

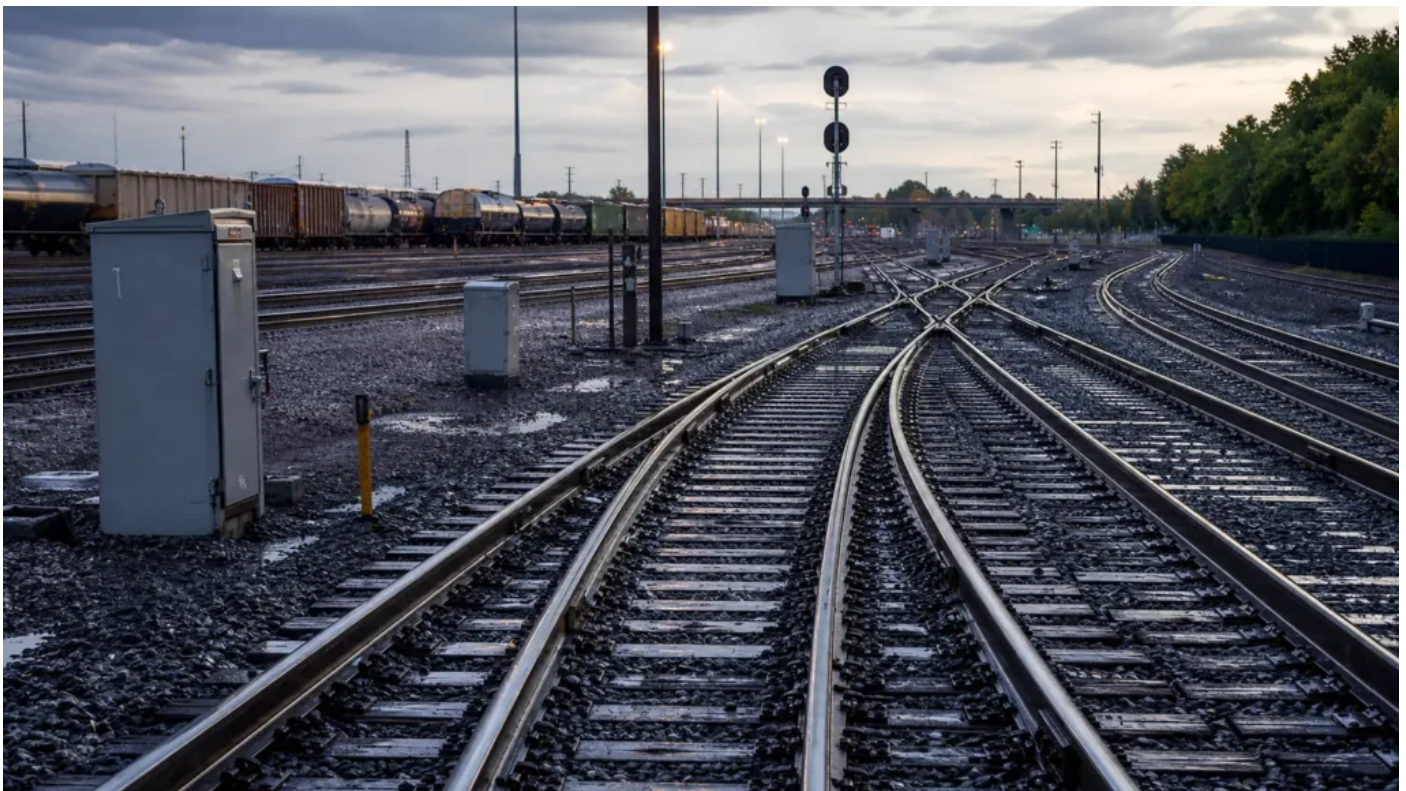
# Shipping from China to Atyrau

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Central Asia

China → Atyrau · via NQZ air / Aktau sea · clearance by State Revenue Committee (EAEU common customs regime)



Cargo handling on the China-Atyrau lane.

Atyrau is Caspian energy hub, and it is served through NQZ air / Aktau sea. That combination is what actually sets your delivery date on this lane — allow +2 days for the inland leg on top of clearance.

On the destination side, State Revenue Committee (EAEU common customs regime) handles clearance; budget 3–8 days of dwell before the cargo is released.

## Duty, tax and clearance into Atyrau

State Revenue Committee (EAEU common customs regime) assesses duty and tax on cargo arriving for Atyrau consignees. Current regime: VAT 12%; EAEU common external tariff, typically 0–15%, with a de-minimis position of EUR 200 for personal parcels under EAEU rules.

Conformity is the part most first-time importers underestimate: EAC conformity mark valid across the Eurasian Economic Union. Getting this wrong is expensive because it usually cannot be fixed after the cargo has landed.

**Restrictions and known friction points for Kazakhstan:** EAC certification is required for most regulated products across the union. Rail capacity tightens sharply in Q4 and before Chinese New Year. Sanctions screening applies to any cargo that may continue into Russia.

## How this lane actually runs

Kazakhstan is the main rail gateway between China and the EAEU. Block trains cross at Khorgos-Altynkol or Dostyk-Alashankou and reach Almaty in roughly 5-8 days, or continue to Moscow and Europe. Because Kazakhstan shares the EAEU customs union with Russia, Belarus, Armenia and Kyrgyzstan, clearing here can also serve onward EAEU delivery — but only if the paperwork is set up for it.

|                               |                                                             |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| Air gateways used             | ALA (Almaty), NQZ (Astana)                                  |
| Air transit, China to gateway | 2-4 business days                                           |
| Sea gateways used             | Landlocked — Aktau on the Caspian for Middle Corridor cargo |
| Sea transit, China to gateway | 12-18 calendar days by block train                          |
| Gateway serving Atyrau        | NQZ air / Aktau sea                                         |
| Inland leg to Atyrau          | +2 days from the gateway                                    |
| Typical clearance / dwell     | 3-8 days                                                    |
| Peak season to plan around    | Sep-Nov                                                     |



Handling on the NQZ air / Aktau sea routing serving Atyrau.

## What to sort out before the cargo leaves China

- Confirm the consignee in Atyrau can act as importer of record — State Revenue Committee (EAEU common customs regime) will not release cargo to an unregistered party.
- Put the Atyrau 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 Atyrau.
- Book earlier than the transit time suggests during Sep–Nov, when space on this lane tightens.
- Ask for the HS code in writing from your supplier and verify the Kazakhstan duty rate against it yourself.
- Compare gross weight against volumetric weight ( $L \times W \times H \div 6000$ ) — the higher figure is what gets billed on air and express.

## Air, sea or overland into Atyrau?

| Mode                  | Transit to gateway                 | Best suited to                                             |
|-----------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| → <b>Air Freight</b>  | 2–4 business days                  | time-critical, high-value and low-volume cargo             |
| □ <b>Rail Freight</b> | 12–18 calendar days by block train | inland destinations where sea is slow and air is expensive |

Transit shown is China departure to the Kazakhstan gateway and excludes the +2 days inland leg to Atyrau and 3–8 days of clearance.

## Mode guides for Atyrau

- [➔ Air Freight to Atyrau](#)
- [🚂 Rail Freight to Atyrau](#)

## Frequently asked questions

How long does shipping from China to Atyrau take?

China to the Kazakhstan gateway is 2–4 business days by air, 12–18 calendar days by block train by sea. On top of that, allow 3–8 days of clearance with State Revenue Committee (EAEU common customs regime) and a +2 days inland leg to Atyrau.

What duty and tax will I pay importing into Atyrau?

State Revenue Committee (EAEU common customs regime) applies: VAT 12%; EAEU common external tariff, typically 0–15%. The de-minimis position is EUR 200 for personal parcels under EAEU rules. Under a DDP arrangement these are pre-paid, so nothing is collected on arrival in Atyrau.

Which port or airport does cargo for Atyrau clear through?

Cargo for Atyrau is routed via NQZ air / Aktau sea. Sea gateways for Kazakhstan are Landlocked — Aktau on the Caspian for Middle Corridor cargo; air gateways are ALA (Almaty), NQZ (Astana). We pick whichever gives the shortest total door time for your address.

What certification do I need for Kazakhstan?

For regulated goods, plan for: EAC conformity mark valid across the Eurasian Economic Union. 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–Kazakhstan 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.

Can you ship batteries or sensitive cargo to Atyrau?

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

## Other delivery cities in Kazakhstan

- [China to Almaty](#)
- [China to Astana](#)
- [China to Shymkent](#)
- [China to Karaganda](#)
- [China to Aktobe](#)
- [China to Khorgos](#)

[All Kazakhstan freight information →](#)

## References & official sources

Duty rates, thresholds and conformity requirements for Kazakhstan 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 State Revenue Committee (EAEU common customs regime) or your broker before you ship.

- [State Revenue Committee](#)
- [Eurasian Economic Union common tariff](#)
- [WTO — Tariff Profiles \(applied MFN duty by country\)](#)
- [IPPC — ISPM 15 wood packaging standard](#)
- [WCO — Harmonized System nomenclature](#)
- [IMO — IMDG Code for dangerous goods by sea](#)

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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.

- [Ceramic Tiles Building Materials & Construction Products](#)
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- [Ceramic Components Glass & Ceramic Products](#)
- [Data Center Equipment Telecom, Computing & Data Centre](#)
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## Checking the Kazakhstan duty position yourself

Duty and tax figures on this page are planning estimates. The binding assessment is made by State Revenue Committee (EAEU common customs regime) 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 Atyrau. The video below covers the wider shipping process that sits around it.

Bills of Lading 101 - What Is a Bill of Lading — Flexport. 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 Atyrau

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 Kazakhstan

📦 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.

Atyrau, Kazakhstan Freight from China: Transit & Customs

Cargo from China to Atyrau, Kazakhstan clears through NQZ air / Aktau sea. State Revenue Committee (EAEU common customs regime) assesses duty and tax; the inland leg adds +2 days.

## Get a Quote

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

[WhatsApp Us Send Inquiry →](#)

## Atyrau by Mode

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## Customs clearance in Kazakhstan

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

[Kazakhstan clearance requirements →](#)