

Rail Freight from China to Choibalsan

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China → Choibalsan · via UBN air · clearance by Mongolian Customs General Administration



Cargo handling on the China–Choibalsan lane.

Freight from China into Choibalsan clears through UBN air. Choibalsan is eastern regional hub, and allow +2 days for the inland leg on top of clearance.

Clearance itself is handled by Mongolian Customs General Administration, and typical dwell at the gateway runs 4–10 days.

Duty, tax and clearance into Choibalsan

Imports into Mongolia are cleared by Mongolian Customs General Administration. The headline position is: VAT 10%; duty a flat 5% on most goods. The de-minimis threshold is No practical de-minimis.

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

Restrictions and known friction points for Mongolia: Border congestion at Zamyn-Üüd is seasonal and can add a week. Documentation must be in Mongolian or accompanied by a certified translation for some categories.

Routing and transit on this lane

Almost all Mongolian import volume moves overland through Erenhot-Zamyn-Üüd or Ganqimaodu, either by rail from Tianjin or by direct truck from northern China. The flat 5% duty makes landed-cost modeling unusually simple, but winter weather and border queues are the real schedule risk between December and February.

Rail / overland routing	Landlocked — via Tianjin port then rail or truck through Erenhot-Zamyn-Üüd
Overland transit from China	12-20 calendar days via Tianjin and land border
Gateway serving Choibalsan	UBN air
Inland leg to Choibalsan	+2 days from the gateway
Typical clearance / dwell	4-10 days
Peak season to plan around	Sep-Nov



Handling on the UBN air routing serving Choibalsan.

Pre-shipment checklist for Choibalsan

- Book earlier than the transit time suggests during Sep–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.
- Confirm the consignee in Choibalsan can act as importer of record — Mongolian Customs General Administration will not release cargo to an unregistered party.
- Photograph carton markings and seal numbers before departure — it makes any claim far easier to settle.
- Get the conformity paperwork moving early: MASM conformity assessment for regulated goods.
- Put the Choibalsan 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 Choibalsan take?

China to the Mongolia gateway is 12–20 calendar days via Tianjin and land border. On top of that, allow 4–10 days of clearance with Mongolian Customs General Administration and a +2 days inland leg to Choibalsan.

What duty and tax will I pay importing into Choibalsan?

Mongolian Customs General Administration applies: VAT 10%; duty a flat 5% on most goods. The de-minimis position is No practical de-minimis. Under a DDP arrangement these are pre-paid, so nothing is collected on arrival in Choibalsan.

Which port or airport does cargo for Choibalsan clear through?

Cargo for Choibalsan is routed via UBN air. Sea gateways for Mongolia are Landlocked — via Tianjin port then rail or truck through Erenhot–Zamyn–Üüd; air gateways are UBN (Ulaanbaatar Chinggis Khaan). We pick whichever gives the shortest total door time for your address.

When is the busiest time on the China–Mongolia 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 certification do I need for Mongolia?

For regulated goods, plan for: MASM conformity assessment for regulated 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.

What documents does Mongolian Customs General 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 (MASM conformity assessment for regulated goods). We prepare and file these as part of the service.

Other delivery cities in Mongolia

- [China to Ulaanbaatar](#)
- [China to Darkhan](#)

- [China to Erdenet](#)
- [China to Zamyn-Uud](#)

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References & official sources

Duty rates, thresholds and conformity requirements for Mongolia 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 Mongolian Customs General Administration or your broker before you ship.

- [Mongolian Customs General Administration](#)
- [WTO — Tariff Profiles \(applied MFN duty by country\)](#)
- [IMO — IMDG Code for dangerous goods by sea](#)
- [IATA — Lithium battery shipping guidance \(PI 965–970\)](#)
- [World Bank — Logistics Performance Index](#)

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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 Mongolia duty position yourself

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

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.

Rail consignments cross several customs territories in transit rather than only at the destination, so classification errors surface mid-corridor rather than at delivery. [ITC Market Access Map](#) is worth checking for the destination heading before the block train departs, because a correction en route is far slower than one made in China.

Watch: the process behind this route

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

China to London: The Railway That Spans the World — MegaBuilds. 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 Choibalsan

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 Mongolia

📦 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.

China to Choibalsan Rail Freight: Rates, Transit and Clearance

Moving cargo to Choibalsan by rail freight — 12–20 calendar days via Tianjin and land border transit, 4–10 days port dwell, duty assessed by Mongolian Customs General Administration.

Get a Quote

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

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Customs clearance in Mongolia

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

[Mongolia clearance requirements →](#)