

Sea Freight from China to Al Rayyan

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China → Al Rayyan · via DOH air / Hamad sea · clearance by General Authority of Customs, Qatar



Cargo handling on the China-Al Rayyan lane.

For buyers shipping into Al Rayyan, the practical question is not the ocean or flight time but what happens after arrival. Al Rayyan is the largest municipality adjoining Doha; cargo enters through DOH air / Hamad sea, and the inland leg is same-day, so the clearance date is effectively the delivery date.

Clearance itself is handled by General Authority of Customs, Qatar, and typical dwell at the gateway runs 2-5 days.

What the routing looks like in practice

Hamad Port gives Qatar direct deep-sea calls rather than the Jebel Ali transshipment it once relied on, which cut several days off the China lane. The 5% GCC tariff with no VAT keeps landed cost predictable, so most of the quoting complexity here is in conformity paperwork rather than duty.

Sea gateways used	Hamad Port (Doha)
Sea transit, China to gateway	16-24 calendar days
Gateway serving Al Rayyan	DOH air / Hamad sea
Inland leg to Al Rayyan	Same day from the gateway
Typical clearance / dwell	2-5 days
Peak season to plan around	Sep-Nov

Import duty and tax position for Al Rayyan

General Authority of Customs, Qatar assesses duty and tax on cargo arriving for Al Rayyan consignees. Current regime: No VAT at present; GCC common tariff of 5% on most goods, higher on tobacco and alcohol, with a de-minimis position of QAR 1,000 for personal consignments.

Conformity is the part most first-time importers underestimate: Qatar conformity assessment scheme 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 Qatar: Alcohol and pork products are restricted to licensed importers. Arabic labeling is required on consumer packaging. Construction and project cargo often needs consignee-side approvals before arrival.



Handling on the DOH air / Hamad sea routing serving Al Rayyan.

Pre-shipment checklist for Al Rayyan

- Photograph carton markings and seal numbers before departure — it makes any claim far easier to settle.
- Compare gross weight against volumetric weight ($L \times W \times H \div 6000$) — the higher figure is what gets billed on air and express.
- Put the Al Rayyan 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.
- Check the de-minimis position (QAR 1,000 for personal consignments) against your invoice value before you decide how to split the shipment.
- Get the conformity paperwork moving early: Qatar conformity assessment scheme for regulated goods; Arabic labeling for consumer products.

Frequently asked questions

How long does shipping from China to Al Rayyan take?

China to the Qatar gateway is 16–24 calendar days. On top of that, allow 2–5 days of clearance with General Authority of Customs, Qatar and a same-day inland leg to Al Rayyan.

What duty and tax will I pay importing into Al Rayyan?

General Authority of Customs, Qatar applies: No VAT at present; GCC common tariff of 5% on most goods, higher on tobacco and alcohol. The de-minimis position is QAR 1,000 for personal consignments. Under a DDP arrangement these are pre-paid, so nothing

is collected on arrival in Al Rayyan.

Can you deliver door-to-door in Al Rayyan?

Yes. Delivery to a Al Rayyan address is quoted as one figure covering freight, duty and tax owed to General Authority of Customs, Qatar, 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.

What certification do I need for Qatar?

For regulated goods, plan for: Qatar conformity assessment scheme for regulated goods; Arabic labeling for consumer products. 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.

Is sea freight cheaper than air freight into Al Rayyan?

Per kilo, yes — usually by a wide margin. The trade-off is time: 16–24 calendar days by sea versus 2–4 business days by air to the Qatar gateway, before clearance and the same-day inland leg. The crossover point is normally somewhere between 100 and 300 kg depending on the density of your cargo.

How is the chargeable weight calculated for Al Rayyan?

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 Qatar

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References & official sources

Duty rates, thresholds and conformity requirements for Qatar 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 General Authority of Customs, Qatar or your broker before you ship.

- [General Authority of Customs](#)
- [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.

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Checking the Qatar duty position yourself

Duty and tax figures on this page are planning estimates. The binding assessment is made by General Authority of Customs, Qatar 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 Qatar, the [Qatar 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 Al Rayyan. The video below covers the wider shipping process that sits around it.

Ocean Freight 101 - What Is LCL Ocean Freight — 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 Al Rayyan

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 Qatar route page](#) →

Freight Rates to Qatar

📦 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 Al Rayyan Sea Freight: Rates, Transit and Clearance

Moving cargo to Al Rayyan by sea freight — 16–24 calendar days transit, 2–5 days port dwell, duty assessed by General Authority of Customs, Qatar.

Get a Quote

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

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Customs clearance in Qatar

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

[Qatar clearance requirements →](#)

Priced routes to Qatar

- [Ship Ningbo to Hamad — FCL Container Cost from China](#)
- [Shipping a Container from Shanghai to Hamad: Cost & Transit](#)