Indirect Taxation Authority of Bosnia and Herzegovina handles clearance; budget 4-9 days of dwell before the cargo is released.

Routing and transit on this lane

Ploče in Croatia is the natural sea gateway and Bar in Montenegro the alternative, both followed by a road leg under transit. The single 17% VAT rate keeps landed-cost modeling simple compared with neighboring markets, but the two-country routing means two sets of documentation.

Sea gateways used	Landlocked in practice — via Ploče (Croatia) or Bar (Montenegro)
Sea transit, China to gateway	30–40 calendar days plus inland leg
Gateway serving Mostar	SJJ air / Ploce transit
Inland leg to Mostar	Same day from the gateway
Typical clearance / dwell	4–9 days
Peak season to plan around	Sep–Nov

What you will pay on arrival in Bosnia and Herzegovina

Imports into Bosnia and Herzegovina are cleared by Indirect Taxation Authority of Bosnia and Herzegovina. The headline position is: VAT 17% flat; customs duty 0–15%. The de-minimis threshold is No practical de-minimis for commercial cargo.

Conformity is the part most first-time importers underestimate: Conformity requirements largely aligned to EU technical regulations. Getting this wrong is expensive because it usually cannot be fixed after the cargo has landed.

Restrictions and known friction points for Bosnia and Herzegovina: Transit through Croatia or Montenegro requires bonded movement documents. Customs valuation disputes are relatively common — keep supporting price evidence with the shipment.



Handling on the SJJ air / Ploce transit routing serving Mostar.

Before you book: Mostar checklist

- Compare gross weight against volumetric weight ($L \times W \times H \div 6000$) — the higher figure is what gets billed on air and express.
- Use ISPM-15 treated pallets. Untreated wood is the most common reason otherwise-clean cargo gets held.
- Ask for the HS code in writing from your supplier and verify the Bosnia and Herzegovina 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.
- Photograph carton markings and seal numbers before departure — it makes any claim far easier to settle.
- Budget for the inland leg: same-day delivery beyond gateway clearance to reach Mostar.

Frequently asked questions

How long does shipping from China to Mostar take?

China to the Bosnia and Herzegovina gateway is 30–40 calendar days plus inland leg. On top of that, allow 4–9 days of clearance with Indirect Taxation Authority of Bosnia and Herzegovina and a same-day inland leg to Mostar.

What duty and tax will I pay importing into Mostar?

Indirect Taxation Authority of Bosnia and Herzegovina applies: VAT 17% flat; customs duty 0–15%. 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 Mostar.

Is sea freight cheaper than air freight into Mostar?

Per kilo, yes — usually by a wide margin. The trade-off is time: 30–40 calendar days plus inland leg by sea versus 4–7 business days by air to the Bosnia and Herzegovina 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 Mostar?

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.

Can you deliver door-to-door in Mostar?

Yes. Delivery to a Mostar address is quoted as one figure covering freight, duty and tax owed to Indirect Taxation Authority of Bosnia and Herzegovina, 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.

What certification do I need for Bosnia and Herzegovina?

For regulated goods, plan for: Conformity requirements largely aligned to EU technical regulations. 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.

Other delivery cities in Bosnia and Herzegovina

- [China to Sarajevo](#)
- [China to Banja Luka](#)
- [China to Tuzla](#)
- [China to Zenica](#)

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References & official sources

Duty rates, thresholds and conformity requirements for Bosnia and Herzegovina 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 Indirect Taxation Authority of Bosnia and Herzegovina or your broker before you ship.

- [Indirect Taxation Authority](#)
- [WTO — Tariff Profiles \(applied MFN duty by country\)](#)
- [World Bank — Logistics Performance Index](#)
- [ICC — Incoterms 2020 rules \(DDP, DAP, FOB definitions\)](#)
- [IPPC — ISPM 15 wood packaging standard](#)
- [WCO — Harmonized System nomenclature](#)

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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 Bosnia and Herzegovina duty position yourself

Duty and tax figures on this page are planning estimates. The binding assessment is made by Indirect Taxation Authority of Bosnia and Herzegovina 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.

Watch: the process behind this route

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

Sea Freight from China: How to import from China to your country via Ocean Shipping — SINO Shipping. 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 Mostar

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 Bosnia and Herzegovina

✚ 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.

Sea Freight to Mostar, Bosnia and Herzegovina: Transit Time, Duty & Clearance

Sea Freight from China to Mostar, Bosnia and Herzegovina. Transit 30–40 calendar days plus inland leg to the gateway, 4–9 days dwell, same day inland. Duty, documents and packing.

Get a Quote

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

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Customs clearance in Bosnia and Herzegovina

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

[Bosnia and Herzegovina clearance requirements →](#)