

# Sea Freight from China to Hamad

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



Cargo handling on the China–Hamad lane.

We move sea freight cargo from South China into Hamad through DOH air / Hamad sea. Hamad is the deep-water port serving Doha and the industrial cities, which shapes the kind of cargo that moves on this lane and how it should be packed.

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

## Routing and transit on this lane

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.

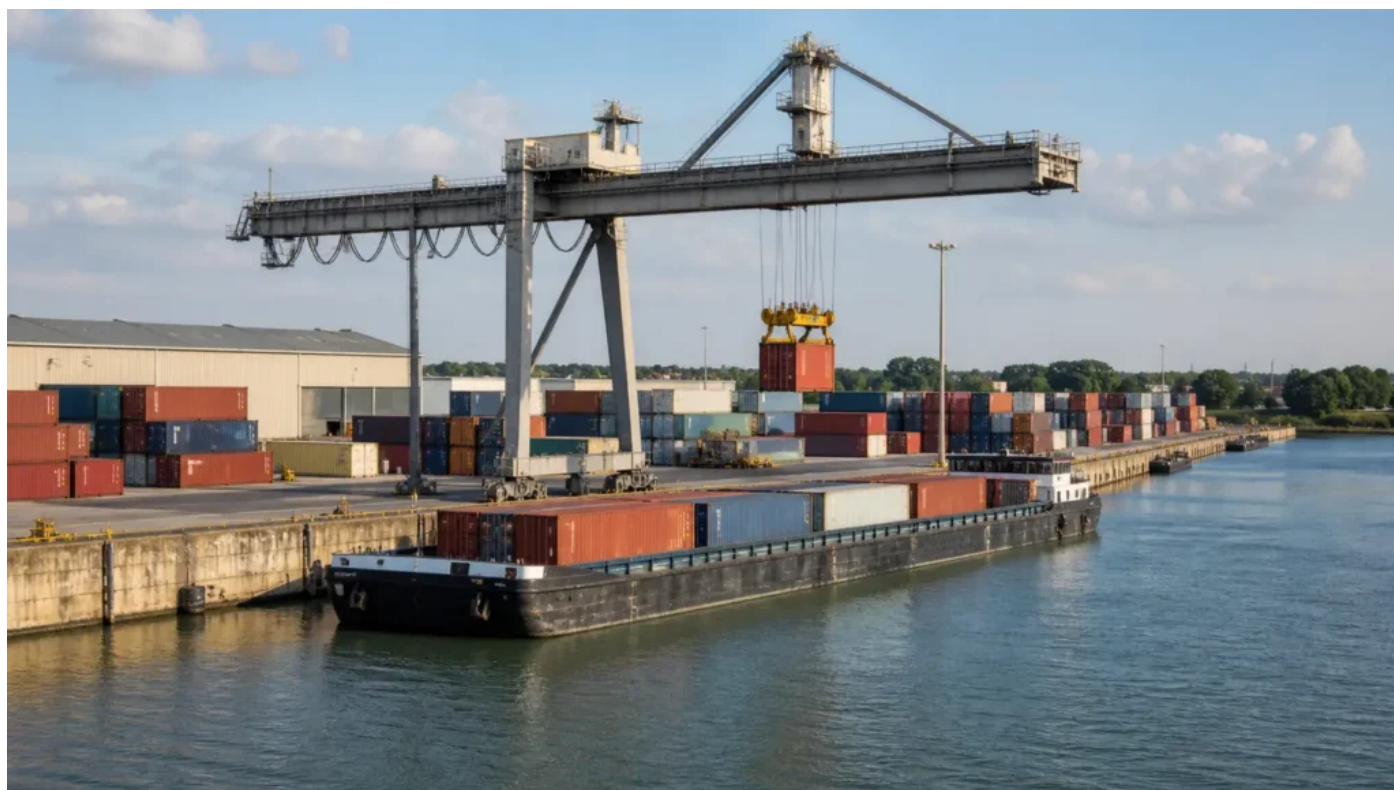
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| <b>Sea gateways used</b>             | Hamad Port (Doha)         |
| <b>Sea transit, China to gateway</b> | 16–24 calendar days       |
| <b>Gateway serving Hamad</b>         | DOH air / Hamad sea       |
| <b>Inland leg to Hamad</b>           |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

## What you will pay on arrival in Qatar

Imports into Qatar are cleared by General Authority of Customs, Qatar. The headline position is: No VAT at present; GCC common tariff of 5% on most goods, higher on tobacco and alcohol. The de-minimis threshold is 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 Hamad.

## Before you book: Hamad checklist

- Ask for the HS code in writing from your supplier and verify the Qatar duty rate against it yourself.
- Use ISPM-15 treated pallets. Untreated wood is the most common reason otherwise-clean cargo gets held.
- 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 Hamad 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.
- Budget for the inland leg: same-day delivery beyond gateway clearance to reach Hamad.

## Frequently asked questions

How long does shipping from China to Hamad 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 Hamad.

What duty and tax will I pay importing into Hamad?

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 Hamad.

Can you ship batteries or sensitive cargo to Hamad?

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 Hamad Port (Doha). Surcharges apply and space is more limited than for general cargo.

When is the busiest time on the China–Qatar 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.

Can you deliver door-to-door in Hamad?

Yes. Delivery to a Hamad 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.

How is the chargeable weight calculated for Hamad?

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

- [China to Doha](#)

- [China to Al Rayyan](#)
- [China to Al Wakrah](#)
- [China to Lusail](#)
- [China to Mesaieed](#)
- [China to Al Khor](#)

[All Qatar freight information →](#)

## 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.

- [Conveyor Belts Plastics, Rubber & Packaging](#)
- [Electronic Components Electronic Components & Semiconductors](#)
- [Computer Hardware Telecom, Computing & Data Centre](#)
- [Kitchen Appliances Home Appliances, HVAC & Commercial](#)
- [Home Decor Furniture & Home Products](#)
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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 Hamad. 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 Hamad

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.

Sea Freight to Hamad, Qatar: Transit Time, Duty & Clearance

Sea Freight from China to Hamad, Qatar. Transit 16–24 calendar days to the gateway, 2–5 days dwell, same day inland. Duty, documents and packing.

## Get a Quote

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

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## Hamad by Mode

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## Other Middle East Destinations

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## Route Page

- [Qatar DDP route details →](#)
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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](#)