

Sea Freight from China to Delhi NCR

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China → Delhi NCR · via DEL air / Mundra sea · clearance by Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC)



Cargo handling on the China-Delhi NCR lane.

Freight from China into Delhi NCR clears through DEL air / Mundra sea. Delhi NCR is the northern consumption and distribution center, and allow +2 days for the inland leg on top of clearance.

The clearing authority is Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC). Historical dwell on this gateway is around 3-8 days, and it lengthens in Aug-Nov.

What you will pay on arrival in India

Imports into India are cleared by Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC). The headline position is: Basic customs duty 0-20% plus IGST 5-28% plus a social welfare surcharge of 10% of the duty. The de-minimis threshold is No commercial de-minimis;

gift relief up to INR 5,000 only.

Conformity is the part most first-time importers underestimate: BIS registration under the Compulsory Registration Scheme for electronics; WPC/ETA approval for wireless devices; the consignee must hold a valid Importer-Exporter Code (IEC). Getting this wrong is expensive because it usually cannot be fixed after the cargo has landed.

Restrictions and known friction points for India: BIS registration for electronics is enforced strictly and cannot be fixed after arrival. Toys, steel and several electronics categories need quality-control-order compliance. Confirm the consignee's IEC and GSTIN before the goods leave China.

How this lane actually runs

India is the largest South Asian lane but the least DDP-friendly. Duty and IGST must be paid against the consignee's own IEC and GSTIN, so a true door-to-door DDP where the forwarder acts as importer is rarely possible — in practice the structure is DAP with duty prepaid on the buyer's behalf. Clarify this before quoting, because it changes who can recover the IGST input credit.

Sea gateways used	Nhava Sheva (JNPA, Mumbai), Mundra, Chennai
Sea transit, China to gateway	7-14 calendar days
Gateway serving Delhi NCR	DEL air / Mundra sea
Inland leg to Delhi NCR	+2 days from the gateway
Typical clearance / dwell	3-8 days
Peak season to plan around	Aug-Nov



Handling on the DEL air / Mundra sea routing serving Delhi NCR.

Before you book: Delhi NCR checklist

- Book earlier than the transit time suggests during Aug–Nov, when space on this lane tightens.
- Compare gross weight against volumetric weight ($L \times W \times H \div 6000$) — the higher figure is what gets billed on air and express.
- Put the Delhi NCR delivery address, contact name and phone number on the invoice, not just the packing list.
- Budget for the inland leg: +2 days beyond gateway clearance to reach Delhi NCR.
- Get the conformity paperwork moving early: BIS registration under the Compulsory Registration Scheme for electronics; WPC/ETA approval for wireless devices; the consignee must hold a valid Importer-Exporter Code (IEC).
- Declare lithium batteries, magnets, liquids and powders up front — retro-declaring after booking usually means re-planning the whole shipment.

Frequently asked questions

How long does shipping from China to Delhi NCR take?

China to the India gateway is 7–14 calendar days. On top of that, allow 3–8 days of clearance with Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) and a +2 days inland leg to Delhi NCR.

What duty and tax will I pay importing into Delhi NCR?

Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) applies: Basic customs duty 0–20% plus IGST 5–28% plus a social welfare surcharge of 10% of the duty. The de-minimis position is No commercial de-minimis; gift relief up to INR 5,000 only. Under a DDP arrangement these are pre-paid, so nothing is collected on arrival in Delhi NCR.

Which port or airport does cargo for Delhi NCR clear through?

Cargo for Delhi NCR is routed via DEL air / Mundra sea. Sea gateways for India are Nhava Sheva (JNPA, Mumbai), Mundra, Chennai; air gateways are DEL (Delhi), BOM (Mumbai), MAA (Chennai). We pick whichever gives the shortest total door time for your address.

What certification do I need for India?

For regulated goods, plan for: BIS registration under the Compulsory Registration Scheme for electronics; WPC/ETA approval for wireless devices; the consignee must hold a valid Importer-Exporter Code (IEC). 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.

When is the busiest time on the China-India lane?

Space and rates tighten around Aug-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.

Can you ship batteries or sensitive cargo to Delhi NCR?

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 Nhava Sheva (JNPA, Mumbai), Mundra, Chennai. Surcharges apply and space is more limited than for general cargo.

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References & official sources

Duty rates, thresholds and conformity requirements for India 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 Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) or your broker before you ship.

- [Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs \(CBIC\)](#)
- [Indian Customs tariff and ICEGATE](#)
- [Bureau of Indian Standards \(BIS\)](#)
- [WTO — Tariff Profiles \(applied MFN duty by country\)](#)
- [WCO — Harmonized System nomenclature](#)
- [IMO — IMDG Code for dangerous goods by sea](#)
- [IATA — Lithium battery shipping guidance \(PI 965-970\)](#)

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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 India duty position yourself

Every duty and tax figure quoted on this page is our working estimate for planning, not a ruling. The binding rate for your consignment is whatever [Indian Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs](#) applies against your declared HS code on the day of entry, and their published guidance is the source to check before you commit stock.

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.

For a wider view of how importing into India actually works — documentation norms, inspection behavior, the paperwork that tends to hold shipments — the [U.S. ITA guide to India customs regulations](#) is a useful independent read alongside our own lane notes.

Watch: the process behind this route

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

How to Ship Internationally via Ocean Freight | Step-by-Step Process, Documents & Cost Explained — 10 Min For Supply Chain.

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 Delhi NCR

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.

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Freight Rates to India

📦 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.

Delhi NCR Sea Freight, India: Cost, Transit & Customs

Sea Freight to Delhi NCR: 7–14 calendar days in transit, cleared by Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC), +2 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 Delhi NCR.

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Customs clearance in India

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

[India clearance requirements →](#)

Priced routes to India

- [Shanghai to Chennai Container Shipping — 20GP Rates](#)
- [Shanghai to Mundra FCL Ocean Freight Rates | 20GP & 40HQ](#)

- [Shanghai to Nhava Sheva FCL Ocean Freight Rates | 20GP & 40HQ](#)
- [Shekou to Kolkata FCL Ocean Freight Rates | 20GP & 40HQ](#)
- [Shekou to Mundra Container Shipping — 20GP Rates](#)
- [Shekou-Nhava Sheva Sea Freight: Container Rates and Schedule](#)