

Shipping from China to Moroni

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China → Moroni · via HAH air / Moroni sea · clearance by Direction Générale des Douanes des Comores



Cargo handling on the China-Moroni lane.

For buyers shipping into Moroni, the practical question is not the ocean or flight time but what happens after arrival. Moroni is capital on Grande Comore; cargo enters through HAH air / Moroni sea, and the inland leg is same-day, so the clearance date is effectively the delivery date.

Clearance itself is handled by Direction Générale des Douanes des Comores, and typical dwell at the gateway runs 7-15 days.

What the routing looks like in practice

Mutsamudu on Anjouan is the deeper port and handles much of the container volume, with Moroni serving Grande Comore. Cargo transships through Mombasa, Dar es Salaam or Port Louis. Inter-island movement is by small coastal vessel and should never be

assumed to be included in a quote.

Air gateways used	HAH (Moroni Prince Said Ibrahim)
Air transit, China to gateway	7-10 business days
Sea gateways used	Moroni, Mutsamudu (Anjouan)
Sea transit, China to gateway	26-36 calendar days
Gateway serving Moroni	HAH air / Moroni sea
Inland leg to Moroni	Same day from the gateway
Typical clearance / dwell	7-15 days
Peak season to plan around	Sep-Nov

Duty, tax and clearance into Moroni

Direction Générale des Douanes des Comores assesses duty and tax on cargo arriving for Moroni consignees. Current regime: Consumption tax on imports in place of VAT; duty 0-30% depending on commodity, with a de-minimis position of No practical de-minimis for commercial cargo.

Conformity is the part most first-time importers underestimate: Import authorisation for controlled goods. Getting this wrong is expensive because it usually cannot be fixed after the cargo has landed.

Restrictions and known friction points for Comoros: Inter-island delivery is a separate cost. Feeder frequency is limited and irregular. Confirm which island the consignee is on before quoting a door rate.



Handling on the HAH air / Moroni sea routing serving Moroni.

Air, sea or overland into Moroni?

Mode	Transit to gateway	Best suited to
➔ Air Freight	7-10 business days	time-critical, high-value and low-volume cargo
🚢 Sea Freight	26-36 calendar days	volume cargo where cost per kilo matters more than speed

Transit shown is China departure to the Comoros gateway and excludes the same-day inland leg to Moroni and 7-15 days of clearance.

What to sort out before the cargo leaves China

- Book earlier than the transit time suggests during Sep-Nov, when space on this lane tightens.
- Budget for the inland leg: same-day delivery beyond gateway clearance to reach Moroni.
- Check the de-minimis position (No practical de-minimis for commercial cargo) against your invoice value before you decide how to split the shipment.
- Ask for the HS code in writing from your supplier and verify the Comoros duty rate against it yourself.
- Compare gross weight against volumetric weight (LxWxH ÷ 6000) — the higher figure is what gets billed on air and express.
- Photograph carton markings and seal numbers before departure — it makes any claim far easier to settle.

Mode guides for Moroni

- [➔ Air Freight to Moroni](#)
- [🚢 Sea Freight to Moroni](#)

Frequently asked questions

How long does shipping from China to Moroni take?

China to the Comoros gateway is 7–10 business days by air, 26–36 calendar days by sea. On top of that, allow 7–15 days of clearance with Direction Générale des Douanes des Comores and a same-day inland leg to Moroni.

What duty and tax will I pay importing into Moroni?

Direction Générale des Douanes des Comores applies: Consumption tax on imports in place of VAT; duty 0–30% depending on commodity. 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 Moroni.

How is the chargeable weight calculated for Moroni?

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.

Which port or airport does cargo for Moroni clear through?

Cargo for Moroni is routed via HAH air / Moroni sea. Sea gateways for Comoros are Moroni, Mutsamudu (Anjouan); air gateways are HAH (Moroni Prince Said Ibrahim). We pick whichever gives the shortest total door time for your address.

Can you deliver door-to-door in Moroni?

Yes. Delivery to a Moroni address is quoted as one figure covering freight, duty and tax owed to Direction Générale des Douanes des Comores, 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 Comoros?

For regulated goods, plan for: Import authorisation for controlled goods. 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 Comoros

- [China to Mutsamudu](#)
- [China to Fomboni](#)
- [China to Domoni](#)

[All Comoros freight information →](#)

References & official sources

Duty rates, thresholds and conformity requirements for Comoros 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 Direction Générale des Douanes des Comores or your broker before you ship.

- [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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- [Bolts Metal Products & Industrial Components](#)
- [CNC Machines General Machinery & Industrial Equipment](#)

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Checking the Comoros duty position yourself

Duty and tax figures on this page are planning estimates. The binding assessment is made by Direction Générale des Douanes des Comores 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 Moroni. The video below covers the wider shipping process that sits around it.

FCL vs LCL Shipping: When to Switch (Break-Even Point Explained) — Max Antonov. 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 Moroni

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 Comoros

✚ 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

× ×

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.

Moroni, Comoros Import Freight: Gateway, Duty & Time

What it takes to land cargo in Moroni, Comoros — HAH air / Moroni sea gateway, Direction Générale des Douanes des Comores clearance, same day onward. Sea and air both covered.

Get a Quote

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

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Customs clearance in Comoros

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

[Comoros clearance requirements →](#)