

Sea Freight from China to Sur

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China → Sur · via MCT air / Sohar sea · clearance by Directorate General of Customs, Royal Oman Police



Cargo handling on the China–Sur lane.

We move sea freight cargo from South China into Sur through MCT air / Sohar sea. Sur is eastern coastal town, which shapes the kind of cargo that moves on this lane and how it should be packed.

Clearance itself is handled by Directorate General of Customs, Royal Oman Police, and typical dwell at the gateway runs 2–5 days.

Routing and transit on this lane

Salalah sits directly on the main Asia–Europe trunk route, which makes it one of the faster Gulf destinations from South China, and Sohar serves the industrial north. Oman is also a practical alternative gateway when Jebel Ali is congested, with road onward

delivery into the UAE.

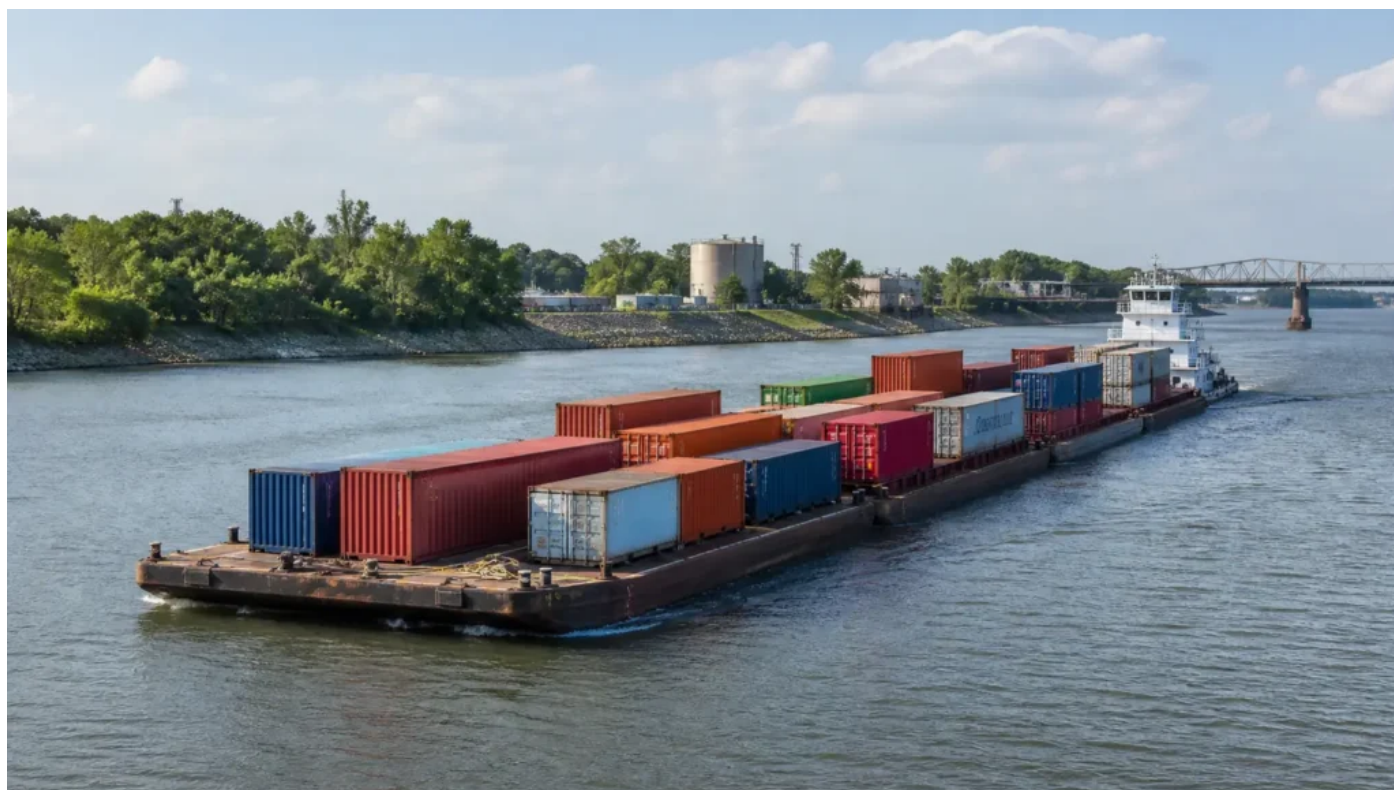
Sea gateways used	Sohar, Salalah, Duqm
Sea transit, China to gateway	14-20 calendar days
Gateway serving Sur	MCT air / Sohar sea
Inland leg to Sur	+1 day from the gateway
Typical clearance / dwell	2-5 days
Peak season to plan around	Sep-Nov

Duty, tax and clearance into Sur

Imports into Oman are cleared by Directorate General of Customs, Royal Oman Police. The headline position is: VAT 5%; GCC common tariff of 5% on most goods. The de-minimis threshold is OMR 100 for personal consignments.

Conformity is the part most first-time importers underestimate: Omani conformity certificate for regulated goods; Arabic labeling for consumer products. Getting this wrong is expensive because it usually cannot be fixed after the cargo has landed.

Restrictions and known friction points for Oman: Alcohol and pork are restricted to licensed importers. Arabic labeling is required. Some industrial goods need ministry approval tied to the project.



Handling on the MCT air / Sohar sea routing serving Sur.

What to sort out before the cargo leaves China

- Check the de-minimis position (OMR 100 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.
- Declare lithium batteries, magnets, liquids and powders up front — retro-declaring after booking usually means re-planning the whole shipment.
- Use ISPM-15 treated pallets. Untreated wood is the most common reason otherwise-clean cargo gets held.
- Budget for the inland leg: +1 day beyond gateway clearance to reach Sur.
- 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 Sur take?

China to the Oman gateway is 14–20 calendar days. On top of that, allow 2–5 days of clearance with Directorate General of Customs, Royal Oman Police and a +1 day inland leg to Sur.

What duty and tax will I pay importing into Sur?

Directorate General of Customs, Royal Oman Police applies: VAT 5%; GCC common tariff of 5% on most goods. The de-minimis position is OMR 100 for personal consignments. Under a DDP arrangement these are pre-paid, so nothing is collected on arrival in Sur.

When is the busiest time on the China–Oman 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.

Which port or airport does cargo for Sur clear through?

Cargo for Sur is routed via MCT air / Sohar sea. Sea gateways for Oman are Sohar, Salalah, Duqm; air gateways are MCT (Muscat), SLL (Salalah). We pick whichever gives the shortest total door time for your address.

Can you ship batteries or sensitive cargo to Sur?

Yes. Battery cargo by sea moves under UN3480/UN3481 with an MSDS, and the dangerous-goods documentation is prepared as part of the booking into Sohar, Salalah, Duqm. Surcharges apply and space is more limited than for general cargo.

How is the chargeable weight calculated for Sur?

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.

Other delivery cities in Oman

- [China to Muscat](#)

- [China to Sohar](#)
- [China to Salalah](#)
- [China to Duqm](#)
- [China to Nizwa](#)

[All Oman freight information →](#)

References & official sources

Duty rates, thresholds and conformity requirements for Oman 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 Directorate General of Customs, Royal Oman Police or your broker before you ship.

- [Oman Customs — Royal Oman Police](#)
- [WTO — Tariff Profiles \(applied MFN duty by country\)](#)
- [IPPC — ISPM 15 wood packaging standard](#)
- [WCO — Harmonized System nomenclature](#)
- [IMO — IMDG Code for dangerous goods by sea](#)

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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.

- [Amazon FBA E-commerce & Retail Channels](#)
- [Metal Fabrication Metal Products & Industrial Components](#)
- [Cutting Tools Metal Products & Industrial Components](#)
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Checking the Oman duty position yourself

Duty and tax figures on this page are planning estimates. The binding assessment is made by Directorate General of Customs, Royal Oman Police 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.

If you want to sanity-check a duty figure yourself, start from the heading rather than the product name — [the WCO Harmonized System](#) is the underlying nomenclature, and [the WTO Tariff & Trade Data portal](#) holds the applied rates by country pair.

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.

On the origin side, export declaration and any commodity inspection requirement fall under [China Customs \(GACC\)](#); we handle that filing as part of the service, but the requirement is theirs, not ours.

If this is your first shipment into Oman, the [Oman 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 Sur. The video below covers the wider shipping process that sits around it.

What Is CBM? Sea Freight Volume Explained (Calculate Shipping Cost Fast!) — DDPCHAIN. 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 Sur

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 Oman route page](#) →

Freight Rates to Oman

📦 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 Sur Sea Freight: Rates, Transit and Clearance

Moving cargo to Sur by sea freight — 14–20 calendar days transit, 2–5 days port dwell, duty assessed by Directorate General of Customs, Royal Oman Police.

Get a Quote

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

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Route Page

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Customs clearance in Oman

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

[Oman clearance requirements](#) →

Priced routes to Oman

- [Ningbo-Sohar Sea Freight: Container Rates and Schedule](#)
- [Shanghai to Sohar Container Shipping — 20GP Rates](#)
- [Ship Shanghai to Salalah — FCL Container Cost from China](#)
- [Shipping a Container from Ningbo to Salalah: Cost & Transit](#)