

Air Freight from China to Mersin

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



Cargo handling on the China-Mersin lane.

We move air freight cargo from South China into Mersin through ADA air / Mersin sea. Mersin is Mediterranean container port city, which shapes the kind of cargo that moves on this lane and how it should be packed.

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.

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.

Air gateways used	IST (Istanbul), SAW (Sabiha Gökçen), ADB (Izmir)
Air transit, China to gateway	3–5 business days
Gateway serving Mersin	ADA air / Mersin sea
Inland leg to Mersin	Same day from the gateway
Typical clearance / dwell	3–8 days
Peak season to plan around	Sep–Nov

What you will pay on arrival in Turkey

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.



Handling on the ADA air / Mersin sea routing serving Mersin.

Before you book: Mersin checklist

- 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.
- Use ISPM-15 treated pallets. Untreated wood is the most common reason otherwise-clean cargo gets held.
- Budget for the inland leg: same-day delivery beyond gateway clearance to reach Mersin.
- Confirm the consignee in Mersin can act as importer of record — Ministry of Trade — Turkish Customs will not release cargo to an unregistered party.
- Book earlier than the transit time suggests during Sep-Nov, when space on this lane tightens.

Frequently asked questions

How long does shipping from China to Mersin take?

China to the Turkey gateway is 3-5 business days. On top of that, allow 3-8 days of clearance with Ministry of Trade — Turkish Customs and a same-day inland leg to Mersin.

What duty and tax will I pay importing into Mersin?

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 Mersin.

Can you deliver door-to-door in Mersin?

Yes. Delivery to a Mersin address is quoted as one figure covering freight, duty and tax owed to Ministry of Trade — Turkish Customs, 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 Mersin?

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.

Can you ship batteries or sensitive cargo to Mersin?

Yes. Battery cargo by air follows IATA PI 965-970 depending on how the cells are packed, and moves on certified channels via IST (Istanbul), SAW (Sabiha Gökçen), ADB (Izmir). Surcharges apply and the declaration has to be made before booking.

Is sea freight cheaper than air freight into Mersin?

Per kilo, yes — usually by a wide margin. The trade-off is time: 22-30 calendar days by sea versus 3-5 business days by air to the Turkey 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.

Other delivery cities in Turkey

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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.

Classification drives everything downstream: the same carton can attract very different duty depending on the heading it lands in, and the structure those headings come from is [the World Customs Organization Harmonized System](#). If your product sits near a boundary between two headings, resolve it before shipping rather than at the border.

On the air side, anything with a cell or a battery in it, plus liquids, powders, magnets and aerosols, is governed by [the IATA Dangerous Goods Regulations](#). Those articles are not refused outright, but they need to be declared at booking so the shipment is built correctly — declaring them late is the single most common cause of an air consignment being offloaded.

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

Air Freight from China: Soaring Through the Skies of Global Trade — SINO Shipping. 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 Mersin

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

× ×

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.

Mersin Air Freight, Turkey: Cost, Transit & Customs

Air Freight to Mersin: 3-5 business days in transit, cleared by Ministry of Trade — Turkish Customs, same day to the door. What the rate covers and what it does not.

Get a Quote

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

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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](#)