

China to Container Rates 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 from China to Container Rates starts at USD 75.0 per kilogram, with door-to-door transit of 25-45 calendar days. A 100 kg shipment works out at roughly USD 7,500 including duty, clearance by the destination customs authority, and final delivery.

Rate from

USD 75.0/kg

Transit time

25-45 calendar days

Destination

Container Rates, South Korea

Customs authority

the destination customs authority

Duty-free threshold

USD 150

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

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☐ Current Freight Rates

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

USD per KG

Weight / Volume	Rate (USD / KG)
20GP	USD 170.00
40HQ	USD 200.00

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 South Korea 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

Shekou → Busan — Current FCL Container Rate

This page carries our live port-to-port FCL rate from Shekou (中国) to Busan, South Korea. The figures below are ocean freight for a full container on the Intra-Asia — Korea lane and are refreshed from the carrier rate sheet each time it is reissued.

Rate by Container Type

- **20'GP** — USD 70 all-in ocean freight
- **40'HQ** — USD 100 all-in ocean freight

Sailing Details

- Carrier / NVOCC allocation: STIC
- Next ETD out of Shekou: weekly sailings
- destination free time confirmed at booking
- Routing: per carrier schedule — direct or transshipment as noted on the booking confirmation



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i Additional Information

What the Rate Covers

The published figure is **ocean freight, port to port**. It does not include origin haulage to Shekou, 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, 20'GP (20' standard 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 South Korea — Shipping Reference Data

Main sea gateways	Busan, Incheon, Gwangyang
Destination customs authority	Korea Customs Service (관세청)
De-minimis / duty-free threshold	USD 150
Import tax & duty regime	VAT 10%; duty 8% general rate, with reductions under the China-Korea FTA on a valid certificate of origin
Local currency	KRW
Typical clearance / dwell time	1-3 days
Peak / busy season	Sep-Nov
Conformity & certification	KC certification for electrical and radio products; personal customs clearance code (PCCC) required for every B2C consignee

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

[Open Container Planner →](#)

☐ South Korea Sea Freight Checklist

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

Frequently Asked Questions

How long does Sea FCL Port-to-Port (Spot) from China to South Korea take?

Sea freight on this route runs about 25–45 calendar days door-to-door, plus roughly 1–3 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 South Korea?

Clearance is handled by Korea Customs Service (관세청). The regime is: VAT 10%; duty 8% general rate, with reductions under the China-Korea FTA on a valid certificate of origin, with a de-minimis position of USD 150. Under DDP these are pre-paid, so nothing is collected on arrival.

What does DDP shipping to South Korea include on this route?

DDP means one price covering freight, the duty/tax owed to Korea Customs Service (관세청), and last-mile delivery to your door in South Korea. There are no surprise charges at destination.

Can you ship special cargo (batteries, branded goods) to South Korea?

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

Which ports or airports does this route use into South Korea?

Sea cargo to South Korea clears through Busan, Incheon, Gwangyang; air freight clears via ICN (Incheon), PUS (Busan Gimhae). We route through whichever gateway gives the fastest onward delivery to your address and build it into the DDP price.

What certification is needed to import into South Korea?

For regulated goods, plan for: KC certification for electrical and radio products; personal customs clearance code (PCCC) required for every B2C consignee. Missing conformity paperwork is the most common clearance hold with Korea Customs Service (관세청), so confirm requirements for your HS code before shipping.

Historical Price Records

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

Date	20GP	40HQ
2026-08-14Latest	USD 170.00	USD 200.00

Price Trend 1 data point

Inland Delivery Coverage — South Korea

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 South Korea destination guides →](#)

Shipping South Korea 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.

- [Aerial Work Platform Construction, Mining & Material Handling](#)
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