

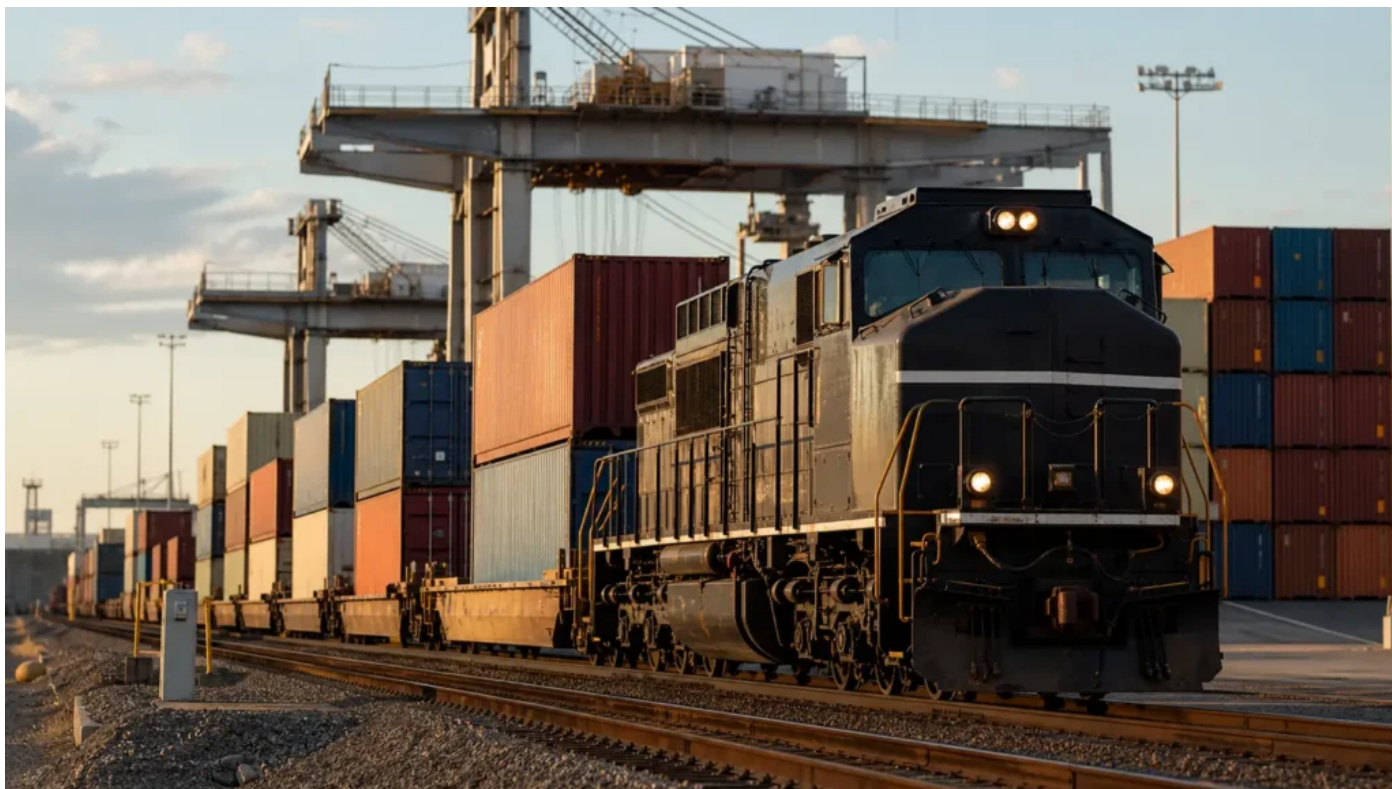
Sea Freight from China to Herceg Novi

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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.

The clearing authority is Revenue and Customs Administration of Montenegro. Historical dwell on this gateway is around 3-8 days, and it lengthens in Jun-Sep.

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.

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

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.
- Declare lithium batteries, magnets, liquids and powders up front — retro-declaring after booking usually means re-planning the whole 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.
- Get the conformity paperwork moving early: Technical regulations aligned to EU rules for most product groups.
- Book earlier than the transit time suggests during Jun-Sep, when space on this lane tightens.

Frequently asked questions

How long does shipping from China to Herceg Novi take?

China to the Montenegro gateway is 28–36 calendar 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.

When is the busiest time on the China–Montenegro lane?

Space and rates tighten around Jun–Sep, 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.

Which port or airport does cargo for Herceg Novi clear through?

Cargo for Herceg Novi is routed via TIV air / Bar sea. Sea gateways for Montenegro are Bar; air gateways are TGD (Podgorica), TIV (Tivat). We pick whichever gives the shortest total door time for your address.

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.

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.

Other delivery cities in Montenegro

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

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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.

- [Baby Products Consumer Goods & Gifts](#)
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- [Plumbing Products Building Materials & Construction Products](#)
- [Injection Molded Parts Plastics, Rubber & Packaging](#)
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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.

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.

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.

FCL vs LCL Shipping: When to Switch (Break-Even Point Explained) — Max Antonov. 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.

China to Herceg Novi Sea Freight: Rates, Transit and Clearance

Moving cargo to Herceg Novi by sea freight — 28–36 calendar days transit, 3–8 days port dwell, duty assessed by Revenue and Customs Administration of Montenegro.

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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Herceg Novi by Mode

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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 →](#)