

Sea Freight from China to Tuzla

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



Cargo handling on the China-Tuzla lane.

We move sea freight cargo from South China into Tuzla through SJJ air / Ploce transit. Tuzla is north-eastern industrial city, which shapes the kind of cargo that moves on this lane and how it should be packed.

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

How this lane actually runs

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 Tuzla	SJJ air / Ploce transit
Inland leg to Tuzla	+1 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 Tuzla.

What to sort out before the cargo leaves China

- Check the de-minimis position (No practical de-minimis for commercial cargo) against your invoice value before you decide how to split the shipment.
- Confirm the consignee in Tuzla can act as importer of record — Indirect Taxation Authority of Bosnia and Herzegovina will not release cargo to an unregistered party.
- Use ISPM-15 treated pallets. Untreated wood is the most common reason otherwise-clean cargo gets held.
- Get the conformity paperwork moving early: Conformity requirements largely aligned to EU technical regulations.
- Compare gross weight against volumetric weight ($L \times W \times H \div 6000$) — the higher figure is what gets billed on air and express.
- Book earlier than the transit time suggests during Sep–Nov, when space on this lane tightens.

Frequently asked questions

How long does shipping from China to Tuzla 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 +1 day inland leg to Tuzla.

What duty and tax will I pay importing into Tuzla?

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 Tuzla.

Can you deliver door-to-door in Tuzla?

Yes. Delivery to a Tuzla address is quoted as one figure covering freight, duty and tax owed to Indirect Taxation Authority of Bosnia and Herzegovina, and the +1 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 documents does Indirect Taxation Authority of Bosnia and Herzegovina 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 (Conformity requirements largely aligned to EU technical regulations). We prepare and file these as part of the service.

When is the busiest time on the China-Bosnia and Herzegovina 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.

Is sea freight cheaper than air freight into Tuzla?

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 +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 Bosnia and Herzegovina

- [China to Sarajevo](#)
- [China to Banja Luka](#)
- [China to Mostar](#)
- [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.

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 Tuzla. 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 Tuzla

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.

China to Tuzla Sea Freight: Rates, Transit and Clearance

Moving cargo to Tuzla by sea freight — 30–40 calendar days plus inland leg transit, 4–9 days port dwell, duty assessed by Indirect Taxation Authority of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Get a Quote

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

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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.

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