

Sea Freight from China to Chinandega

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Sea Freight

China → Chinandega · via MGA air / Corinto sea · clearance by Dirección General de Servicios Aduaneros (DGA)



Cargo handling on the China–Chinandega lane.

We move sea freight cargo from South China into Chinandega through MGA air / Corinto sea. Chinandega is the province containing the main Pacific port, which shapes the kind of cargo that moves on this lane and how it should be packed.

Clearance itself is handled by Dirección General de Servicios Aduaneros (DGA), and typical dwell at the gateway runs 4–10 days.

Routing and transit on this lane

Corinto on the Pacific coast is the main gateway and receives Asian cargo largely via transshipment. Volumes are modest, so LCL consolidation frequency, rather than mainline transit, usually sets the delivery date. Overland routing from Puerto Quetzal in

Guatemala is a common alternative.

Sea gateways used	Corinto (Pacific), Puerto Cabezas
Sea transit, China to gateway	24-32 calendar days
Gateway serving Chinandega	MGA air / Corinto sea
Inland leg to Chinandega	Same day from the gateway
Typical clearance / dwell	4-10 days
Peak season to plan around	Sep-Nov

Import duty and tax position for Chinandega

Imports into Nicaragua are cleared by Dirección General de Servicios Aduaneros (DGA). The headline position is: IVA 15%; Central American common tariff 0-15%. The de-minimis threshold is USD 100 for courier consignments.

Conformity is the part most first-time importers underestimate: Health registration for food and cosmetics; conformity 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 Nicaragua: Limited direct services mean feeder scheduling dominates transit time. Confirm the consignee's import registration before shipping.



Handling on the MGA air / Corinto sea routing serving Chinandega.

What to sort out before the cargo leaves China

- Check the de-minimis position (USD 100 for courier consignments) against your invoice value before you decide how to split the shipment.
- Budget for the inland leg: same-day delivery beyond gateway clearance to reach Chinandega.
- Put the Chinandega delivery address, contact name and phone number on the invoice, not just the packing list.
- Plan around the China-side windows too: Chinese New Year and Golden Week both compress capacity on the Nicaragua lane.
- Ask for the HS code in writing from your supplier and verify the Nicaragua duty rate against it yourself.
- Photograph carton markings and seal numbers before departure — it makes any claim far easier to settle.

Frequently asked questions

How long does shipping from China to Chinandega take?

China to the Nicaragua gateway is 24–32 calendar days. On top of that, allow 4–10 days of clearance with Dirección General de Servicios Aduaneros (DGA) and a same-day inland leg to Chinandega.

What duty and tax will I pay importing into Chinandega?

Dirección General de Servicios Aduaneros (DGA) applies: IVA 15%; Central American common tariff 0–15%. The de-minimis position is USD 100 for courier consignments. Under a DDP arrangement these are pre-paid, so nothing is collected on arrival in Chinandega.

Can you deliver door-to-door in Chinandega?

Yes. Delivery to a Chinandega address is quoted as one figure covering freight, duty and tax owed to Dirección General de Servicios Aduaneros (DGA), and the same-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 Chinandega?

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.

When is the busiest time on the China–Nicaragua 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 Dirección General de Servicios Aduaneros (DGA) 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 (Health registration for food and cosmetics; conformity for regulated goods). We prepare and file these as part of the service.

Other delivery cities in Nicaragua

- [China to Corinto](#)
- [China to Managua](#)
- [China to Leon](#)
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[All Nicaragua freight information →](#)

References & official sources

Duty rates, thresholds and conformity requirements for Nicaragua 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 Dirección General de Servicios Aduaneros (DGA) or your broker before you ship.

- [Dirección General de Servicios Aduaneros](#)
- [WTO — Tariff Profiles \(applied MFN duty by country\)](#)
- [WCO — Harmonized System nomenclature](#)
- [IMO — IMDG Code for dangerous goods by sea](#)
- [IATA — Lithium battery shipping guidance \(PI 965–970\)](#)

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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 Nicaragua duty position yourself

Duty and tax figures on this page are planning estimates. The binding assessment is made by Dirección General de Servicios Aduaneros (DGA) 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.

If this is your first shipment into Nicaragua, the [Nicaragua Country Commercial Guide](#) covers the practical import environment in more depth than a rate page reasonably can, and it is written by a party with no stake in your booking.

Watch: the process behind this route

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

Bills of Lading 101 - What Is a Bill of Lading — Flexport. 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 Chinandega

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 Nicaragua route page →](#)

Freight Rates to Nicaragua

✚ 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

x x

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 Chinandega Sea Freight: Rates, Transit and Clearance

Moving cargo to Chinandega by sea freight — 24–32 calendar days transit, 4–10 days port dwell, duty assessed by Dirección General de Servicios Aduaneros (DGA).

Get a Quote

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

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Customs clearance in Nicaragua

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

[Nicaragua clearance requirements](#) →

Priced routes to Nicaragua

- [Ship Ningbo to Corinto — FCL Container Cost from China](#)
- [Ship Shanghai to Corinto — FCL Container Cost from China](#)
- [Yantian to Corinto Container Shipping — 40NOR Rates](#)