

Air Freight from China to Herceg Novi

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China → Herceg Novi · via TIV air / Bar sea · clearance by Revenue and Customs Administration of Montenegro



Cargo handling on the China-Herceg Novi lane.

Herceg Novi is western coastal town, and it is served through TIV air / Bar sea. That combination is what actually sets your delivery date on this lane — allow +1 day for the inland leg on top of clearance.

On the destination side, Revenue and Customs Administration of Montenegro handles clearance; budget 3-8 days of dwell before the cargo is released.

How this lane actually runs

Bar is a small but functional Adriatic port that also serves as a transit gateway for Serbia and Bosnia. Tourism drives a summer demand peak here rather than the autumn peak seen in most markets, so plan retail and hospitality replenishment for a Q2 arrival.

Air gateways used	TGD (Podgorica), TIV (Tivat)
Air transit, China to gateway	4-7 business days
Gateway serving Herceg Novi	TIV air / Bar sea
Inland leg to Herceg Novi	+1 day from the gateway
Typical clearance / dwell	3-8 days
Peak season to plan around	Jun-Sep

What you will pay on arrival in Montenegro

Revenue and Customs Administration of Montenegro assesses duty and tax on cargo arriving for Herceg Novi consignees. Current regime: VAT 21%; customs duty 0-20%, with a de-minimis position of EUR 75 for personal consignments.

Conformity is the part most first-time importers underestimate: Technical regulations aligned to EU rules for most product groups. Getting this wrong is expensive because it usually cannot be fixed after the cargo has landed.

Restrictions and known friction points for Montenegro: Feeder service frequency into Bar is limited. Onward transit to Serbia requires bonded documentation.



Handling on the TIV air / Bar sea routing serving Herceg Novi.

What to sort out before the cargo leaves China

- Check the de-minimis position (EUR 75 for personal consignments) 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.
- Use ISPM-15 treated pallets. Untreated wood is the most common reason otherwise-clean cargo gets held.
- Put the Herceg Novi delivery address, contact name and phone number on the invoice, not just the packing list.
- Declare lithium batteries, magnets, liquids and powders up front — retro-declaring after booking usually means re-planning the whole shipment.
- Confirm the consignee in Herceg Novi can act as importer of record — Revenue and Customs Administration of Montenegro will not release cargo to an unregistered party.

Frequently asked questions

How long does shipping from China to Herceg Novi take?

China to the Montenegro gateway is 4-7 business days. On top of that, allow 3-8 days of clearance with Revenue and Customs Administration of Montenegro and a +1 day inland leg to Herceg Novi.

What duty and tax will I pay importing into Herceg Novi?

Revenue and Customs Administration of Montenegro applies: VAT 21%; customs duty 0-20%. The de-minimis position is EUR 75 for personal consignments. Under a DDP arrangement these are pre-paid, so nothing is collected on arrival in Herceg Novi.

Can you deliver door-to-door in Herceg Novi?

Yes. Delivery to a Herceg Novi address is quoted as one figure covering freight, duty and tax owed to Revenue and Customs Administration of Montenegro, and the +1 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.

How is the chargeable weight calculated for Herceg Novi?

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.

Can you ship batteries or sensitive cargo to Herceg Novi?

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

What certification do I need for Montenegro?

For regulated goods, plan for: Technical regulations aligned to EU rules for most product groups. 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 Montenegro

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References & official sources

Duty rates, thresholds and conformity requirements for Montenegro 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 Revenue and Customs Administration of Montenegro or your broker before you ship.

- [Revenue and Customs Administration](#)
- [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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Checking the Montenegro duty position yourself

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

Classification drives everything downstream: the same carton can attract very different duty depending on the heading it lands in, and the structure those headings come from is [the World Customs Organization Harmonized System](#). If your product sits near a boundary between two headings, resolve it before shipping rather than at the border.

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.

Watch: the process behind this route

This guide covers routing and clearance for Herceg Novi. 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 Herceg Novi

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 Montenegro

✚ 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.

Herceg Novi Air Freight, Montenegro: Cost, Transit & Customs

Air Freight to Herceg Novi: 4-7 business days in transit, cleared by Revenue and Customs Administration of Montenegro, +1 day 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 Herceg Novi.

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Customs clearance in Montenegro

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

[Montenegro clearance requirements →](#)