Cost to Ship 21KG from China to Zimbabwe

Shipping 21KG from China to Zimbabwe costs approximately USD 533, based on a published rate of USD 532.9 per cubic metre (about USD 3.20 per kg at 1 CBM = 167 KG), billed at the 1 CBM minimum because 21 kg works out below one cubic metre. Treat it as a planning estimate for the freight: what you actually pay depends on the product, its HS code, the declared value and the exchange rate on the day, and duty assessed by the national customs service is quoted separately. The real figure can come in above or below this.

Estimated total

USD 533 for 21KG

Billed as

1 CBM at USD 532.9 per cubic metre

Per-kg equivalent

USD 3.20/kg at 1 CBM = 167 KG

By sea

USD 532.9 per cubic metre (about USD 3.20 per kg at 1 CBM = 167 KG), 25-45 days

Customs authority

the national customs service

Indicative planning references only, not a quotation. Actual cost depends on the product and its HS code, chargeable weight, declared value, destination duty and tax and the exchange rate on the day, and can be higher or lower.

Current Rates — China to Zimbabwe (21 KG)

Updated 2026-11-04

Service	Mode	Rate	Billed as	Total (21 KG)	Details
Best Value Sea · Duty-Paid (tax included)	Sea Freight	**USD 532.9** /CBM ≈ USD 3.20/KG	1 CBM 1 CBM min	**USD 533**	**View Details → (https://freightquotechina.com/ddp-route/af_sea_harare_zw/)**

1 CBM = 167 KG — sea LCL lanes are sold by the cubic metre. Volume converts to weight as `L × W × H (cm) ÷ 6000`, so one cubic metre is treated as 167 KG. The ≈ /KG figure is that conversion applied to the CBM rate, for comparison against the air rows. Shipments under 1 CBM are billed at the **1 CBM minimum**.

Sea · Duty-Paid (tax included): Sea LCL is billed per cubic metre with a one cubic metre minimum. 21 kg works out below 1 CBM, so the 1 CBM minimum applies.

How these prices are calculated — chargeable weight and CBM

Freight is not billed on the number on your bathroom scale. It is billed on **chargeable weight**: the greater of actual gross weight and volumetric weight, where volumetric weight is `L × W × H (cm) ÷ 6000`. Denser cargo pays on its weight; light bulky cargo pays on the space it occupies. Whichever is higher is the one you pay — never the lower.

One cubic metre = 167 kg. That is 1,000,000 cm³ ÷ 6000, the same divisor used for the volumetric check, so both sides of this page agree with each other.

Per-CBM channels (sea LCL and sea DDP). The published rate buys one cubic metre, not one kilogram. Where this page knows only a weight, it converts at 167 kg per CBM to show an indicative volume — your measured dimensions decide the real figure.

One CBM minimum. Consolidators bill a one cubic metre floor, so anything that works out under 1 CBM is priced at 1 CBM.

Freight only. These are published freight rates. Duty, tax and customs charges at destination are not a fixed number we can print: they follow your product's HS code, its declared value and the exchange rate applied on the day of entry, so they are confirmed against your actual goods and quoted separately.

Indicative only — the real price can be higher or lower. Nothing on this page is a quotation or a commitment. What you finally pay depends on what the product is, how it is packed, the chargeable weight, the declared value, the destination duty position and the exchange rate at the time. Send the product details, weight and dimensions and we will price your specific

shipment.

Worked example — how the conversion runs, not a quotation. 21 kg ÷ 167 kg/CBM = 0.13 CBM, below the 1 CBM minimum, so 1 CBM is billed. On a per-CBM channel the estimate is the CBM rate × 1 — not the CBM rate × 21.

(https://freightquotechina.com/)

Track your shipment

Enter your tracking number below

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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 += '

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

'; } box.innerHTML = '

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' + esc(pretty) + '

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Check digit valid. ' + who + '

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

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' + (alts ? '

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

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' : '') + '

'; /* 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(); } })();

Track a container to Zimbabwe

Ocean cargo is tracked by container number rather than by a parcel barcode. Enter yours below: we validate the number, identify the line that owns the prefix, and send you to that line's own tracking page.

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.

Full Weight-Tier Rate Cards

Detailed per-weight pricing for every active route from China to Zimbabwe. Each tier reflects the published rate at that exact weight — useful for accurate budgeting at common shipment sizes.

Updated 2026-11-04 **8 weight tiers** **USD pricing**

Volume	Approx. weight	Rate (USD/CBM)	Shipment total
1 CBM	**≈ 167 KG**	**USD 532.91**	**USD 532.91**
2 CBM	≈ 333 KG	**USD 486.76**	USD 973.51
3 CBM	≈ 500 KG	**USD 466.24**	USD 1,398.73
5 CBM	≈ 833 KG	**USD 455.99**	USD 2,279.93
8 CBM	≈ 1,333 KG	**USD 463.68**	USD 3,709.43
12 CBM	≈ 2,000 KG	**USD 489.32**	USD 5,871.83
20 CBM	≈ 3,333 KG	**USD 479.06**	USD 9,581.26
30 CBM	≈ 5,000 KG	**USD 443.17**	USD 13,294.97

View full route details → (https://freightquotechina.com/ddp-route/af_sea_harare_zw/)

Customer Reviews — China to Zimbabwe Shipping

Verified reviews from importers who have shipped with us to Zimbabwe.

□□□ Zimbabwe

★★★★☆

4.2 / 5 — Very Good (19 reviews)



B********e**

Zimbabwe

★★★★☆

4

Supplier Service

★★★☆☆

On-time Shipping

★★★★★

Goods Quality & Transit

★★★★☆

We tested this lane to Zimbabwe with a mid-volume order. The supplier pickup and export handling were well coordinated. Cartons arrived clean and labels were still readable on delivery. A practical option when we need predictable landed cost.

March 29, 2026 ✓ Verified



M********u**

Zimbabwe

★★★★☆

4.3

Supplier Service
★★★★★

On-time Shipping
★★★★☆

Goods Quality & Transit
★★★★☆

This was a DDP shipment to Zimbabwe for mixed cartons. No hidden charges showed up on arrival. Tracking updates were not excessive, but they came when something important changed. Overall a reliable experience for repeat imports. The team kept us informed at the right moments.

March 28, 2026 ✓ Verified

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T********a**

Zimbabwe
★★★★☆

4.3

Supplier Service
★★★★★

On-time Shipping
★★★★★

Goods Quality & Transit
★★★☆☆

This was a DDP shipment to Zimbabwe for mixed cartons. The supplier pickup and export handling were well coordinated. Pickup from the supplier was arranged quickly and customs stayed under control. A practical option when we need predictable landed cost.

January 6, 2026

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B********u**

Zimbabwe
★★★½☆

3.7

Supplier Service
★★★★☆

On-time Shipping
★★★☆☆

Goods Quality & Transit
★★★★☆

We tested this lane to Zimbabwe with a mid-volume order. The supplier pickup and export handling were well coordinated. Pickup from the supplier was arranged quickly and customs stayed under control. Would use the same line again for general cargo.

December 22, 2025



F*******e**

Zimbabwe

★★★★½

4.7

Supplier Service

★★★★★

On-time Shipping

★★★★☆

Goods Quality & Transit

★★★★★

We used this route for a regular replenishment to Zimbabwe. The supplier pickup and export handling were well coordinated. The landed price stayed aligned with the quote, which helped our budgeting. Would use the same line again for general cargo.

September 24, 2025 ✓ Verified



F******o**

Zimbabwe

★★★★☆

4.3

Supplier Service
★★★★☆

On-time Shipping
★★★★☆

Goods Quality & Transit
★★★★★

We used this route for a regular replenishment to Zimbabwe. The supplier pickup and export handling were well coordinated. Cartons arrived clean and labels were still readable on delivery. Would use the same line again for general cargo.

September 19, 2025 ✔ Verified

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T********u**

Zimbabwe
★★★★★

5

Supplier Service
★★★★★

On-time Shipping
★★★★★

Goods Quality & Transit
★★★★★

Booked another door-to-door shipment to Zimbabwe through this team. The supplier pickup and export handling were well coordinated. Pickup from the supplier was arranged quickly and customs stayed under control. A practical option when we need predictable landed cost. Shipment was handled properly from start to finish.

August 22, 2025 ✓ Verified



L********a**

Zimbabwe
★★★★½

4.7

Supplier Service
★★★★★

On-time Shipping
★★★★★

Goods Quality & Transit
★★★★☆

Booked another door-to-door shipment to Zimbabwe through this team. The supplier pickup and export handling were well coordinated. The booking process was straightforward and the team confirmed documents early. A practical option when we need predictable landed cost.

June 11, 2025 ✔ Verified



B********e**

Zimbabwe

★★★☆☆

3.3

Supplier Service

★★★☆☆

On-time Shipping

★★★☆☆

Goods Quality & Transit

★★★★☆

We tested this lane to Zimbabwe with a mid-volume order. The supplier pickup and export handling were well coordinated. The booking process was straightforward and the team confirmed documents early. Would use the same line again for general cargo.

June 2, 2025 ✔ Verified



S********a**

Zimbabwe

★★★★☆

4.3

Supplier Service

★★★★☆

On-time Shipping

★★★★★

Goods Quality & Transit

★★★★☆

We used this route for a regular replenishment to Zimbabwe. No hidden charges showed up on arrival. Pickup from the supplier was arranged quickly and customs stayed under control. A practical option when we need predictable landed cost. Shipment was handled properly from start to finish.

April 16, 2025

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T*******e**

Zimbabwe

★★★★½

4.7

Supplier Service
★★★★☆

On-time Shipping
★★★★★

Goods Quality & Transit
★★★★★

This was a DDP shipment to Zimbabwe for mixed cartons. No hidden charges showed up on arrival. Transit was close to the estimate and the destination delivery appointment was handled well. Overall a reliable experience for repeat imports.

March 30, 2025 ✔ Verified

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L********o**

Zimbabwe
★★★★½

4.7

Supplier Service
★★★★★

On-time Shipping
★★★★☆

Goods Quality & Transit
★★★★★

Booked another door-to-door shipment to Zimbabwe through this team. No hidden charges showed up on arrival. Cartons arrived clean and labels were still readable on delivery. A practical option when we need predictable landed cost.

January 16, 2025

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T********o**

Zimbabwe

★★★★☆

4.3

Supplier Service

★★★★☆

On-time Shipping

★★★★☆

Goods Quality & Transit

★★★★★

Delivery was a few days behind schedule but goods arrived in perfect condition. The DDP coverage was genuinely all-inclusive.

January 7, 2025 ✔ Verified



R********a**

Zimbabwe

★★★★☆

4.3

Supplier Service

★★★★★

On-time Shipping

★★★★☆

Goods Quality & Transit

★★★★☆

Shipment arrived on schedule with zero issues at customs. DDP pricing was exactly as quoted, no surprise charges. Highly recommend.

December 24, 2024 ✔ Verified



T********a**

Zimbabwe

★★★★☆

4.3

Supplier Service
★★★★☆

On-time Shipping
★★★★★

Goods Quality & Transit
★★★★☆

Solid option for sea freight. Communication could be slightly faster but no major issues.

December 9, 2024 ✓ Verified

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C********o**

Zimbabwe
★★★☆☆

3

Supplier Service
★★★☆☆

On-time Shipping
★★★☆☆

Goods Quality & Transit
★★★☆☆

The price was competitive. Had a slight issue with customs documentation but it was resolved without extra cost.

November 20, 2024



F********u**

Zimbabwe

★★★★½

4.7

Supplier Service

★★★★★

On-time Shipping

★★★★☆

Goods Quality & Transit

★★★★★

Professional service from start to finish. Clear communication throughout, and my cargo cleared customs without any problems.

November 4, 2024 ✔ Verified



M*******o**

Zimbabwe

★★★★☆

4

Supplier Service

★★★★☆

On-time Shipping

★★★★☆

Goods Quality & Transit

★★★★☆

The pricing is fair and the process is straightforward. Took a bit longer than estimated but no damage to goods.

October 17, 2024 ✔ Verified

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T********e**

Zimbabwe

★★★½☆

3.7

Supplier Service

★★★★☆

On-time Shipping

★★★☆☆

Goods Quality & Transit

★★★★☆

Reasonable transit time. The documentation handling was professional and customs clearance was smooth.

September 30, 2024

+ Leave a Review (https://freightquotechina.com/ratings/#fr-submit)

◫ Sea Freight Options

Sea DDP w/Tax **USD 532.9/KG → (https://freightquotechina.com/ddp-route/af_sea_harare_zw/)**

Calculate for a different weight:

Freight Rates to Zimbabwe

Current published rates — USD

◫ SEA

Sea · Duty-Paid (tax included)

1 CBM **USD 532.91**

2 CBM **USD 486.76**

3 CBM **USD 466.24**

5 CBM **USD 455.99**

8 CBM **USD 463.68**

12 CBM **USD 489.32**

20 CBM **USD 479.06**

30 CBM **USD 443.17**

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⚖ **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.

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 Zimbabwe 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.

Term	1 Loading on truck	2 Export customs declaration	3 Carriage to port of export	4 Unloading at port of export	5 Loading on vessel / aircraft	6 Main carriage	7 Cargo insurance	8 Unloading at port of import	9 Loading on truck at import	10 Carriage to destination	11 Import customs clearance	12 Import duties & taxes
EXW Ex Works	Buyer	Buyer	Buyer	Buyer	Buyer	Buyer	Buyer	Buyer	Buyer	Buyer	Buyer	Buyer
FCA Free Carrier	Seller	Seller	Buyer	Buyer	Buyer	Buyer	Buyer	Buyer	Buyer	Buyer	Buyer	Buyer
FAS Free Alongside Ship	Seller	Seller	Seller	Seller	Buyer	Buyer	Buyer	Buyer	Buyer	Buyer	Buyer	Buyer
FOB Free On Board	Seller	Seller	Seller	Seller	Seller	Buyer	Buyer	Buyer	Buyer	Buyer	Buyer	Buyer
CFR Cost and Freight	Seller	Seller	Seller	Seller	Seller	Seller	Buyer	Buyer	Buyer	Buyer	Buyer	Buyer
CIF Cost, Insurance and Freight	Seller	Seller	Seller	Seller	Seller	Seller	Seller	Buyer	Buyer	Buyer	Buyer	Buyer

Term	1 Loading on truck	2 Export customs declaration	3 Carriage to port of export	4 Unloading at port of export	5 Loading on vessel / aircraft	6 Main carriage	7 Cargo insurance	8 Unloading at port of import	9 Loading on truck at import	10 Carriage to destination	11 Import customs clearance	12 Import duties & taxes
CPT Carriage Paid To	Seller	Seller	Seller	Seller	Seller	Seller	Negotiable	Seller	Seller	Seller	Buyer	Buyer
CIP Carriage and Insurance Paid	Seller	Seller	Seller	Seller	Seller	Seller	Seller	Seller	Seller	Seller	Buyer	Buyer
DAT Delivered At Terminal (DPU)	Seller	Seller	Seller	Seller	Seller	Seller	Negotiable	Seller	Buyer	Buyer	Buyer	Buyer
DAP Delivered At Place	Seller	Seller	Seller	Seller	Seller	Seller	Negotiable	Seller	Seller	Seller	Buyer	Buyer
DDP Delivered Duty Paid	Seller	Seller	Seller	Seller	Seller	Seller	Negotiable	Seller	Seller	Seller	Seller	Seller

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.

Price Trend — Zimbabwe

Historical freight rates from China to Zimbabwe for 21 KG shipments. Data sourced from live carrier price feeds.

China to Zimbabwe — Shipping Reference Data

Country-specific logistics anchors for shipments arriving in Zimbabwe:

Main sea gateways	the main commercial seaport
Destination customs authority	the national customs service
De-minimis / duty-free threshold	No practical de-minimis on most routes
Import tax & duty regime	Import VAT plus duty 5–35%; pre-shipment inspection common
Local currency	USD (freight priced in USD)
Typical port/airport dwell time	7–21 days (congestion common)
Peak / busy season	Oct–Dec
Conformity & certification	Pre-shipment conformity certificate often mandatory
Main air gateways	the primary international airport

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

E-Commerce Small Batch Shipping

The 21 KG range is typical for small e-commerce restock orders and initial trial shipments. Air freight is the standard choice here — it offers the best balance of cost and speed, and most DDP air channels accept shipments from 21 KG upward. This weight falls into the LCL (Less-than-Container-Load) air category.

- Standard minimum for air freight DDP channels (most require 21 KG+)
- Common for: phone cases, accessories, clothing, cosmetics
- Amazon FBA replenishment orders at this weight use air for speed

Declare accurate HS codes to avoid customs delays in Zimbabwe

Free 3D Loading Tools

Shipping to Zimbabwe by air or sea? Plan cartons and container loading in 3D before requesting a quote.

3D Carton Packing Calculator

Air rates to Zimbabwe bill by chargeable weight — simulate your carton fill in 3D (including mixed products in one box) and cut dimensional-weight waste before you book.

Open Packing Tool → (https://freightquotechina.com/3d-packing-layout-tool/)

3D Container Loading Planner

Squeeze more out of every CBM to Zimbabwe: load your carton list in 3D, verify space and payload utilization, and export the loading plan.

Open Container Planner → (https://freightquotechina.com/3d-container-loading-planner/)

Which Shipping Method is Best for 21 KG?

Recommended

✈

Air Freight

Transit: 5–10 business days

Best at: Under 300 KG, time-sensitive cargo

Recommended

Sea Freight

Transit: 25–45 calendar days

Best at: Over 100 KG, non-urgent cargo

Not cost-effective

Rail Freight

Transit: 18–28 calendar days

Best at: Europe destinations over 50 KG

Europe only

Transit Times — China to Zimbabwe

Method	Transit Time	Notes
Air Freight DDP	5–10 business days	From China warehouse to Zimbabwe door
Express Courier	3–7 business days	DHL/FedEx/UPS door-to-door, good option

What Affects the Shipping Cost to Zimbabwe?

- Actual vs. volumetric weight — carriers charge whichever is higher (L×W×H÷6000 for air)
- Cargo type surcharge — batteries, liquids, and branded goods carry additional fees
- Peak season surcharges — Chinese New Year (Jan/Feb) and Golden Week (Oct) add 15–30%
- Destination area — Zimbabwe may have remote area surcharges for certain postal codes
- Declared value — customs duties are calculated on CIF value
- Port congestion surcharges apply to certain African ports seasonally

- Currency exchange — most African routes price in USD, paid before departure

Customs & Documentation for Zimbabwe

- De minimis threshold — shipments below local tax threshold may clear duty-free
- Required documents: commercial invoice, packing list, and accurate HS codes
- DDP service includes all import duties — you pay one total price with no surprises
- Battery and liquid goods require additional certification documents

Where these Zimbabwe duty figures come from

This is a multi-country channel, so duty treatment differs by destination and the numbers here are a planning baseline only. **ITC Market Access Map** ↗ resolves the applicable tariff for a specific origin and destination pair, which is the fastest way to check the country you are actually shipping to.

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.

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

Frequently Asked Questions

How much does it cost to ship from China to Zimbabwe? —

Current rates for shipping from China to Zimbabwe start at USD 532.91/CBM via Sea DDP w/Tax. For 21 KG, the estimated total is approximately USD 533, duty included. Final landed cost depends on the Import VAT plus duty 5–35%; pre-shipment inspection common applied by the national customs service.

What duties and taxes apply when importing into Zimbabwe? —

Imports into Zimbabwe are assessed by the national customs service. The applicable regime is: Import VAT plus duty 5–35%; pre-shipment inspection common. The duty-free / de-minimis position is No practical de-minimis on most routes. Under our DDP service these charges

are pre-paid and included in the per-KG price, so there is nothing to settle on arrival.

How do you convert between kilograms and CBM on these rates? —

Chargeable weight is the greater of actual gross weight and volumetric weight, where volumetric weight is L × W × H in centimetres divided by 6000. One cubic metre therefore equals 167 kg. If a consignment weighs 300 kg but measures out to only 200 kg volumetric, it is charged on the 300 kg — the higher of the two always wins. Sea LCL and sea DDP channels are published per cubic metre rather than per kilogram, with a one cubic metre minimum. Where a page knows only a weight, it converts at 167 kg per CBM to show an indicative volume — 21 kg shows as about 1 CBM. Send real dimensions for a firm figure.

What documents are required for customs clearance in Zimbabwe? —

the national customs service typically requires: (1) commercial invoice with HS codes and declared value; (2) packing list with weights and dimensions; (3) bill of lading or air waybill; (4) certificate of origin (may lower duty); and (5) any product-specific certification (Pre-shipment conformity certificate often mandatory). Under DDP we prepare and file these for you.

In what currency are rates to Zimbabwe quoted and paid? —

Freight to Zimbabwe is quoted and invoiced in USD; the local currency on the destination side is USD (freight priced in USD). Payment is typically due before departure (T/T or PayPal), and because it's DDP you settle the full landed cost once — no destination collect charges.

Can I track my shipment from China to Zimbabwe?

Yes. Air shipments to Zimbabwe get an air waybill (AWB) trackable within 24 hours of departure; sea shipments are tracked by bill-of-lading through the carrier portal. We push status at key milestones: departure, arrival at the gateway, clearance by the national customs service, and final delivery.

Which ports and airports handle China shipments to Zimbabwe?

Sea freight to Zimbabwe typically routes through the main commercial seaport, while air freight clears via the primary international airport. We pick the gateway with the best onward delivery time to your final address and price it into the DDP rate.

What is DDP shipping to Zimbabwe and what does it include?

DDP (Delivered Duty Paid) to Zimbabwe means we handle the freight, the customs entry with the national customs service and last-mile delivery to your door, and quote them together so you settle once. The duty and tax element is not a fixed number: it follows your product's HS code, its declared value and the exchange rate applied on the day of entry, so it is confirmed on your specific goods rather than read off a rate card. The No practical de-minimis on most routes de-minimis position applies.

Watch: how this shipment works end to end

The rates above answer the cost question. This covers the mechanics — useful if you have not shipped to Zimbabwe before and are still working out how to structure the order.

What Is Chargeable Weight in Air Freight? — **Smart Logistics Network**. 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.

Inland Delivery Coverage — Zimbabwe

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.

Harare

HRE air / Beira or Durban sea

inland 2-5 days inland from Beira

(https://freightquotechina.com/china-freight-to-zimbabwe/harare/)

Guide only — no rates

Bulawayo

BUQ air / Durban sea

inland 3-6 days inland from Durban

(https://freightquotechina.com/china-freight-to-zimbabwe/bulawayo/)

Guide only — no rates

Mutare

HRE air / Beira sea

inland 1-3 days inland from Beira

(https://freightquotechina.com/china-freight-to-zimbabwe/mutare/)

Guide only — no rates

Gweru

HRE air / Durban or Beira sea

inland 3-6 days inland

(https://freightquotechina.com/china-freight-to-zimbabwe/gweru/)

Guide only — no rates

Masvingo

HRE air / Durban sea

inland 2-5 days inland

(https://freightquotechina.com/china-freight-to-zimbabwe/masvingo/)

Guide only — no rates

Kwekwe

HRE air / Durban or Beira sea

inland 3-6 days inland

(https://freightquotechina.com/china-freight-to-zimbabwe/kwekwe/)

Guide only — no rates

All Zimbabwe destination guides → (https://freightquotechina.com/china-freight-to-zimbabwe/)

Shipping to Zimbabwe by industry

Rates above are lane rates and apply to general cargo. Packing specification, HS classification and the clearance step that matters are all commodity-specific — these guides cover them industry by industry.

Luggage

Textiles, Apparel, Footwear & Leather

(https://freightquotechina.com/industries/luggage-logistics/)

Fire Protection Equipment

Fire, Safety & Traffic Products

(https://freightquotechina.com/industries/fire-protection-equipment-logistics/)

Illuminated Signs

Retail, Display & Commercial Fixtures

(https://freightquotechina.com/industries/illuminated-signs-logistics/)

Outdoor Products

Toys, Sports, Outdoor & Leisure

(https://freightquotechina.com/industries/outdoor-products-logistics/)

Office Supplies

Consumer Goods & Gifts

(https://freightquotechina.com/industries/office-supplies-logistics/)

Cross-border E-commerce

E-commerce & Retail Channels

(https://freightquotechina.com/industries/cross-border-ecommerce-logistics/)

Metal Products

Metal Products & Industrial Components

(https://freightquotechina.com/industries/metal-products-logistics/)

Architectural Hardware

Metal Products & Industrial Components

(https://freightquotechina.com/industries/architectural-hardware-logistics/)

Production Line Equipment

General Machinery & Industrial Equipment

(https://freightquotechina.com/industries/production-line-equipment-logistics/)

Aerial Work Platform

Construction, Mining & Material Handling

(https://freightquotechina.com/industries/aerial-work-platform-logistics/)

Switchgear

New Energy, Power & Electrical

(https://freightquotechina.com/industries/switchgear-logistics/)

Automotive Electronics

Automotive & Vehicles

(https://freightquotechina.com/industries/automotive-electronics-logistics/)

All 139 industry guides → (https://freightquotechina.com/industries/)

Related Shipping Rates

Other Weights to Zimbabwe

1KG Shipment (https://freightquotechina.com/china-to-zimbabwe-shipping-cost-1kg/)

10KG Shipment (https://freightquotechina.com/china-to-zimbabwe-shipping-cost-10kg/)

100KG Shipment (https://freightquotechina.com/china-to-zimbabwe-shipping-cost-100kg/)

300KG Shipment (https://freightquotechina.com/china-to-zimbabwe-shipping-cost-300kg/)

Other Modes to Zimbabwe

Sea Freight to Zimbabwe (https://freightquotechina.com/china-to-zimbabwe-sea-freight-cost/)

Similar Destinations

Shipping to Ghana (https://freightquotechina.com/shipping-to-ghana/)

Shipping to Mali (https://freightquotechina.com/shipping-to-mali/)

Shipping to Tanzania (https://freightquotechina.com/shipping-to-tanzania/)

Shipping to Cameroon (https://freightquotechina.com/shipping-to-cameroon/)

Shipping to Uganda (https://freightquotechina.com/shipping-to-uganda/)

Shipping to DR Congo (https://freightquotechina.com/shipping-to-dr-congo/)

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Answer these and you get a real price, not a range.

These are the exact figures a carrier needs before it will quote. Fill them in once and we can price your cargo the same day — leave them out and we have to come back and ask, which is what turns an hour into a week.

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Got it — your enquiry is in.

A freight specialist is looking at it now. You will have a price by email within one working day.

Send it on WhatsApp or email it to us instead