

# China to Container Cost from China Sea Freight

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Sea Freight

Door-to-door transit 25-45 calendar days. Duty and final delivery are inside the published rate.



Sea freight — China to Sri Lanka

Sea Freight from China to Container Cost from China runs 25-45 calendar days door to door, clearing through the destination customs authority. Duty, customs handling and final delivery are inside the quoted rate. Send weight and dimensions for a firm figure on your cargo.

## Transit time

25-45 calendar days

## Destination

Container Cost from China, Sri Lanka

## Customs authority

the destination customs authority

## Duty-free threshold

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Published channel rate for planning. The final quote depends on chargeable weight, cargo class and HS code.

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## Current Freight Rates

Price data updating. [Contact us](#) for current rates.

## Trade Terms Explained — Who Pays for What

The rate above is quoted on one specific trade term. Change the term and you change how much of the journey to Sri Lanka is already inside the price. The table below maps the eleven common Incoterms® against the twelve cost stages of a door-to-door shipment, so you can see exactly where our responsibility ends and yours begins.

- **Seller** — Cost and arrangement sit with the seller / shipper.
- **Buyer** — Cost and arrangement sit with the buyer / consignee.
- **Negotiable** — Not fixed by the rule — agree it in the contract.

Responsibility for each shipment stage under each Incoterms rule

| Term                    | 1<br>Loading<br>on<br>truck               | 2 Export<br>customs<br>declaration                  | 3<br>Carriage<br>to port<br>of<br>export               | 4<br>Unloading<br>at port of<br>export                  | 5<br>Loading<br>on<br>vessel /<br>aircraft                  | 6 Main<br>carriage                     | 7 Cargo<br>insurance                   | 8<br>Unloading<br>at port of<br>import                | 9<br>Loading<br>on<br>truck at<br>import                | 10<br>Carriage to<br>destination               |
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| EXW Ex Works            | Buyer<br>Buyer —<br>Loading<br>on truck   | Buyer Buyer<br>— Export<br>customs<br>declaration   | Buyer<br>Buyer —<br>Carriage<br>to port of<br>export   | Buyer<br>Buyer —<br>Unloading<br>at port of<br>export   | Buyer<br>Buyer —<br>Loading<br>on<br>vessel /<br>aircraft   | Buyer<br>Buyer —<br>Main<br>carriage   | Buyer<br>Buyer —<br>Cargo<br>insurance | Buyer<br>Buyer —<br>Unloading<br>at port of<br>import | Buyer<br>Buyer —<br>Loading<br>on truck<br>at<br>import | Buyer Buyer<br>— Carriage<br>to<br>destination |
| FCA Free Carrier        | Seller<br>Seller —<br>Loading<br>on truck | Seller Seller<br>— Export<br>customs<br>declaration | Buyer<br>Buyer —<br>Carriage<br>to port of<br>export   | Buyer<br>Buyer —<br>Unloading<br>at port of<br>export   | Buyer<br>Buyer —<br>Loading<br>on<br>vessel /<br>aircraft   | Buyer<br>Buyer —<br>Main<br>carriage   | Buyer<br>Buyer —<br>Cargo<br>insurance | Buyer<br>Buyer —<br>Unloading<br>at port of<br>import | Buyer<br>Buyer —<br>Loading<br>on truck<br>at<br>import | Buyer Buyer<br>— Carriage<br>to<br>destination |
| FAS Free Alongside Ship | Seller<br>Seller —<br>Loading<br>on truck | Seller Seller<br>— Export<br>customs<br>declaration | Seller<br>Seller —<br>Carriage<br>to port of<br>export | Seller<br>Seller —<br>Unloading<br>at port of<br>export | Buyer<br>Buyer —<br>Loading<br>on<br>vessel /<br>aircraft   | Buyer<br>Buyer —<br>Main<br>carriage   | Buyer<br>Buyer —<br>Cargo<br>insurance | Buyer<br>Buyer —<br>Unloading<br>at port of<br>import | Buyer<br>Buyer —<br>Loading<br>on truck<br>at<br>import | Buyer Buyer<br>— Carriage<br>to<br>destination |
| FOB Free On Board       | Seller<br>Seller —<br>Loading<br>on truck | Seller Seller<br>— Export<br>customs<br>declaration | Seller<br>Seller —<br>Carriage<br>to port of<br>export | Seller<br>Seller —<br>Unloading<br>at port of<br>export | Seller<br>Seller —<br>Loading<br>on<br>vessel /<br>aircraft | Buyer<br>Buyer —<br>Main<br>carriage   | Buyer<br>Buyer —<br>Cargo<br>insurance | Buyer<br>Buyer —<br>Unloading<br>at port of<br>import | Buyer<br>Buyer —<br>Loading<br>on truck<br>at<br>import | Buyer Buyer<br>— Carriage<br>to<br>destination |
| CFR Cost and Freight    | Seller<br>Seller —<br>Loading<br>on truck | Seller Seller<br>— Export<br>customs<br>declaration | Seller<br>Seller —<br>Carriage<br>to port of<br>export | Seller<br>Seller —<br>Unloading<br>at port of<br>export | Seller<br>Seller —<br>Loading<br>on<br>vessel /<br>aircraft | Seller<br>Seller —<br>Main<br>carriage | Buyer<br>Buyer —<br>Cargo<br>insurance | Buyer<br>Buyer —<br>Unloading<br>at port of<br>import | Buyer<br>Buyer —<br>Loading<br>on truck<br>at<br>import | Buyer Buyer<br>— Carriage<br>to<br>destination |

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| CIF Cost,<br>Insurance<br>and<br>Freight    | Seller<br>Seller —<br>Loading<br>on truck | Seller Seller<br>— Export<br>customs<br>declaration | Seller<br>Seller —<br>Carriage<br>to port of<br>export | Seller<br>Seller —<br>Unloading<br>at port of<br>export | Seller<br>Seller —<br>Loading<br>on<br>vessel /<br>aircraft | Seller<br>Seller —<br>Main<br>carriage | Seller<br>Seller —<br>Cargo<br>insurance         | Buyer<br>Buyer —<br>Unloading<br>at port of<br>import   | Buyer<br>Buyer —<br>Loading<br>on truck<br>at<br>import   | Buyer Buyer<br>— Carriage<br>to<br>destination   |
| CPT<br>Carriage<br>Paid To                  | Seller<br>Seller —<br>Loading<br>on truck | Seller Seller<br>— Export<br>customs<br>declaration | Seller<br>Seller —<br>Carriage<br>to port of<br>export | Seller<br>Seller —<br>Unloading<br>at port of<br>export | Seller<br>Seller —<br>Loading<br>on<br>vessel /<br>aircraft | Seller<br>Seller —<br>Main<br>carriage | Negotiable<br>Negotiable<br>— Cargo<br>insurance | Seller<br>Seller —<br>Unloading<br>at port of<br>import | Seller<br>Seller —<br>Loading<br>on truck<br>at<br>import | Seller Seller<br>— Carriage<br>to<br>destination |
| CIP<br>Carriage<br>and<br>Insurance<br>Paid | Seller<br>Seller —<br>Loading<br>on truck | Seller Seller<br>— Export<br>customs<br>declaration | Seller<br>Seller —<br>Carriage<br>to port of<br>export | Seller<br>Seller —<br>Unloading<br>at port of<br>export | Seller<br>Seller —<br>Loading<br>on<br>vessel /<br>aircraft | Seller<br>Seller —<br>Main<br>carriage | Seller<br>Seller —<br>Cargo<br>insurance         | Seller<br>Seller —<br>Unloading<br>at port of<br>import | Seller<br>Seller —<br>Loading<br>on truck<br>at<br>import | Seller Seller<br>— Carriage<br>to<br>destination |
| DAT<br>Delivered<br>At<br>Terminal<br>(DPU) | Seller<br>Seller —<br>Loading<br>on truck | Seller Seller<br>— Export<br>customs<br>declaration | Seller<br>Seller —<br>Carriage<br>to port of<br>export | Seller<br>Seller —<br>Unloading<br>at port of<br>export | Seller<br>Seller —<br>Loading<br>on<br>vessel /<br>aircraft | Seller<br>Seller —<br>Main<br>carriage | Negotiable<br>Negotiable<br>— Cargo<br>insurance | Seller<br>Seller —<br>Unloading<br>at port of<br>import | Buyer<br>Buyer —<br>Loading<br>on truck<br>at<br>import   | Buyer Buyer<br>— Carriage<br>to<br>destination   |
| DAP<br>Delivered<br>At Place                | Seller<br>Seller —<br>Loading<br>on truck | Seller Seller<br>— Export<br>customs<br>declaration | Seller<br>Seller —<br>Carriage<br>to port of<br>export | Seller<br>Seller —<br>Unloading<br>at port of<br>export | Seller<br>Seller —<br>Loading<br>on<br>vessel /<br>aircraft | Seller<br>Seller —<br>Main<br>carriage | Negotiable<br>Negotiable<br>— Cargo<br>insurance | Seller<br>Seller —<br>Unloading<br>at port of<br>import | Seller<br>Seller —<br>Loading<br>on truck<br>at<br>import | Seller Seller<br>— Carriage<br>to<br>destination |

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| DDP<br>Delivered<br>Duty Paid | Seller<br>Seller —<br>Loading<br>on truck | Seller Seller<br>— Export<br>customs<br>declaration | Seller<br>Seller —<br>Carriage<br>to port of<br>export | Seller<br>Seller —<br>Unloading<br>at port of<br>export | Seller<br>Seller —<br>Loading<br>on<br>vessel /<br>aircraft | Seller<br>Seller —<br>Main<br>carriage | Negotiable<br>Negotiable<br>— Cargo<br>insurance | Seller<br>Seller —<br>Unloading<br>at port of<br>import | Seller<br>Seller —<br>Loading<br>on truck<br>at<br>import | Seller Seller<br>— Carriage<br>to<br>destination |

EXW Ex Works

Buyer takes over at the seller's door and carries every cost from there. Lowest quoted price, highest buyer workload.

FCA Free Carrier

Seller clears the goods for export and hands them to the carrier the buyer nominated.

FAS Free Alongside Ship

Sea and inland waterway only. Seller delivers alongside the vessel; loading is on the buyer.

FOB Free On Board

Sea and inland waterway only. Risk passes once the goods are on board. The most common buying term.

CFR Cost and Freight

Seller pays the main carriage but carries no insurance obligation; risk still passes on loading.

CIF Cost, Insurance and Freight

As CFR, plus the seller must buy and pay for cargo insurance (minimum cover unless you agree more).

CPT Carriage Paid To

Any mode. Seller pays carriage through to the named destination; insurance is not obligatory.

CIP Carriage and Insurance Paid

As CPT, plus the seller must insure the cargo through to the named destination.

**DAT Delivered At Terminal (DPU)**

Seller delivers unloaded at the named terminal. Renamed DPU (Delivered at Place Unloaded) in Incoterms® 2020.

**DAP Delivered At Place**

Seller delivers to your address ready for unloading; import clearance and duty stay with the buyer.

**DDP Delivered Duty Paid**

Seller carries everything through to your door, duty and tax included. Highest quoted price, least buyer workload.

**Two things worth flagging.** Under CIF and CIP the seller is obliged to buy cargo insurance and pay the premium; under every other term insurance is optional, and we recommend buyers arrange their own cover so a loss or damage in transit is recoverable. And this table is a working summary for planning purposes — the binding definitions are the ones published by the International Chamber of Commerce in the Incoterms® rules, so confirm the exact term wording in your sales contract before you ship.

## Service Details

**Shanghai → Colombo Container Shipping**

Ocean freight from China to Sri Lanka on a full-container basis, loading at Shanghai for discharge at Colombo. Because the rate is per container, the way to lower your cost per unit is to fill the box properly rather than to negotiate the freight — a 40HQ at 85% utilization is almost always cheaper per CBM than a 20GP packed tight. Transit is typically 14–22 days port to port.

Port-to-port means exactly that: the rate ends at the Colombo terminal gate. Typical dwell at destination runs 3–7 days before the box is available for collection, and that window sits outside the transit figure above. Origin haulage, export declaration, destination clearance, duty and delivery beyond the terminal are all quoted separately, so ask for a door figure if that is what you are comparing against.

**Rate on application.** We move containers on this lane but do not publish a standing figure for it, and we would rather quote it than print a number we cannot hold. Send us the commodity, box type and required ETD and we will come back with the allocation price.

**Rate by Container Type**

- **20GP** — quoted on request for the current sailing
- **40HQ** — quoted on request for the current sailing

We move sea freight cargo for Sri Lanka through [Colombo](#), [Hambantota](#) and Trincomalee. The quoted rate covers the ocean leg to whichever of those the vessel calls at; the difference between them shows up in the trucking cost beyond the quay, which is why it pays to name the delivery city when you ask for a quote rather than just the country.

Inland coverage matters more than the port rate for most consignees. We deliver to [Hambantota](#), [Jaffna](#), [Galle](#), [Negombo](#) and [Kandy](#) and beyond, and the guide for each sets out its arrival gateway, the inland days to add to the transit quoted here, and the documentation the local office actually asks for. You can browse [all Sri Lanka destinations we cover](#), 7 destinations in total.



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## Track your shipment

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'; return; } var pretty = res.num.substring(0,4) + ' ' + res.num.substring(4,10) + ' ' + res.num.substring(10); var who, target; if
(res.carrier) { who = 'The ' + esc(res.prefix) + ' prefix belongs to ' + esc(res.carrier.name) + ', so this box is theirs. Their
tracking page is the authoritative source for it.'; target = res.carrier; } else if (res.lessor) { who = 'The ' + esc(res.prefix) + '
prefix belongs to ' + esc(res.lessor) + ', a container leasing company rather than a shipping line. A leased box can sail with any
carrier, ' + 'so the number alone does not say who is moving it — use the universal lookup below, or check your bill of lading for the
line.'; target = FALLBACK; } else { who = 'We do not have ' + esc(res.prefix) + ' in our prefix list. The number itself is valid, ' +
'so the universal lookup below will route it to the right line.'; target = FALLBACK; } /* Always offer the universal lookups as well as
the carrier. A carrier site can be down, or simply not show a box that has not reached its network yet, and a dead end at that point
is what generates a support email. */ var alts = ''; for (var i = 0; i < FALLBACKS.length; i++) { var f = FALLBACKS[i]; if (target !==
FALLBACK && i === 0) { /* keep order, still show */ } if (f.url === target.url) { continue; } alts += '

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- ' + esc(f.name) + ' — ' + esc(f.note) + '

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'; } box.innerHTML = '

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' + '

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' + esc(pretty) + '

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' + '

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Check digit valid. ' + who + '

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' + '

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' + 'Track on ' + esc(target.name) + " " + '

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' + '

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' + (alts ? '

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No result there? These free lookups cover the same box from different data sources:

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' + alts + '
': ') + '
'; /* Copy the number so the carrier's own search box is one paste away. Deliberately not a deep link: these carrier sites are SPAs
whose query parameters change without notice, and a link that quietly stops prefilling looks like a broken tracker. */ var note =
box.querySelector('[data-copy]'); if (navigator.clipboard && navigator.clipboard.writeText) {
navigator.clipboard.writeText(res.num).then(function () { note.textContent = res.num + ' copied — paste it into the tracking box
that opens.'; }, function () { note.textContent = 'Copy ' + res.num + ' and paste it into the tracking box that opens.'; }); } else {
note.textContent = 'Copy ' + res.num + ' and paste it into the tracking box that opens.'; } } function wire(root) { var input =
root.querySelector('.cof-ot-input'); var btn = root.querySelector('.cof-ot-btn'); var box = root.querySelector('.cof-ot-out'); if (!input ||
!btn || !box) return; function go() { var num = normalize(input.value); if (!num) { input.focus(); return; } render(box,
analyze(num)); } btn.addEventListener('click', go); input.addEventListener('keydown', function (e) { if (e.key === 'Enter') {
e.preventDefault(); go(); } }); } function init() { var nodes = document.querySelectorAll('.cof-ot'); for (var i = 0; i < nodes.length;
i++) { wire(nodes[i]); } } if (document.readyState === 'loading') { document.addEventListener('DOMContentLoaded', init); } else
{ init(); } }());
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## Track your container to Sri Lanka

Ocean cargo is tracked by container number, not by a parcel barcode. Enter yours below: we check it is a valid number, identify the line that owns it, and take you straight to that line's tracking page for this ocean service.

Container number

A container number is four letters and seven digits, for example MSKU6090510. The last digit is a check digit, so a typo can be caught here rather than by an empty result on the carrier's site. We validate it in your browser — the number is not sent to us or to anyone else.

## Additional Information

### What This Rate Covers — and What It Does Not

The Shanghai to Colombo rate is ocean freight, port to port, for one full container. Origin haulage to Shanghai, export declaration, destination clearance, duty and tax for Sri Lanka, and delivery beyond the Colombo terminal all sit outside it and are quoted on request. That split is normal for FCL, and it is why a port-to-port figure should never be compared directly against a door-to-door one.

- Priced per box in USD for 20GP and 40HQ, not per KG or per CBM — utilization is yours to optimize
- Transit 14–22 days port to port port to port on Shanghai to Colombo, subject to the sailing booked
- Heavy and out-of-gauge cargo is core traffic here: machinery, steel, stone, building materials, project pieces
- Cut-off and free time attach to the specific sailing; demurrage begins the day free time expires
- Reefer, dangerous goods and out-of-gauge are priced case by case rather than from the card

- Clearance at destination is handled by Sri Lanka Customs; the consignee must be registered to import
- Destination conformity for Sri Lanka: SLSI conformity for regulated goods; import control license for restricted categories

Utilization is where the real saving sits on this lane. The rate is per box, so every CBM you leave empty is money already spent — which is why it is worth planning the load before booking rather than after. On the compliance side, Sri Lanka Customs assesses against your declaration, so the packing list and the commercial invoice need to agree with each other and with the cargo.

Every shipment needs a commercial invoice and a packing list that agree with each other, plus destination certification where the commodity requires it. The most common cause of delay we see is not the freight at all — it is a declared value or a goods description that does not match what is in the cartons, which turns a routine clearance into an inspection.

## Where these numbers come from

Duty and tax figures on this page are planning estimates. The binding assessment is made by Sri Lanka 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.

If this is your first shipment into Sri Lanka, the [Sri Lanka 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.

## China to Sri Lanka — Shipping Reference Data

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|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Main sea gateways</b>                | Colombo, Hambantota, Trincomalee                                                        |
| <b>Destination customs authority</b>    | Sri Lanka Customs                                                                       |
| <b>De-minimis / duty-free threshold</b> | No practical de-minimis                                                                 |
| <b>Import tax &amp; duty regime</b>     | VAT 18%; customs duty plus PAL (ports and airports levy) 10% and CESS on selected goods |
| <b>Local currency</b>                   | LKR                                                                                     |
| <b>Typical clearance / dwell time</b>   | 3–7 days                                                                                |
| <b>Peak / busy season</b>               | Sep–Nov                                                                                 |
| <b>Conformity &amp; certification</b>   | SLSI conformity for regulated goods; import control license for restricted categories   |

Thresholds and duty bands are buyer-planning references, not formal customs rulings — confirm the exact HS-code rate for your goods before shipping.

## Free 3D Loading Tools for This Sea Route

This page covers a Sea freight service from China to Sri Lanka. Use the matching tool below to plan your cargo before requesting a quote.



### 3D Container Loading Planner

Wondering whether your cargo fills a 20GP or needs a 40HQ for this Sri Lanka route? The 3D container planner simulates cartons, crates, pallets, and even mixed box sizes in one container.

[Open Container Planner →](#)

## Sri Lanka Sea Freight Checklist

- Reserve loading space 5-7 days before the sailing cut-off for this route during peak season.
- Check pallet vs floor-loading: floor loading typically fits 8-12% more cartons per container.
- Verify the receiver's customs import capability in Sri Lanka for DDP terms before booking.
- Photograph the container number, seal, and loading process for insurance evidence.

## Frequently Asked Questions

How long does Sea FCL Port-to-Port from China to Sri Lanka take?

Sea freight on this route runs about 25–45 calendar days door-to-door, plus roughly 3–7 days of clearance/dwell once it reaches the gateway. All times include customs clearance under DDP terms.

What duties and taxes apply when importing into Sri Lanka?

Clearance is handled by Sri Lanka Customs. The regime is: VAT 18%; customs duty plus PAL (ports and airports levy) 10% and CESS on selected goods, with a de-minimis position of No practical de-minimis. Under DDP these are pre-paid, so nothing is collected on arrival.

What documents are required for customs clearance in Sri Lanka?

Sri Lanka Customs typically requires a commercial invoice with HS codes, a packing list, the bill of lading/air waybill, a certificate of origin (may lower duty), and any product certification (SLSI conformity for regulated goods; import control license for restricted categories). We file these under DDP.

When does capacity tighten on the China–Sri Lanka lane?

Space and rates tighten around Sep–Nov, plus the China-side windows of Chinese New Year (Jan/Feb) and Golden Week (early Oct). Book 1–2 weeks earlier in these periods.

In what currency is this route priced and paid?

Freight is quoted and invoiced in USD; the destination-side currency is LKR. Payment is typically due before departure, and DDP means you settle the full landed cost once.

Can you ship special cargo (batteries, branded goods) to Sri Lanka?

Yes — battery goods by sea follow UN3480/UN3481 rules with an MSDS; we prepare the dangerous-goods paperwork as part of DDP into Colombo, Hambantota, Trincomalee. Surcharges apply.

## Inland Delivery Coverage — Sri Lanka

We deliver beyond the arrival gateway. Each city below has its own destination guide covering the gateway it clears through, typical inland transit time and the local customs picture.

**Note — these are reference guides, not quotes.** The city pages describe routing, gateways and clearance for each destination. They do not carry rate tables. For pricing to any city listed here, use the rate table on this page or ask us for a quote.

- [Colombo CMB air / Colombo sea inland same day](#) Guide only — no rates
- [Gampaha CMB air / Colombo sea inland same day](#) Guide only — no rates
- [Kandy CMB air / Colombo sea inland +1 day](#) Guide only — no rates
- [Galle CMB air / Colombo sea inland +1 day](#) Guide only — no rates
- [Negombo CMB air / Colombo sea inland same day](#) Guide only — no rates
- [Jaffna CMB air / Colombo sea inland +2 days](#) Guide only — no rates
- [Hambantota CMB air / Hambantota sea inland +1 day](#) Guide only — no rates

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## Shipping Sri Lanka cargo by industry

This rate is for the lane. What decides whether the cargo arrives intact is the commodity — how it prices, how it must be packed and loaded, and which compliance step holds it at the border. These guides cover that per industry.

- [Ceramic Tableware Glass & Ceramic Products](#)
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- [Headphones Consumer Electronics & Smart Devices](#)
- [Home Furniture Furniture & Home Products](#)
- [Garden Products Furniture & Home Products](#)
- [Footwear Textiles, Apparel, Footwear & Leather](#)
- [Medical Furniture Medical, Laboratory & Precision Instruments](#)
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## Contact Us

Ready to ship? Our team responds within one business day. We also handle sourcing and purchasing.

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Shanghai → Colombo desk

### Our Services

- ➔ Air freight — EXW, FCA, CIP or duty-paid
- 🚢 Sea freight FCL / LCL — FOB, CIF or duty-paid
- 🚂 Rail freight — door-to-door or terminal handover
- China sourcing & purchasing
- Warehouse & consolidation

## Customs clearance in Sri Lanka

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

[Sri Lanka clearance requirements →](#)

## Destination guide

Gateways, inland legs and clearance context for Sri Lanka — background rather than pricing.

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