

Sea Freight from China to Antalya

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China → Antalya · via AYT air / Mersin sea · clearance by Ministry of Trade — Turkish Customs



Cargo handling on the China–Antalya lane.

Freight from China into Antalya clears through AYT air / Mersin sea. Antalya is tourism economy and greenhouse agriculture, and allow +1 day for the inland leg on top of clearance.

The clearing authority is Ministry of Trade — Turkish Customs. Historical dwell on this gateway is around 3–8 days, and it lengthens in Sep–Nov.

Duty, tax and clearance into Antalya

Imports into Turkey are cleared by Ministry of Trade — Turkish Customs. The headline position is: VAT 20%; the EU–Turkey customs union tariff applies, plus additional and anti-dumping duties on many Chinese-origin textiles, footwear and electronics. The de-

minimis threshold is EUR 30 on personal parcels, with a simplified flat rate applied to low-value consignments.

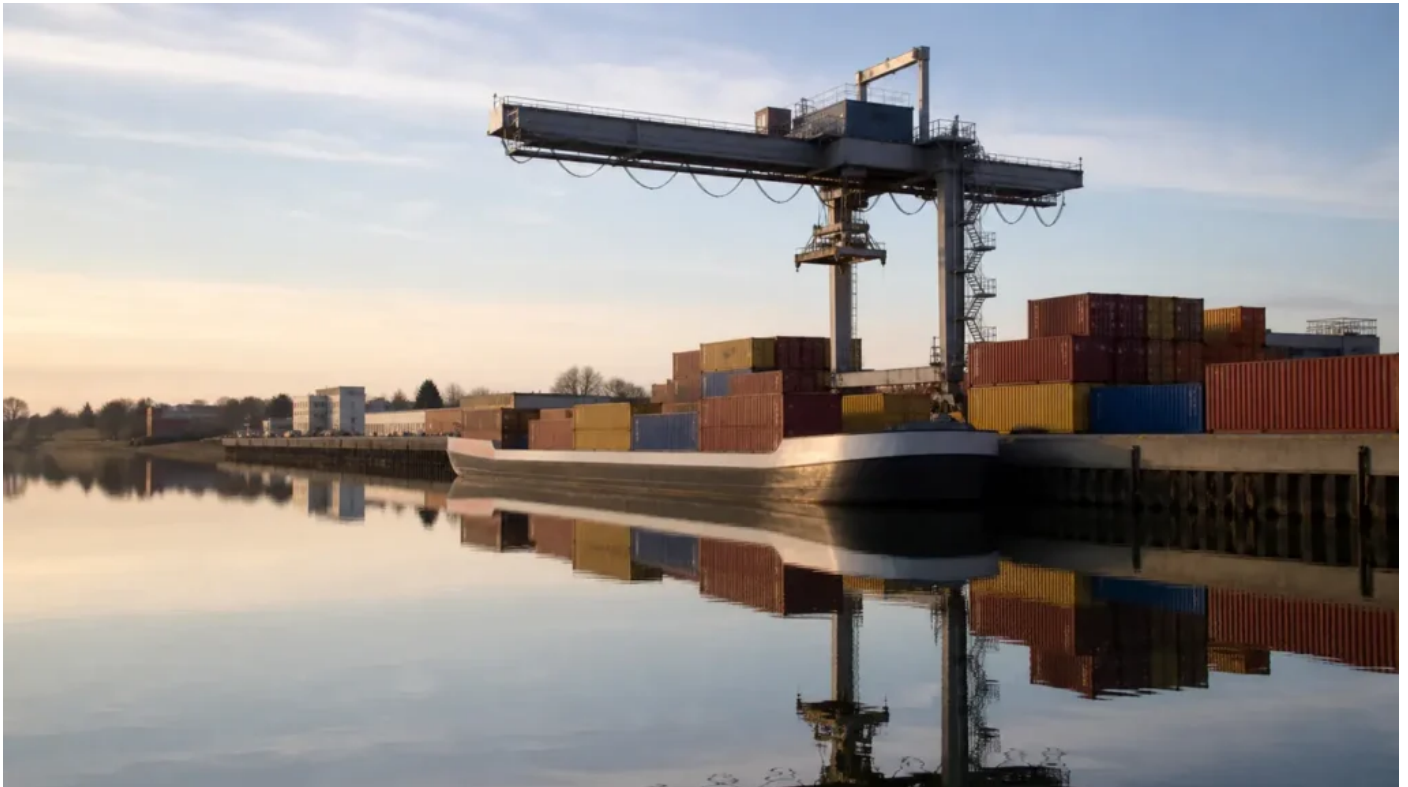
Conformity is the part most first-time importers underestimate: CE marking under EU-aligned rules; TSE conformity and TAREKS import inspection for regulated goods. Getting this wrong is expensive because it usually cannot be fixed after the cargo has landed.

Restrictions and known friction points for Turkey: Additional and anti-dumping duties on Chinese-origin goods are common and can exceed the base tariff. TAREKS registration is required for controlled products. Verify the current additional duty rate for your HS code before quoting.

What the routing looks like in practice

Turkey applies the EU common external tariff through its customs union with the EU, and then layers additional duties on a long list of Chinese-origin goods — textiles, footwear, small electronics and some machinery. Those extras, not the base tariff, are what break landed-cost models. Turkey is also served by China–Europe rail via the Middle Corridor into Kars, which sits between air and sea on both cost and transit.

Sea gateways used	Ambarlı (Istanbul), Mersin, Izmir (Aliağa)
Sea transit, China to gateway	22–30 calendar days
Gateway serving Antalya	AYT air / Mersin sea
Inland leg to Antalya	+1 day from the gateway
Typical clearance / dwell	3–8 days
Peak season to plan around	Sep–Nov



Handling on the AYT air / Mersin sea routing serving Antalya.

Before you book: Antalya checklist

- Confirm the consignee in Antalya can act as importer of record — Ministry of Trade — Turkish Customs will not release cargo to an unregistered party.
- Get the conformity paperwork moving early: CE marking under EU-aligned rules; TSE conformity and TAREKS import inspection for regulated goods.
- Put the Antalya 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 Turkey lane.
- Book earlier than the transit time suggests during Sep-Nov, when space on this lane tightens.
- Declare lithium batteries, magnets, liquids and powders up front — retro-declaring after booking usually means re-planning the whole shipment.

Frequently asked questions

How long does shipping from China to Antalya take?

China to the Turkey gateway is 22–30 calendar days. On top of that, allow 3–8 days of clearance with Ministry of Trade — Turkish Customs and a +1 day inland leg to Antalya.

What duty and tax will I pay importing into Antalya?

Ministry of Trade — Turkish Customs applies: VAT 20%; the EU-Turkey customs union tariff applies, plus additional and anti-dumping duties on many Chinese-origin textiles, footwear and electronics. The de-minimis position is EUR 30 on personal parcels,

with a simplified flat rate applied to low-value consignments. Under a DDP arrangement these are pre-paid, so nothing is collected on arrival in Antalya.

Which port or airport does cargo for Antalya clear through?

Cargo for Antalya is routed via AYT air / Mersin sea. Sea gateways for Turkey are Ambarlı (Istanbul), Mersin, Izmir (Aliağa); air gateways are IST (Istanbul), SAW (Sabiha Gökçen), ADB (Izmir). We pick whichever gives the shortest total door time for your address.

What certification do I need for Turkey?

For regulated goods, plan for: CE marking under EU-aligned rules; TSE conformity and TAREKS import inspection for regulated goods. 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.

When is the busiest time on the China-Turkey 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 ship batteries or sensitive cargo to Antalya?

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 Ambarlı (Istanbul), Mersin, Izmir (Aliağa). Surcharges apply and space is more limited than for general cargo.

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References & official sources

Duty rates, thresholds and conformity requirements for Turkey 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 Ministry of Trade — Turkish Customs or your broker before you ship.

- [Ministry of Trade — Customs](#)

- [Turkish Standards Institution \(TSE\)](#)
- [WTO — Tariff Profiles \(applied MFN duty by country\)](#)
- [ICC — Incoterms 2020 rules \(DDP, DAP, FOB definitions\)](#)
- [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 Turkey duty position yourself

Duty and tax figures on this page are planning estimates. The binding assessment is made by Ministry of Trade — Turkish Customs 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.

For a wider view of how importing into Turkey actually works — documentation norms, inspection behavior, the paperwork that tends to hold shipments — the [U.S. ITA guide to Turkey customs regulations](#) is a useful independent read alongside our own lane notes.

Watch: the process behind this route

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

Sea Freight Shipping Process for Beginners: Complete Factory-to-Door Guide (Every Step Explained) — Vixnk - English. 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 Antalya

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 Turkey route page](#) →

Freight Rates to Turkey

☞ 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 Antalya Sea Freight: Rates, Transit and Clearance

Moving cargo to Antalya by sea freight — 22–30 calendar days transit, 3–8 days port dwell, duty assessed by Ministry of Trade — Turkish Customs.

Get a Quote

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

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Customs clearance in Turkey

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

[Turkey clearance requirements →](#)

Priced routes to Turkey

- [Ningbo-Mersin Sea Freight: Container Rates and Schedule](#)
- [Ship Ningbo to Istanbul — FCL Container Cost from China](#)
- [Ship Shanghai to Istanbul — FCL Container Cost from China](#)
- [Ship Shanghai to Mersin — FCL Container Cost from China](#)