

# Air Freight from China to Ngozi

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China → Ngozi · via BJM air / Mombasa transit · clearance by Office Burundais des Recettes (OBR)



Cargo handling on the China-Ngozi lane.

Ngozi is northern agricultural center, and it is served through BJM air / Mombasa transit. That combination is what actually sets your delivery date on this lane — allow +3 days for the inland leg on top of clearance.

The clearing authority is Office Burundais des Recettes (OBR). Historical dwell on this gateway is around 10–20 days, and it lengthens in Sep–Dec.

## Routing and transit on this lane

Burundi sits at the end of the longest inland corridor in East Africa — roughly 1,400 km from Dar es Salaam. The road leg is the dominant cost and time factor, frequently exceeding the ocean freight itself, and the Central Corridor’s condition varies by season. Quote the inland leg explicitly rather than folding it into a single figure.

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| Air gateways used             | BJM (Bujumbura)           |
| Air transit, China to gateway | 6-9 business days         |
| Gateway serving Ngozi         | BJM air / Mombasa transit |
| Inland leg to Ngozi           | +3 days from the gateway  |
| Typical clearance / dwell     | 10-20 days                |
| Peak season to plan around    | Sep-Dec                   |

## What you will pay on arrival in Burundi

Office Burundais des Recettes (OBR) assesses duty and tax on cargo arriving for Ngozi consignees. Current regime: VAT 18%; EAC common external tariff 0-35%, with a de-minimis position of No practical de-minimis for commercial cargo.

Conformity is the part most first-time importers underestimate: Pre-export verification of conformity for regulated goods; EAC certificate of origin where applicable. Getting this wrong is expensive because it usually cannot be fixed after the cargo has landed.

**Restrictions and known friction points for Burundi:** Inland corridor transit through Tanzania requires bonded documentation and is the main schedule risk. Foreign-currency availability constrains duty settlement. PVoC conformity applies to regulated goods.



Handling on the BJM air / Mombasa transit routing serving Ngozi.

## Before you book: Ngozi checklist

- Use ISPM-15 treated pallets. Untreated wood is the most common reason otherwise-clean cargo gets held.
- Photograph carton markings and seal numbers before departure — it makes any claim far easier to settle.
- Get the conformity paperwork moving early: Pre-export verification of conformity for regulated goods; EAC certificate of origin where applicable.
- Budget for the inland leg: +3 days beyond gateway clearance to reach Ngozi.
- Check the de-minimis position (No practical de-minimis for commercial cargo) against your invoice value before you decide how to split the shipment.
- Put the Ngozi delivery address, contact name and phone number on the invoice, not just the packing list.

## Frequently asked questions

How long does shipping from China to Ngozi take?

China to the Burundi gateway is 6–9 business days. On top of that, allow 10–20 days of clearance with Office Burundais des Recettes (OBR) and a +3 days inland leg to Ngozi.

What duty and tax will I pay importing into Ngozi?

Office Burundais des Recettes (OBR) applies: VAT 18%; EAC common external tariff 0–35%. 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 Ngozi.

How is the chargeable weight calculated for Ngozi?

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 ship batteries or sensitive cargo to Ngozi?

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

Can you deliver door-to-door in Ngozi?

Yes. Delivery to a Ngozi address is quoted as one figure covering freight, duty and tax owed to Office Burundais des Recettes (OBR), and the +3 days 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.

Is sea freight cheaper than air freight into Ngozi?

Per kilo, yes — usually by a wide margin. The trade-off is time: 40–55 calendar days including the inland corridor by sea versus 6–9 business days by air to the Burundi gateway, before clearance and the +3 days inland leg. The crossover point is normally somewhere between 100 and 300 kg depending on the density of your cargo.

## Other delivery cities in Burundi

- [China to Bujumbura](#)
- [China to Gitega](#)
- [China to Rumonge](#)

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## References & official sources

Duty rates, thresholds and conformity requirements for Burundi 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 Office Burundais des Recettes (OBR) or your broker before you ship.

- [Office Burundais des Recettes](#)
- [WTO — Tariff Profiles \(applied MFN duty by country\)](#)
- [IATA — Lithium battery shipping guidance \(PI 965–970\)](#)
- [World Bank — Logistics Performance Index](#)
- [ICC — Incoterms 2020 rules \(DDP, DAP, FOB definitions\)](#)

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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 Burundi duty position yourself

Duty and tax figures on this page are planning estimates. The binding assessment is made by Office Burundais des Recettes (OBR) 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.

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

What Is Chargeable Weight in Air Freight? — Smart Logistics Network. 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 Ngozi

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 Burundi

⚖ 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.

Ngozi Air Freight, Burundi: Cost, Transit & Customs

Air Freight to Ngozi: 6–9 business days in transit, cleared by Office Burundais des Recettes (OBR), +3 days 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 Ngozi.

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## Customs clearance in Burundi

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

[Burundi clearance requirements](#) →