

Air Freight from China to Zenica

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



Cargo handling on the China-Zenica lane.

Zenica is steel and metallurgy center, and it is served through SJJ air / Ploce transit. That combination is what actually sets your delivery date on this lane — allow +1 day for the inland leg on top of clearance.

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.

Air gateways used	SJJ (Sarajevo), BNX (Banja Luka)
Air transit, China to gateway	4–7 business days
Gateway serving Zenica	SJJ air / Ploce transit
Inland leg to Zenica	+1 day from the gateway
Typical clearance / dwell	4–9 days
Peak season to plan around	Sep–Nov

Import duty and tax position for Zenica

Indirect Taxation Authority of Bosnia and Herzegovina assesses duty and tax on cargo arriving for Zenica consignees. Current regime: VAT 17% flat; customs duty 0–15%, with a de-minimis position of 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 Zenica.

What to sort out before the cargo leaves China

- Put the Zenica delivery address, contact name and phone number on the invoice, not just the packing list.
- Get the conformity paperwork moving early: Conformity requirements largely aligned to EU technical regulations.
- Photograph carton markings and seal numbers before departure — it makes any claim far easier to settle.
- Declare lithium batteries, magnets, liquids and powders up front — retro-declaring after booking usually means re-planning the whole shipment.
- Use ISPM-15 treated pallets. Untreated wood is the most common reason otherwise-clean cargo gets held.
- Budget for the inland leg: +1 day beyond gateway clearance to reach Zenica.

Frequently asked questions

How long does shipping from China to Zenica take?

China to the Bosnia and Herzegovina gateway is 4–7 business days. 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 Zenica.

What duty and tax will I pay importing into Zenica?

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 Zenica.

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.

Is sea freight cheaper than air freight into Zenica?

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.

Can you deliver door-to-door in Zenica?

Yes. Delivery to a Zenica 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.

How is the chargeable weight calculated for Zenica?

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.

Other delivery cities in Bosnia and Herzegovina

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

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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.

On the air side, anything with a cell or a battery in it, plus liquids, powders, magnets and aerosols, is governed by [the IATA Dangerous Goods Regulations](#). Those articles are not refused outright, but they need to be declared at booking so the shipment is built correctly — declaring them late is the single most common cause of an air consignment being offloaded.

Watch: the process behind this route

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

How to find HS Codes and Calculate Import Duty - 5 tips to save on Duties and Tariffs — Sourcing with Kian. 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 Zenica

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.

Zenica Air Freight, Bosnia and Herzegovina: Cost, Transit & Customs

Air Freight to Zenica: 4-7 business days in transit, cleared by Indirect Taxation Authority of Bosnia and Herzegovina, +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 Zenica.

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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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