

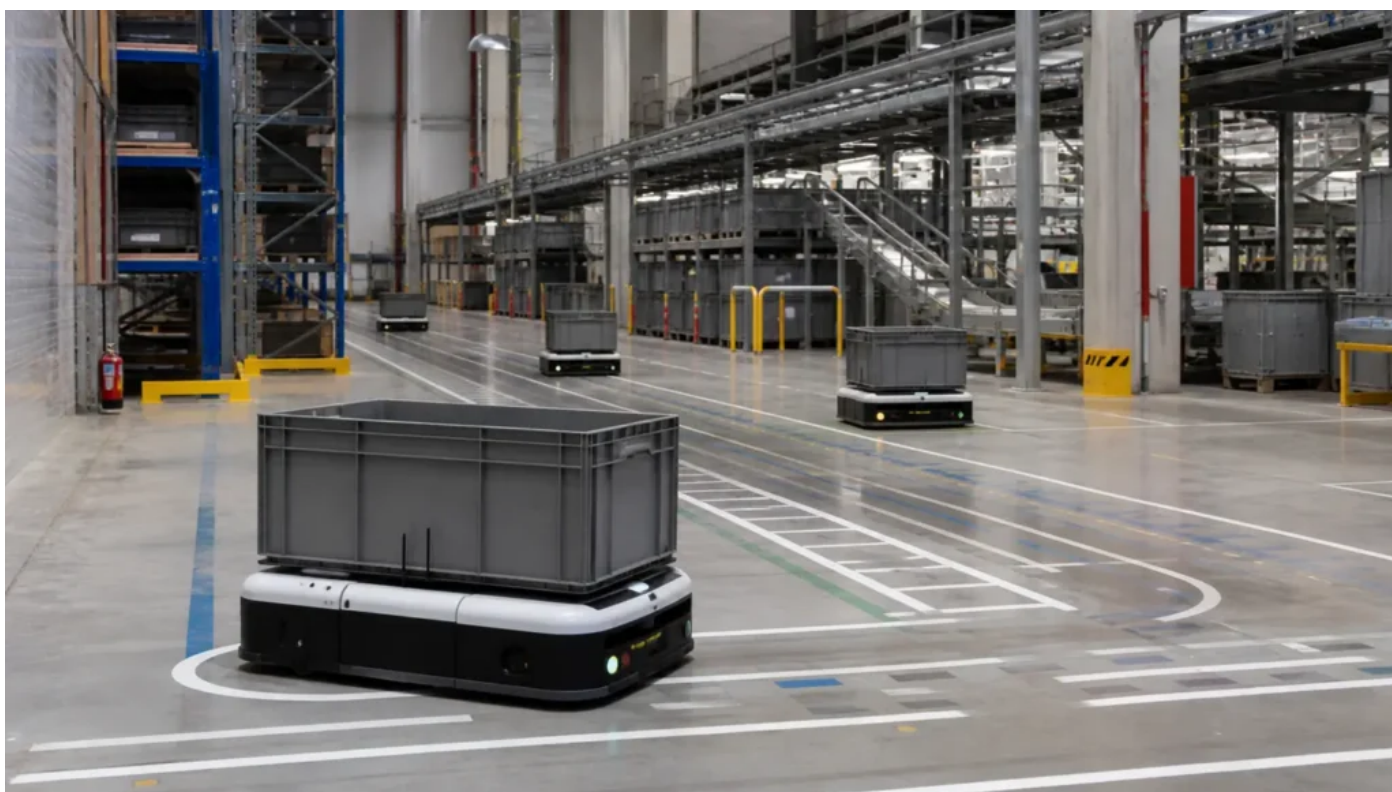
Shipping from China to Herceg Novi

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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.

We move freight cargo from South China into Herceg Novi through TIV air / Bar sea. Herceg Novi is western coastal town, which shapes the kind of cargo that moves on this lane and how it should be packed.

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

Import duty and tax position for Herceg Novi

Imports into Montenegro are cleared by Revenue and Customs Administration of Montenegro. The headline position is: VAT 21%; customs duty 0-20%. The de-minimis threshold is 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.

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
Sea gateways used	Bar
Sea transit, China to gateway	28-36 calendar 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



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

Before you book: Herceg Novi checklist

- Ask for the HS code in writing from your supplier and verify the Montenegro duty rate against it yourself.
- Use ISPM-15 treated pallets. Untreated wood is the most common reason otherwise-clean cargo gets held.
- Book earlier than the transit time suggests during Jun-Sep, when space on this lane tightens.
- 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.
- Plan around the China-side windows too: Chinese New Year and Golden Week both compress capacity on the Montenegro lane.

Air, sea or overland into Herceg Novi?

Mode	Transit to gateway	Best suited to
➔ Air Freight	4-7 business days	time-critical, high-value and low-volume cargo
🚢 Sea Freight	28-36 calendar days	volume cargo where cost per kilo matters more than speed

Transit shown is China departure to the Montenegro gateway and excludes the +1 day inland leg to Herceg Novi and 3-8 days of clearance.

Mode guides for Herceg Novi

- ➔ [Air Freight to Herceg Novi](#)
- 🚢 [Sea Freight to Herceg Novi](#)

Frequently asked questions

How long does shipping from China to Herceg Novi take?

China to the Montenegro gateway is 4-7 business days by air, 28-36 calendar days by sea. 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.

What documents does Revenue and Customs Administration of Montenegro 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 (Technical regulations aligned to EU rules for most product groups). We prepare and file these as part of the service.

Is sea freight cheaper than air freight into Herceg Novi?

Per kilo, yes — usually by a wide margin. The trade-off is time: 28–36 calendar days by sea versus 4–7 business days by air to the Montenegro gateway, before clearance and the +1 day inland leg. The crossover point is normally somewhere between 100 and 300 kg depending on the density of your cargo.

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.

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.

Other delivery cities in Montenegro

- [China to Podgorica](#)
- [China to Bar](#)
- [China to Niksic](#)
- [China to Budva](#)

[All Montenegro freight information →](#)

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.

- [Bags Textiles, Apparel, Footwear & Leather](#)
- [Medical Consumables Medical, Laboratory & Precision Instruments](#)
- [Exhibition Display Equipment Retail, Display & Commercial Fixtures](#)
- [Educational Toys Toys, Sports, Outdoor & Leisure](#)
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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.

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.

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.

[How to Calculate CBM in Shipping | Volume vs Weight Explained | CBM Formula & Freight Cost Guide — 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 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, Montenegro Freight from China: Transit & Customs

Cargo from China to Herceg Novi, Montenegro clears through TIV air / Bar sea. Revenue and Customs Administration of Montenegro assesses duty and tax; the inland leg adds +1 day.

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 →](#)