

Air Freight from China to Sidon

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China → Sidon · via BEY air / Beirut sea · clearance by Lebanese Customs Administration



Cargo handling on the China-Sidon lane.

For buyers shipping into Sidon, the practical question is not the ocean or flight time but what happens after arrival. Sidon is southern coastal commercial center; cargo enters through BEY air / Beirut sea, and allow +1 day for the inland leg on top of clearance.

The clearing authority is Lebanese Customs Administration. Historical dwell on this gateway is around 5-12 days, and it lengthens in Sep-Nov.

Import duty and tax position for Sidon

Lebanese Customs Administration assesses duty and tax on cargo arriving for Sidon consignees. Current regime: VAT 11%; customs duty 0-70% depending on commodity, with a de-minimis position of No practical de-minimis.

Conformity is the part most first-time importers underestimate: LIBNOR conformity for regulated goods; Arabic labeling for consumer products. Getting this wrong is expensive because it usually cannot be fixed after the cargo has landed.

Restrictions and known friction points for Lebanon: Banking and foreign-currency constraints affect duty payment and DDP feasibility. Confirm the payment mechanism before booking. Arabic labeling required for consumer goods.

How this lane actually runs

Beirut handles most of Lebanon's import volume, with Tripoli taking a growing share since 2020. The practical constraint on this lane is financial rather than logistical — banking restrictions make duty settlement and supplier payment the slowest part of the process, which directly limits what can be structured as true DDP.

Air gateways used	BEY (Beirut Rafic Hariri)
Air transit, China to gateway	4-6 business days
Gateway serving Sidon	BEY air / Beirut sea
Inland leg to Sidon	+1 day from the gateway
Typical clearance / dwell	5-12 days
Peak season to plan around	Sep-Nov



Handling on the BEY air / Beirut sea routing serving Sidon.

Pre-shipment checklist for Sidon

- Get the conformity paperwork moving early: LIBNOR conformity for regulated goods; Arabic labeling for consumer products.
- Put the Sidon delivery address, contact name and phone number on the invoice, not just the packing list.
- Photograph carton markings and seal numbers before departure — it makes any claim far easier to settle.
- Check the de-minimis position (No practical de-minimis) against your invoice value before you decide how to split the shipment.
- Compare gross weight against volumetric weight ($L \times W \times H \div 6000$) — the higher figure is what gets billed on air and express.
- Ask for the HS code in writing from your supplier and verify the Lebanon duty rate against it yourself.

Frequently asked questions

How long does shipping from China to Sidon take?

China to the Lebanon gateway is 4–6 business days. On top of that, allow 5–12 days of clearance with Lebanese Customs Administration and a +1 day inland leg to Sidon.

What duty and tax will I pay importing into Sidon?

Lebanese Customs Administration applies: VAT 11%; customs duty 0–70% depending on commodity. The de-minimis position is No practical de-minimis. Under a DDP arrangement these are pre-paid, so nothing is collected on arrival in Sidon.

Can you ship batteries or sensitive cargo to Sidon?

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

When is the busiest time on the China-Lebanon 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.

What documents does Lebanese Customs Administration require?

A commercial invoice with HS codes, a packing list, the bill of lading or air waybill, a certificate of origin where it lowers duty, and any product certification (LIBNOR conformity for regulated goods; Arabic labeling for consumer products). We prepare and file these as part of the service.

How is the chargeable weight calculated for Sidon?

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 Lebanon

- [China to Beirut](#)
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References & official sources

Duty rates, thresholds and conformity requirements for Lebanon 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 Lebanese Customs Administration or your broker before you ship.

- [Lebanese Customs](#)
- [WTO — Tariff Profiles \(applied MFN duty by country\)](#)
- [ICC — Incoterms 2020 rules \(DDP, DAP, FOB definitions\)](#)
- [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.

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Checking the Lebanon duty position yourself

Duty and tax figures on this page are planning estimates. The binding assessment is made by Lebanese Customs Administration 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.

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.

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.

For a wider view of how importing into Lebanon actually works — documentation norms, inspection behavior, the paperwork that tends to hold shipments — the [U.S. ITA guide to Lebanon 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 Sidon. The video below covers the wider shipping process that sits around it.

Air Freight from China: Soaring Through the Skies of Global Trade — SINO Shipping. 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 Sidon

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](#) → [See the Lebanon route page](#) →

Freight Rates to Lebanon

✚ 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.

Air Freight to Sidon, Lebanon: Transit Time, Duty & Clearance

Air Freight from China to Sidon, Lebanon. Transit 4-6 business days to the gateway, 5-12 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 Sidon.

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Customs clearance in Lebanon

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

[Lebanon clearance requirements →](#)

Priced routes to Lebanon

- [Shipping a Container from Ningbo to Beirut: Cost & Transit](#)
- [Shipping a Container from Shanghai to Beirut: Cost & Transit](#)