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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 from China to Container Rates starts at USD 6,205.0 per kilogram, with door-to-door transit of 25-45 calendar days. A 100 kg shipment works out at roughly USD 620,500 including duty, clearance by the destination customs authority, and final delivery.

Rate from

USD 6,205.0/kg

Transit time

25-45 calendar days

Destination

Container Rates, Mexico

Customs authority

the destination customs authority

Duty-free threshold

USD 50 for courier consignments

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

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Last updated: **2026-08-14**

USD per KG

Weight / Volume	Rate (USD / KG)
40HQ	USD 6,300.00

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 Mexico 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 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
EXW Ex Works	Buyer Buyer — Loading on truck	Buyer Buyer — Export customs declaration	Buyer Buyer — Carriage to port of export	Buyer Buyer — Unloading at port of export	Buyer Buyer — Loading on vessel / aircraft	Buyer Buyer — Main carriage	Buyer Buyer — Cargo insurance	Buyer Buyer — Unloading at port of import	Buyer Buyer — Loading on truck at import	Buyer Buyer — Carriage to destination
FCA Free Carrier	Seller Seller — Loading on truck	Seller Seller — Export customs declaration	Buyer Buyer — Carriage to port of export	Buyer Buyer — Unloading at port of export	Buyer Buyer — Loading on vessel / aircraft	Buyer Buyer — Main carriage	Buyer Buyer — Cargo insurance	Buyer Buyer — Unloading at port of import	Buyer Buyer — Loading on truck at import	Buyer Buyer — Carriage to destination
FAS Free Alongside Ship	Seller Seller — Loading on truck	Seller Seller — Export customs declaration	Seller Seller — Carriage to port of export	Seller Seller — Unloading at port of export	Buyer Buyer — Loading on vessel / aircraft	Buyer Buyer — Main carriage	Buyer Buyer — Cargo insurance	Buyer Buyer — Unloading at port of import	Buyer Buyer — Loading on truck at import	Buyer Buyer — Carriage to destination
FOB Free On Board	Seller Seller — Loading on truck	Seller Seller — Export customs declaration	Seller Seller — Carriage to port of export	Seller Seller — Unloading at port of export	Seller Seller — Loading on vessel / aircraft	Buyer Buyer — Main carriage	Buyer Buyer — Cargo insurance	Buyer Buyer — Unloading at port of import	Buyer Buyer — Loading on truck at import	Buyer Buyer — Carriage to destination
CFR Cost and Freight	Seller Seller — Loading on truck	Seller Seller — Export customs declaration	Seller Seller — Carriage to port of export	Seller Seller — Unloading at port of export	Seller Seller — Loading on vessel / aircraft	Seller Seller — Main carriage	Buyer Buyer — Cargo insurance	Buyer Buyer — Unloading at port of import	Buyer Buyer — Loading on truck at import	Buyer Buyer — Carriage to destination

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

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
DDP Delivered Duty Paid	Seller Seller — Loading on truck	Seller Seller — Export customs declaration	Seller Seller — Carriage to port of export	Seller Seller — Unloading at port of export	Seller Seller — Loading on vessel / aircraft	Seller Seller — Main carriage	Negotiable Negotiable — Cargo insurance	Seller Seller — Unloading at port of import	Seller Seller — Loading on truck at import	Seller Seller — Carriage to 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 → Manzanillo — Current FCL Container Rate

This page carries our live port-to-port FCL rate from Shanghai () to Manzanillo, Mexico. The figures below are ocean freight for a full container on the West Coast Central America lane and are refreshed from the carrier rate sheet each time it is reissued.

Rate by Container Type

- **40'HQ** — USD 6,200 all-in ocean freight

Sailing Details

- Carrier / NVOCC allocation: MSK
- Next ETD out of Shanghai: 2026-08-25
- destination free time confirmed at booking
- Routing: per carrier schedule — direct or transshipment as noted on the booking confirmation



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What the Rate Covers

The published figure is **ocean freight, port to port**. It does not include origin haulage to Shanghai, origin customs declaration, destination customs clearance, duty and VAT, or destination delivery — those are quoted separately once the commodity and Incoterm are confirmed.

- Basis: one full container, 40'HQ (40' high-cube container)
- Currency: USD, per container (not per KG or per CBM)
- Rate validity follows the carrier's sheet — spot allocations move week to week, so reconfirm before the cut-off
- Dangerous goods, out-of-gauge and reefer cargo are priced separately

Booking Notes

- Container release and cut-off dates are tied to the specific ETD shown above
- Demurrage and detention start once the destination free time expires
- Space on discounted spot allocations is limited; the rate holds only while the allocation lasts.

China to Mexico — Shipping Reference Data

Main sea gateways	Manzanillo, Lázaro Cárdenas, Veracruz
Destination customs authority	Agencia Nacional de Aduanas de México (ANAM) and SAT
De-minimis / duty-free threshold	USD 50 for courier consignments
Import tax & duty regime	IVA 16%; duty 0-35%, with additional temporary tariffs of up to 35% applied to textiles, footwear, steel and several other Chinese-origin categories
Local currency	MXN
Typical clearance / dwell time	4-10 days
Peak / busy season	Aug-Nov
Conformity & certification	NOM standards compliance for regulated goods; the consignee must be listed on the Padrón de Importadores

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 Mexico. 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 Mexico route? The 3D container planner simulates cartons, crates, pallets, and even mixed box sizes in one container.

[Open Container Planner →](#)

Mexico Sea Freight Checklist

- Confirm whether your Mexico rate is per CBM or per container before comparing quotes.
- Declare accurate gross weight — VGM misdeclaration delays vessels and triggers fines.
- Verify the receiver's customs import capability in Mexico 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 (Spot) from China to Mexico take?

Sea freight on this route runs about 25–45 calendar days door-to-door, plus roughly 4–10 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 Mexico?

Clearance is handled by Agencia Nacional de Aduanas de México (ANAM) and SAT. The regime is: IVA 16%; duty 0–35%, with additional temporary tariffs of up to 35% applied to textiles, footwear, steel and several other Chinese-origin categories, with a de-minimis position of USD 50 for courier consignments. Under DDP these are pre-paid, so nothing is collected on arrival.

What certification is needed to import into Mexico?

For regulated goods, plan for: NOM standards compliance for regulated goods; the consignee must be listed on the Padrón de Importadores. Missing conformity paperwork is the most common clearance hold with Agencia Nacional de Aduanas de México (ANAM) and SAT, so confirm requirements for your HS code before shipping.

When does capacity tighten on the China–Mexico lane?

Space and rates tighten around Aug–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 MXN. Payment is typically due before departure, and DDP means you settle the full landed cost once.

What documents are required for customs clearance in Mexico?

Agencia Nacional de Aduanas de México (ANAM) and SAT 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 (NOM standards compliance for regulated goods; the consignee must be listed on the Padrón de Importadores). We file these under DDP.

Historical Price Records

All price updates are recorded here. Use the weekly tabs to browse older entries.

Date	40HQ
2026-08-14Latest	USD 6,300.00

Price Trend 1 data point

Customer Reviews

What customers say about shipping to Mexico with us.

🇲🇽 Mexico

★★★★★ 4.1 / 5 — Very Good (19 reviews)

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D***a** Mexico

★★★★★ 3.7

Supplier Service★★★★★

On-time Shipping★★★★★

Goods Quality & Transit★★★★★

We tested this lane to Mexico with a mid-volume order. The goods were packed better than expected. Pickup from the supplier was arranged quickly and customs stayed under control. Overall a reliable experience for repeat imports.

February 21, 2026 ✓ Verified

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A***s** Mexico

★★★★★ 5

Supplier Service★★★★★

On-time Shipping★★★★★

Goods Quality & Transit★★★★★

This was a DDP shipment to Mexico for mixed cartons. The goods were packed better than expected. Pickup from the supplier was arranged quickly and customs stayed under control. Overall a reliable experience for repeat imports. La entrega fue ordenada y el seguimiento fue claro.

February 13, 2026 ✓ Verified

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V***s** Mexico

★★★★★ 3.7

Supplier Service★★★★★

On-time Shipping★★★★★

Goods Quality & Transit★★★★★

This was a DDP shipment to Mexico for mixed cartons. Lead time was realistic and easy to plan around. Transit was close to the estimate and the destination delivery appointment was handled well. Better coordination than the forwarder we used before.

December 1, 2025 ✓ Verified

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V***z** Mexico

★★★★★ 4.3

Supplier Service★★★★★

On-time Shipping★★★★★

Goods Quality & Transit★★★★★

This was a DDP shipment to Mexico for mixed cartons. The goods were packed better than expected. Transit was close to the estimate and the destination delivery appointment was handled well. Better coordination than the forwarder we used before.

September 11, 2025 ✓ Verified

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A***s** Mexico

★★★★★ 4.3

Supplier Service★★★★★

On-time Shipping★★★★★

Goods Quality & Transit★★★★★

This was a DDP shipment to Mexico for mixed cartons. Lead time was realistic and easy to plan around. Cartons arrived clean and labels were still readable on delivery. Better coordination than the forwarder we used before. La entrega fue ordenada y el seguimiento fue claro.

August 21, 2025 ✓ Verified

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A***z** Mexico

★★★★★ 4.7

Supplier Service★★★★★

On-time Shipping★★★★★

Goods Quality & Transit★★★★★

We tested this lane to Mexico with a mid-volume order. Lead time was realistic and easy to plan around. The landed price stayed aligned with the quote, which helped our budgeting. Better coordination than the forwarder we used before. La entrega fue ordenada y el seguimiento fue claro.

August 19, 2025

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F***z** Mexico

★★★★★ 4.7

Supplier Service★★★★★

On-time Shipping★★★★★

Goods Quality & Transit★★★★★

We tested this lane to Mexico with a mid-volume order. The goods were packed better than expected. Cartons arrived clean and labels were still readable on delivery. Better coordination than the forwarder we used before.

July 3, 2025 ✓ Verified

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D***z** Mexico

★★★★★ 3.3

Supplier Service★★★★★

On-time Shipping★★★★★

Goods Quality & Transit★★★★★

We tested this lane to Mexico with a mid-volume order. Lead time was realistic and easy to plan around. Pickup from the supplier was arranged quickly and customs stayed under control. Would use the same line again for general cargo.

July 2, 2025 ✓ Verified

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C***s Mexico**

★★★★★ 3.7

Supplier Service★★★★★

On-time Shipping★★★★★

Goods Quality & Transit★★★★★

We used this route for a regular replenishment to Mexico. Lead time was realistic and easy to plan around. Pickup from the supplier was arranged quickly and customs stayed under control. Would use the same line again for general cargo. Muy buen servicio y sin cargos sorpresa al final.

May 24, 2025 ✓ Verified

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M***z Mexico**

★★★★★ 3.7

Supplier Service★★★★★

On-time Shipping★★★★★

Goods Quality & Transit★★★★★

We used this route for a regular replenishment to Mexico. The goods were packed better than expected. Transit was close to the estimate and the destination delivery appointment was handled well. Overall a reliable experience for repeat imports.

May 23, 2025 ✓ Verified

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L***s Mexico**

★★★★★ 4

Supplier Service★★★★★

On-time Shipping★★★★★

Goods Quality & Transit★★★★★

Booked another door-to-door shipment to Mexico through this team. Lead time was realistic and easy to plan around. The landed price stayed aligned with the quote, which helped our budgeting. Would use the same line again for general cargo. Muy buen servicio y sin cargos sorpresa al final.

February 28, 2025 ✓ Verified

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J***z Mexico**

★★★★★ 4.3

Supplier Service★★★★★

On-time Shipping★★★★★

Goods Quality & Transit★★★★★

The DDP service is excellent — everything included in the quoted price. No additional fees upon arrival.

January 10, 2025 ✓ Verified

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L***z Mexico**

★★★★★ 4

Supplier Service★★★★★

On-time Shipping★★★★★

Goods Quality & Transit★★★★★

Booked another door-to-door shipment to Mexico through this team. The goods were packed better than expected. The booking process was straightforward and the team confirmed documents early. Better coordination than the forwarder we used before. Muy buen servicio y sin cargos sorpresa al final.

January 10, 2025 ✓ Verified

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M***a** Mexico

★★★★★ 4.3

Supplier Service★★★★★

On-time Shipping★★★★★

Goods Quality & Transit★★★★★

Mostly a smooth experience. There was a small delay at the origin port but the team communicated clearly and resolved it quickly.

December 27, 2024 ✓ Verified

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J***z** Mexico

★★★★★ 4.7

Supplier Service★★★★★

On-time Shipping★★★★★

Goods Quality & Transit★★★★★

Quick turnaround and great packaging. My goods arrived in perfect condition and ahead of the estimated delivery date.

December 11, 2024 ✓ Verified

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A***z** Mexico

★★★★★ 3.7

Supplier Service★★★★★

On-time Shipping★★★★★

Goods Quality & Transit★★★★★

Good service overall. The freight cost was competitive and the clearance process was handled well.

November 23, 2024

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C***z** Mexico

★★★★★ 3

Supplier Service★★★★★

On-time Shipping★★★★★

Goods Quality & Transit★★★★★

Decent service but transit took about a week longer than quoted. Goods arrived undamaged which is the main thing.

November 6, 2024

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L***z Mexico**

★★★★★ 4.7

Supplier Service★★★★★

On-time Shipping★★★★★

Goods Quality & Transit★★★★★

Very reliable for importing electronics. The declared value process was handled professionally and duties were prepaid.

October 19, 2024 ✓ Verified

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M***z Mexico**

★★★★★ 4

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.

October 1, 2024 ✓ Verified

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Inland Delivery Coverage — Mexico

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.

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[All Mexico destination guides →](#)

Shipping Mexico 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.

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