

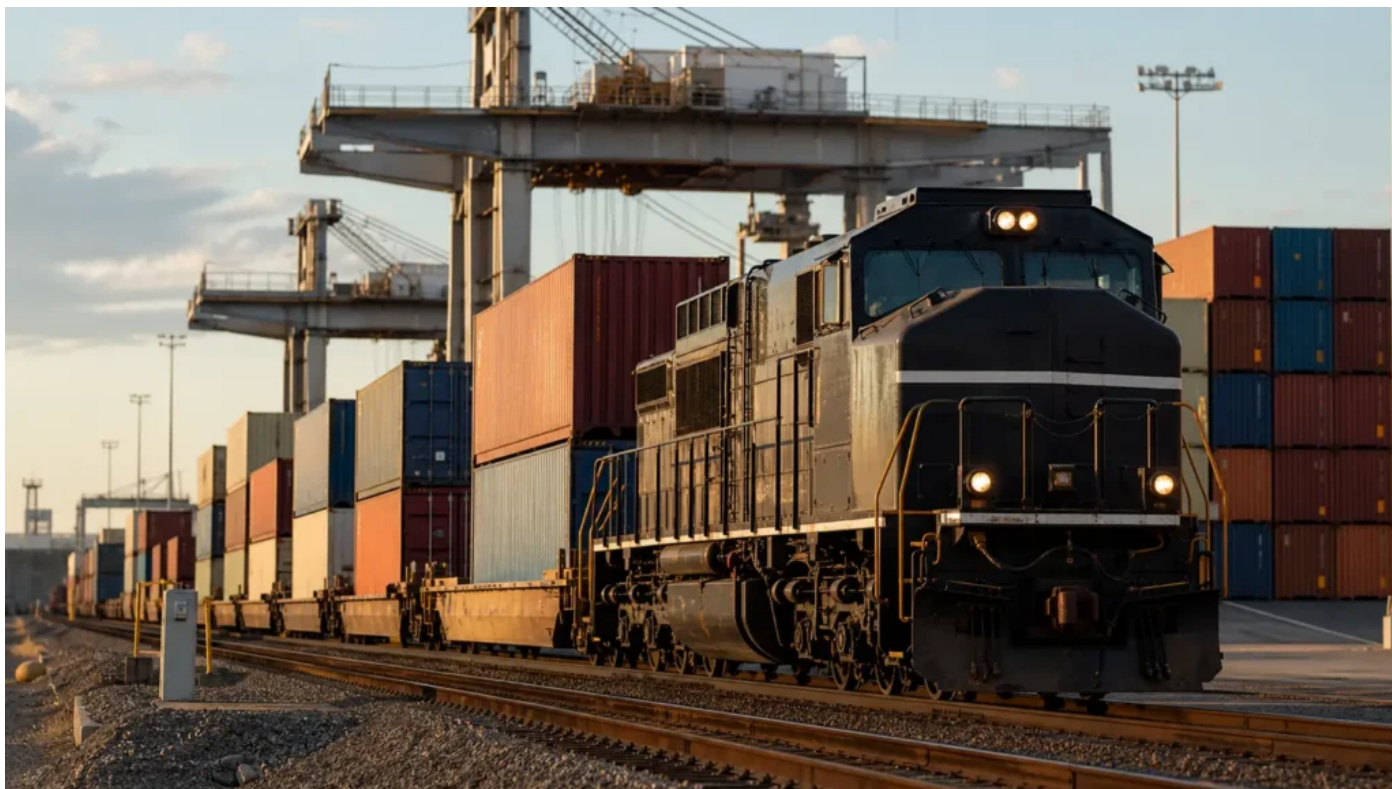
Sea Freight from China to Zenica

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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.

Freight from China into Zenica clears through SJJ air / Ploce transit. Zenica is steel and metallurgy center, and allow +1 day for the inland leg on top of clearance.

Clearance itself is handled by Indirect Taxation Authority of Bosnia and Herzegovina, and typical dwell at the gateway runs 4–9 days.

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 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

Duty, tax and clearance into Zenica

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 Zenica.

Before you book: Zenica checklist

- Check the de-minimis position (No practical de-minimis for commercial cargo) against your invoice value before you decide how to split the shipment.
- Photograph carton markings and seal numbers before departure — it makes any claim far easier to settle.
- Compare gross weight against volumetric weight ($L \times W \times H \div 6000$) — the higher figure is what gets billed on air and express.
- Plan around the China-side windows too: Chinese New Year and Golden Week both compress capacity on the Bosnia and Herzegovina lane.
- Put the Zenica delivery address, contact name and phone number on the invoice, not just the packing list.
- 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 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 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.

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.

Can you ship batteries or sensitive cargo to Zenica?

Yes. Battery cargo by sea moves under UN3480/UN3481 with an MSDS, and the dangerous-goods documentation is prepared as part of the booking into Landlocked in practice — via Ploče (Croatia) or Bar (Montenegro). Surcharges apply and space is more limited than for general cargo.

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.

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.

Classification drives everything downstream: the same carton can attract very different duty depending on the heading it lands in, and the structure those headings come from is [the World Customs Organization Harmonized System](#). If your product sits near a boundary between two headings, resolve it before shipping rather than at the border.

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

Marine Insurance Explained - Understand the Cargo Insurance You're Getting — ABTS®. 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.

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

Sea Freight from China to Zenica, Bosnia and Herzegovina. Transit 30–40 calendar days plus inland leg to the gateway, 4–9 days dwell, +1 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 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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