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Country Guides 2020: ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT SHIPPING FROM CHINA TO THE UK

WHAT IS THE BEST WAY TO SHIP GOODS TO UK ?

WHAT GOOD?

SEA FREIGHT

AIR FREIGHT

RAIL FREIGHT

DOOR TO DOOR

Are you about to import (or export) products between UK and China? You still have a doubt regarding the regulation or transport method? This is because it is very difficult to find decent information among the ton of online advice that **SINO Shipping** has done its "country guide".

This country guide dedicated on UK should give you all mains details related to your shipment between China and UK: delay, rates, process, duties and taxes...



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How much

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Does Sino

What are

Necessary

PROHIBIT

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Our ware

Our pack

Freight in

Supplier

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WHAT IS THE BEST METHOD TO SHIP FROM CHINA TO UK?

You're probably aware that UK is one of the biggest and **leading economies of the European Union**. The large number of inhabitants makes it a great market for enterprises. Because UK is totally surrounded by navigations since a long time. The biggest part of the goods entering to the UK territory diversified the means to access the country by constructing **the Eurotunnel, which is** airports, the Kingdom is also well connected to the rest of the world by air. Thanks to its propose you **every method of shipping existing between China and UK**. Our shipping solution for your case.

Let's take a look on the best transportation method according to 1

SEA FREIGHT TO UK

OVERVIEW – OCEAN

Remark SINO : Bear in mind, the 3 the time of transportation, and t



Ocean freight will be the best deal for you if :

- Your suppliers are **located near a major Chinese port**
- Your goods are **bigger than 2 CBM**
- You're **not in a hurry** to receive them

Contact us now ! Your personal **SINO advisor** will find out customized solution for your import process from China to UK.

Ocean freight from China to Hong Kong **northern China**, near a major port.

The major advantage resides in the fact **low prices**. Depending on where you are

***The drawback that is inherent to the goods.**

Remark SINO : If you're interested in a dedicated article on the topic: **Sea freight-china/)**

SHIPPING COMPANY CHINA TO UK PORTS

UK's port traffic is well distributed among the ports, they are not amongst the busiest of the world. **results in 470.683 million of tonnes handled**

country, UK is very dynamic in its maritime activity. China is their biggest international trade partner.

Contrary to other countries, UK ports are not very big. UK in terms of quantity handled are in competition with **Southampton, Liverpool and Milford**

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TOP 5 – SHIPPING LINE



Below, we're reviewing quickly all the are the latest data released by the U

PORT OF FORTH

Forth is more focused on the outward flow of the flows are going inward. It is **the 2nd** million of tonnes managed there in 2016, which put the port at the 5th place **UK LNG (liquid and natural gas) are handled in this port** are liquid bulk, 5% are bulk and general cargo, and Roro. 60% are International, and the last 10% are for or management of **27.439 million of tonnes**

PORT OF TEES & HARTLEPOOL

Tees & Hartlepool is more focused on the of the flows were going inward. **It is the with 20 million tonne handled there** is liquid bulk, 10% are dry and other general flows are connected to the EU, 25% to dry 10% to European and Mediterranean countries **total in 2016.**

PORT OF GRIMSBY & IMMINGHAM

It is one of the 3 busiest port in the UK. 2 are coming inward. 55% of the flows are European and Mediterranean destinations



port in the UK for liquid bulk handling the 3rd port in the UK for the managed there. To finish it is the 2nd of tonne handled. Around 30% of the cargo are dry bulk and general cargoes and the **tonnes of goods was handled there in**

PORT OF LIVERPOOL

25% of the port's flows are directed outward flows are linked with international ports the 20% in rests are exchanges with other **7th largest UK port for liquid bulk with UK port for Roro traffic with a managed there are liquid bulk, 30% are dried bulk for Lolo. It handled 32 million of tonnes:**

PORT OF FELIXSTOWE

Like Ipswich, 45% of the flows in Felixstowe at 65% with international ports, 25% with and the last 1% with other UK ports. 90% **total 28.202 million of tonnes were handled**

PORT OF LONDON

In London, shipments are leaving the port at 85% and entering in the port at 15%. 50% of the and Mediterranean countries, 15% with international destinations, and the last 20% with dor **for liquid bulk handling with 15 million of tonnes in 2016**. Amongst this liquid bulk, 13 n the port on the **2nd national place for Oil product management**. Also, it is the **3rd UK p handled in 2016**. On average, 30% of the goods handled there are liquid bulk, 30% are dry k Roro cargo. In 2016, a total of **50.380 million of tonnes were handled in London**.

PORT OF DOVER

45% of the goods traffic is directed outward and 55% are directed inward. All this traffic is sh composed of Roro shipments, and Dover is **the 1st port in UK for Roro traffic with 27.1 m**

PORT OF SOUTHAMPTON

In Southampton, 45% of the goods flows are going outward the port, and 55% are coming ir international ports, 20% with the EU, 17% with other UK ports and the final 18% are shared v **is the 3rd busiest port in UK for liquid bulk handling, with 20 million of tonnes mana** products, which puts Southampton on the **4th national place for the Oil product mana** handled. The other shipments are for 30% Lolo cargo, 8% are dry bulk and general cargo, an **were managed there in 2016**.

PORT OF MILFORD HAVEN

In Milford Haven, 33% of the goods flows are going outward, while 67% are going inward. All ports, at 20% with the EU, again at 20% with European and Mediterranean countries, and fir **liquid bulk handling with 33 million of tonnes managed in 2016**. It is representing 97% cargos. **54% of all UK Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) is managed in Milford Haven. Totall**

SHOULD I SHIP BY CONSOLIDATION OR FULL C UK ?

LCL – CONSOLIDATION

LCL which is the acronym for Less than a Container Load, is a method used to manage spac **goods that are a lot smaller than the volume of a container**. Then you will be associate completely a container. You will **share the space** with them and pay only for the space you

**The billing basis in the maritime LCL is the W/M (Weight/Masurement). The W/M conside ratio between weight and volume is 1000 Kg /1 m³*

Info SINO : LCL freight will be more cost effective for you if you're sending shipments that a

FCL – FULL CONTAINER

FCL which is the acronym of Full Container Load, is the second technique to handle space i **renting the full container**, with all the space dedicated to your shipment only. It is used m sent.

SINO Shipping provides three types of full containers:

- **The 20 feet** which has an internal capacity of 33 cubic meters;
- **The 40 feet** which is able to carry up to 66 cubic meters;
- **The 40 feet HQ**, which has an internal capacity of 76 cubic meters.

SINO Plus : Financially, it will be a viable solution for you if your shipment is **larger than 15 c**

LCL VS FCL, WHICH ONE IS THE BEST FOR YOU?

LCL	FCL
PROS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It allows a great flexibility When it is delivered, you will have less difficulties to reception it You're only charged for the space you use Well adapted for small shipments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You will receive your goods faster The cost per CBM is cheaper than Only 2 persons are touching your and your supplier
CONS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The CBM price is higher than FCL It will take more time to deliver your shipment than FCL Goods are manipulated numerous times 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Your goods will be delivered with container Less interesting for small shipments The unloading is a difficult process requires times and manpower

HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE TO SHIP FROM CHINA

We're presenting you the usual transit times from China to UK in the table below:

	Dalian	Tianjin	Ningbo / Shanghai	Guang
Orkney / Sullom Voe	41 days	41 days	39 days	37

Aberdeen / Forth	41 days	41 days	39 days	37
Tees & Hartlepool / Grimsby & Immingham	40 days	40 days	38 days	36
Felixstowe / Dover / Medway / London	40 days	40 days	38 days	36
Portsmouth / Southampton / Plymouth	39 days	39 days	37 days	35
Bristol / Newport / Milford Haven	39 days	39 days	37 days	35
Liverpool / Manchester / Heysham	40 days	40 days	38 days	36
Warrenpoint / Belfast / Larne	40 days	40 days	38 days	36
Loch Ryan / Glensanda / Clyde	40 days	40 days	38 days	36

**Please keep in mind that those transit times are just indicative timing between China and UK*

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST TO SHIP A CONTAINER

**British importers are massively using sea freight for two major advantages: you're able to*

If you're adding this with the distance separating the two countries, and the price of the other method between China and UK is done via **ocean freight**. If you have to establish regular and voluminous

SINO Advice : Because many factors are involved like the ports of departure and arrival, the products... It will be senseless to give you average prices. These explains the monthly fluctuat quoting policies are leading us to quote each request case-by-case. Ask a quote now to our **S** market prices.

SPECIAL SEA FREIGHT SERVICES

REEFER CONTAINER FROM CHINA TO UK

Some goods are constantly in need of a controlled environment. To allow their great transport, **Reefer container**. Many categories of products like chemicals, food and others are sent exclusively with Reefer container from all the cities in China in destination to the UK.

RORO/BULK/OOG FROM CHINA TO UK

These ships are very well shaped for the transfer through ocean of **vehicles like trucks, buses, boats** **retractable ramp on it's back** that enables vehicle to be driven directly inside the ship.

If you have big quantities of raw materials to transfer, bulk cargo is a good solution. This type of vessel is **of liquid or solid raw products** like corn, oil, cement... without using containers.

OOG, which stands for **Out of Gauge, are shipments that are more voluminous than a container**. These items are requiring a particular heed to be shifted. We can provide this type of solutions too.

***All these kind of freight solutions can be asked to us. As all goods can't fit the constraints of freight solutions. From China to UK, we're fully proficient in the handling of bulk, roro and OOG.**

AIR FREIGHT TO UK

OVERVIEW – CLASSIC

On door-to-door, one day is necessary to receive your goods by air freight (courier) the total time of your pickup at your supplier's place, to the destination. **It will take a week to deliver your goods via sea freight.** Some companies have automatized customs clearance.

Classic Air freight

- A very adaptable option
- More shaped for great shipments
- A lot quicker than rail and sea freight
- Less expensive per cubic meters for volumes than for small
- You're only paying for the space you are using

- Less fast than courier freight
- Far more expensive than rail and ocean freight
- Some types of items can't be transported (e.g. products with li-ion batteries)

Air freight will be the most efficient solution if :

- Your goods are **smaller than 2 CBM** and **200 kg**
- You're in a **hurry** to receive/send the goods

Remark SINO : Naturally, if your need to get your goods delivered as fast as possible, air freight is the best option for you.

Remark SINO : Most of the time, express **kgs and 2 CBM**, because that's where Also, you will find express air freight at **0.5 CBM**, because for larger shipment less difference in the price per CBM be

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN VOLUMETRIC AND GROSS WEIGHT?

**Your products are not over 200 kgs.*

Those two methods are the **gross weight and the volumetric weight** of your items. After will have to **keep the highest one** that will be used to charge you. The other can be forgotten.

Info SINO : Each customer has different requirements, that's why, at **SINO Shipping** will determine

SHOULD I CHOOSE A CLASSIC AIR FREIGHT FOR THE KINGDOM ?

WHICH AIRLINES COMPANY SHOULD YOU SHIP WITH ?

British Airways **is the national carrier** for the UK and flies to many airports worldwide.

Info SINO : You want further information, visit our website: **IAG Air Cargo** (<https://www.iag-aircargo.com/>)

China cargo airlines is the cargo subsic
airline operating dedicated freight ser

Info SINO : You want further infor
website: **China Eastern Cargo (ht**

SINO Plus : Since our beginnings, we're working greatly with these cargo airlines. Our succe
performances with great prices from China to UK. If you need an office or address delivery, as
location. With **SINO Shipping**, China and UK seems like a door away from each other !

HOW LONG IS THE TRANSFER FROM CHINA TO UK BY AIR FREIGHT ?

Here are presented the transit times between the major Chinese cities to the UK:

	UK
Xi'An	13 hours
Shenzhen / HK	14 hours
Qingdao	13 hours
Ningbo/Shanghai	14 hours
Beijing	13 hours
Chongqing	15 hours
Kunming	13 hours
Nanchang	13 hour
Harbin	13 hours
Changsha	14 hours

***This transit time are just indicative, and they are not including the whole delivery |**

Remark SINO : It is hard to estimate as it mainly depends of the budget: a direct flight
more expensive. Also, please note that the transit time doesn't not include the whole p
average, you can expect 6/9 days (export/import process included).

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST TO SHIP A PARCEL FROM CHINA TO UK?

Same as ocean freight, numerous parameters are involved in an air freight, so it will be diffi
evaluating each request individually, so if you're interested, don't hesitate to ask our **Air**
will have a valuable answer within 48 hours!

SINO Plus : Each customer has different needs, that's why, at **SINO Shipping** will determine

SHOULD I CHOOSE AN EXPRESS AIR FREIGHT |

EXPRESS SERVICE – PERFECT SOLUTION FOR SMALL PACKAGE

As we mentioned it before, courier freight is far above from the other methods, **the fastest**
are well-appropriated for little parcels. It will surely interest you if your shipment is **lighter t**
larger, we can still send them with this solution on your demand.

HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE FOR A PACKAGE TO BE SHIPPED FROM CHINA TO THE UK ?

Courier enterprises are possessing their own customs clearance divisions, that are enabling a quick transit between China and UK will **not exceed 3/4 days** with this method.

HOW MUCH AN EXPRESS SERVICE COSTS FROM CHINA TO UK ?

Still, numerous factors are involved in the rates calculation process, so we decided to quote each of the enterprises mentioned above are guaranteeing us to have very competitive prices with them.

UK AIRPORTS

Here is a list of the most important UK airports for the freight. Numbers are the most recent data.

LONDON

GATWICK AIRPORT

In 2017, 96,983 tonnes of freights were handled in Gatwick. Amongst this volume, 1774 tonnes were traded with international countries and 301 tonnes were shared with domestic airports.

HEATHROW AIRPORT

In London Heathrow, 1,698,461 tonnes were handled in 2017. 111,678 tonnes of this volume were traded with international destinations and 1,105 tonnes were exchanged with other UK airports.

STANSTED AIRPORT

In Stansted, 236892 tonnes of goods were managed in 2017. Amongst them 74866 tonnes were traded with international destinations and 1,105 tonnes were shared with other UK airports.

UK

BELFAST INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

12308 tonnes of goods were handled in 2017 in Belfast international Airport. 1094 tonnes were traded with international destinations and 11204 were exchanged with other UK Airports.

BIRMINGHAM AIRPORT

In Birmingham, 41803 tonnes were managed in 2017, 12616 tonnes were exchanged with the EU, 21,678 tonnes were traded with international destinations and 4084 tonnes were traded with domestic airports.

DONCASTER SHEFFIELD AIRPORT

In Doncaster Sheffield airport in 2017, 8657 tonnes of goods were traded. 2229 with the European Union, 1,105 tonnes were traded with international destinations and 1,105 tonnes were shared with other UK airports.

EAST MIDLANDS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

324216 tonnes of goods were managed in 2017 In east midlands international airport. Amongst the countries and 43071 with other domestic airports.

EDINBURGH AIRPORT

In Edinburgh airport, 20659 tonnes of goods were handled in 2017. 10060 of these tonnes were tra and 10448 were shared with other UK airports.

GLASGOW AIRPORT

In Glasgow airport, 15935 tonnes of goods were supervised in 2017. 826 tonnes were traded with th tonnes were shared with other domestic airports.

MANCHESTER AIRPORT

In Manchester, 120181 tonnes of goods were handled in 2017. 7252 tonnes of this volume were trad countries and the 830 remaining tonnes were shared with domestic airports.

NEWCASTLE AIRPORT

In Newcastle airport, 5482 tonnes were managed in 2017. 483 tonnes were exchanged with EU airp were exchanged with other UK airports.

PRESTWICK AIRPORT

In Prestwick, 11393 tonnes of goods were handled in 2017. Amongst this quantity, 3544 tonnes were international airports.

RAIL FREIGHT FROM CHINA TO UK

OVERVIEW – DOOR '

To care and follow up less your goods' tr signifies that the whole transport proce precise address. The transshipments, th the other steps that are inherent to a fre is an excellent aspect for you is that **you** freight options, because your involveme is a more expensive solution than the ot advise you to **take a freight insurance**

Remark SINO : If you want to go de explaining all the aspects of rail frei (<https://sino-shipping.com/rail-fr>

Rail freight is the right balance between air freight and sea freight: Not too expensive for high volume, not too slow as sea freight.

Pros
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Faster than sea freight• Cheaper than air freight• The only land freight existing between China and UK• Goods can be directly delivered in the nearest train station• Adapted to all kind and volumes of goods

Remark SINO : Do not waste time ! Fill our form and get a price within 48H !

Contact us (<https://www.sino-shipping.com/contact-us/>)

WHAT ARE THE MAIN ROUTES FROM CHINA TO UK ?

The Train will cross central Asia and East **Kazakhstan, Russia, Belarus, Poland, through the Eurotunnel to reach London** stop in Barking's Eurohub freight terminal.

HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE FOR A SHIPMENT TO ARRIVE IN THE UK BY TRAIN ?

From Yiwu to London, it will take **18 days to travel**. But be conscious that with the transfer to the truck, it will add time to the whole freight process. You can count **around 25 or 30 days** at the most.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST TO SHIP GOODS BY TRAIN ?

It's impossible for us to provide average prices as so many factors are involved, like the distance, the volume of your goods, their travel requirements... We're quoting each demand case by case **and transit times** for your complete shipment transfer.

DOOR TO DOOR FROM CHINA TO HONG KONG

OVERVIEW – DOOR TO DOOR

Door to door is the stress-free logistic service for the transport of your goods from your supplier to your destination, involving, like the customs clearance, the paperwork, all taken in charge by us. The major advantage of this method, **because you only have a single contact**, this method is the most expensive, as **warehouse insurance is strongly advised** as many factors can affect your goods.

Remark SINO : For further information, please contact our dedicated page: **Door to door service for Hong Kong (door-service-hong-kong/)**. Otherwise, contact us for an option for your shipment. Fill our online form.

WHY DOOR TO DOOR ?

The customs clearance and other steps involved to optimize time spent with customs, **you** are experienced for all the necessary steps to ensure the delivery **or warehouse**.

***We ensure you that it will be a lot cheaper than for us to operate it ourselves.**

Remark SINO : Trucking is a must in international shipment, indeed we need it to handle local delivery: **Pick up** from warehouse to port/airport of departure, and obviously **delivery** from port/airport of arrival to final destination.

destination. **SINO**

Shipping understood it and aim to offer the most suitable solution for our customers, that's why we decided to provide **Door to Door services** from/to China.

Contact us now! Your personal **SINO advisor** will find out customized solution for your import process from China to France.

Contact us (<https://www.sino-shipping.com/contact-us/>)

SINO SHIPPING – DO

We built a large part of our great reputation always making our best to provide a full **positioned in all the principal Chinese** sure that they are travelling safe and smart knowledgeable enterprises in the market.

OUR CUSTOMS BROKER INFO

CUSTOMS CLEARANCE

Like any other well-developed country, the customs procedure for international imports in the UK **have a common Free Trade Agreement (FTA)** the clearing procedure in the UK will be the **accomplish and normal tariff barriers** for goods imported to UK from China. Although, as a **legal uncertainty** and trading rules may change quickly. It will be the same affair if you're

HOW MUCH DUTIES AND TAXES WILL I PAY ?

In all international trading processes, the first duty to complete is to **determine the common** other countries in the world, **UK is using the Harmonized System of tariff nomenclature** the countries to speak the same "language" to designate goods traded. The words composed of numbers, attributed to each single type of products.

CALCULATE APPLICABLE TARIFF WITH THE HS CODE

The HS code is the identification number attributed to goods through the HTS.

If you didn't determine the HS code of your goods yet, we advise you to find it on <http://www.findhs.codes/>). Otherwise, you should be able to find it directly with your supplier.

The UK government have a great online tool to determine the HS code of your items, if you go to the **codes page** (<https://www.trade-tariff.service.gov.uk/trade-tariff/sections>), and find the code of your products.

If we're still following the example of fresh pineapple, you will finally find an **import duty page**. (<https://www.trade-tariff.service.gov.uk/trade-tariff/commodities/0804300090>)

DIFFERENT TAXES EXISTING FOR YOUR GOODS

GST/VAT

There is three VAT tariff applicable in the UK, **the standard rate VAT, the reduced rate VAT** increased at 20% in 2011, and it's still the actual rate. The reduced VAT rate is at a value of 5%

Info SINO : The VAT that is applying on the goods you want to import is detailed on the **(<https://www.gov.uk/>)**.

HOW TO GET A TAXES EXEMPTION ?

As UK is currently negotiating the Brexit with the EU, the actual UK government is trying to China and UK's respective trade minister met several times in order to consider eventual trade be a boost for UK's trades as they cannot be more advantageous than **the relation with EU**. UK and China still don't have any economic agreements and didn't opened up official advance may continue a few years. This means that you will **hardly have the opportunity to be tax** particular purposes. China is not in the country list of preference agreements of UK also.

If you want to go deeper in the Chinese-British trade relations, consult the following links:

- **Brexit: China looking at 'top-notch' trade deal with UK after EU withdrawal** (<https://www.china-britain-top-notch-free-trade-european-union-a8508006.html>)
- **Brexit adds friction to UK's China ambitions** (<https://www.ft.com/content/e979920e-3>)
- **Brexit: Are countries really 'queuing up for trade deals' with Britain?** (<https://www.industry-customs-partnership-eu-impact-theresa-may-plan-a8332411.html>)

DOES SINO SHIPPING CHARGE DUTY ?

About the customs clearance, you will only pay the **amount asked by British customs**. We will provide you **the draft produced by the UK customs**, where the specific required amount

CUSTOMS CONTACT IN CHINA

Official name: General Administration of Customs of China

Official Website: Chinese Customs Website
(<http://english.customs.gov.cn/>)

CUSTOMS CONTACT IN UK

Official name: HM Customs and Exercise

Official Website: UK Customs Website
(<https://www.gov.uk/browse/business/imports>)

When importing from China, you must pay the duties and VAT **already**. The necessary information for your imports, or we can

IMPORT DECLARATION

The import declaration is a document that the importer, it will be a loss if you do not **carry it**.

In case of a rail freight, before entering the UK, an **Entry Summary Declaration** must be submitted to HM Customs. Here is how to submit it (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/submitting-an-entry-summary-declaration>) if you're doing it yourself.

PAYING DUTY ON IMPORTS

Your goods will not be subject to UK VAT. You might be a VAT registered business, but you will not pay VAT on imports from outside the UK with the intention of making a profit.

After paying the duties and VAT, you will receive a customs receipt. If your situation changes, you can claim back the VAT.

PAYING VAT ON IMPORTS FROM CHINA

When it's the first time that you're bringing the goods in UK, you must pay the duties and VAT. Then, the HMRC will send you the form C79, which is the **import tax certificate**, to prove you have paid the VAT. If you are a VAT registered business, you can import them into UK at a **reduced rate of VAT** (<https://www.gov.uk/government/guidance/reduced-rate-of-vat>).

Here is below the import scheme that your goods will follow when entering the UK'

WHAT ARE THE LICENSES REQUIRED (IMPORT

It is important to check if you need a License before you start to import or export goods corresponding license may conduct you to a law court, so be very careful. For temporary

IMPORT LICENSE

The goods that are requiring an Import License to enter the UK territory are:

- Firearms
- Plants and Animals
- Medicines
- Chemicals
- Textile
- Food

****Depending on the origin of your products, the Import License may not be necessary***

EXPORT LICENSE

You will have to ask for an Export License if you're trying to send these types of goods:

- Technology
- Military or paramilitary items
- Plants and animals
- Artworks
- Chemicals
- Medicines

For the export licenses it all **depend on the country where you're sending the items and the type of goods** sending weapons in the middle east.

More details are available on this official page: **Import and export licences (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/import-and-export-licences>)**

NECESSARY DOCUMENTS

THE BILL OF LADING OR AIRWAY BILL (BL)

In international trades, the Bill of Lading is on top of the list of the most important import documents. It is a document that **certifies the receipt of the goods by the carrier** and **provides information of the shipment, like the Manifest is witnessing on the data of the whole shipment**. After the **BOL, the Letter of Credit** is attached for a sea or rail freight, while the Airway bill is inherent for an ocean freight.

Here below is an example of a Bill of Lading, explaining the information contained on it:

- 1** = Shipper
- 2** = Consignee
- 3** = Notify party
- 4** = Vessel No.
- 5** = Port of loading / discharge
- 6** = Place of receipt / delivery
- 7** = Containers No.
- 8** = Goods description
- 9** = Net weight
- 10** = Dimensions / volume

A PACKING LIST

The **HS code** of each good you're importing should be mentioned on the packing list. The **MSDS document and the international code** must be attached to the packing list if you're aiming to import chemical or hazardous products.

A COMMERCIAL INVOICE

BL example

The original invoice serves to customs as a base to verify if the goods you're importing are n

THE MANIFEST

The customs manifest (or cargo manifest) is **describing all the cargos that are shipped** c
when the ship/train/plane leaved China are still present when arriving in the United Kingdo

The manifest serves as passport of the cargo. It is witnessing the origin of the container, if th
Sometimes, **the manifest is not separated from the Bill of Lading** because both docun

IMPORT / EXPORT LICENSE OR REMOVAL PERMIT (IF REQUIRED)

It allows specific goods to **cross the border of UK**. The quantity of goods allowed to move
used by countries as a **levy to secure their national markets** and companies from strong
natural environment and population from potential harm originated by the items.

OUR CUSTOMS BROKER INFO

PROHIBITED & RESTRICT

Remark SINO : If you have one of the following item, you should check directly with ou
even totally prohibited, it is important to anticipate such shipment to avoid any proble

Drug Contraband

Explosives

Biohazard

Chemic

Ivory

Batteries

Flammable

Firearr

Poison

Pornography

Knife

Tobac

TRADE AGREEMENT

As detailed before both parties are still strengthening diplomatic relations, **before consider**

TRADE RELATIONSHIP

As Xi Jinping says we're in **the "Golden Era" of the Sino-British relations**. Historically the Hong Kong and British previous colonial ambitions, and in World War 2.

UK is the **9th export partner of China** with a value of **56 billion of USD** of goods traded. It UK products sent to China. In the other way, China is the **second import partner of UK** after statistics of the World Bank for the year 2017.

ADDITIONAL SHIPPING SERVICES

OUR WAREHOUSING SERVICES

STORAGE SERVICE IN CHINA

We will store your goods in our warehouses in China before they leave to UK. We're position and collaborators. The transfer from your supplier's facilities to our warehouse will be easy and **CCTV gears and constantly watched, 24/7 by security staffs with trained dogs**. All the goods are well taped and seen.

Info SINO: You want further information about our warehousing services ? Check directly on our website (<https://sino-shipping.com/warehousing-china/>).

STORAGE SERVICE IN UK

We're also able to store goods in **our UK warehouse** before delivery to your address. The same as in Mainland China. Also, we have very **competitive rates for our warehousing services**, so compare with others.

If needed, our international network of warehouses is also well developed in the UK. The same as in Mainland China, from misfortune, like in China. Also, our storing rates in UK are amongst **the lowest in the world**.

OUR PACKING/UNPACKING SERVICES

Because it is the best security to **protect your goods from any eventual damage**, the packing is essential. We're giving you below some pro advices if you want to manage it yourself. Our packing is for **products**, without regarding their type.

Info SINO : Packing is essential for convey products **under optimal conditions** all along the way.

PACKING MATERIAL

Carton box

Carton box is the most basic and the most used packing material worldwide. Despite its age, it remains **efficient to protect goods nowadays**. We're using only the most qualitative carton boxes for your goods and we have them in all different dimensions to suit all your objects.

Palletization

It is necessary to put the cartons on pallets, in order to protect them and to ease their handling. If your supplier can't ensure this procedure, we can also do it. **We have all types of pallets adapted to the sizes and weight of goods**. Our moving teams are skilled in the use of pallet truck, ensuring the safety of your goods.

Wooden boxes

These materials are generally used for **large furnitures and machineries**. Two techniques are used: the wooden crate and the wooden case. The wooden case is mostly used when your objects can't be loaded in a wooden crate; the wooden crate is used for goods that have a very important direction of use.

Our teams are only using **quality wooden boxes, fulfilled with great polystyrene** to protect your goods.

OTHERS: BUBBLE WRAP, TAPE, WRAPPING PAPER...

We're fully equipped to provide a tailor-made packing of your goods, no matter how tiny or how important step of the import/export process.

WHY PACKING IS IMPORTANT FOR THE INSURANCE ?

Packing is a step that must be handled with the highest precautions. A good packing will significantly reduce the risk of damage to your goods during transport.

Info SINO : You want further information about our packing services ? Check directly on our website: [shipping.com/packing-services-china/](https://www.sino-shipping.com/packing-services-china/)

FREIGHT INSURANCE

HOW MUCH DOES A FREIGHT INSURANCE COST?

If you're subscribing to an insurance, they will charge you their services in function of the value of your goods. To avoid any problem, we advise you to declare a **very lower value** than the real value of your goods, as you will not be well refunded in case of a loss. This represents an unnecessary expensive cost of insurance.

The insurance calculation formula is: **freight + items value* 2-3%**. The percentage chosen depends on the type of goods.

SINO Info : You can go deeper, to know what freight insurance will suit the best to your needs. Visit our website: <https://sino-shipping.com/insurance-freight-china/>

SUPPLIER MANAGEMENT IN CHINA

CONTROL QUALITY IN CHINA

As a responsible freight forwarder, it is our duty to control the quality of your goods and packing. It is very important to avoid any possible issue. In this objective, we're establishing **close relationship with our suppliers**.

RELATIONSHIP WITH SUPPLIER

Our polyglot team, fluent in English and Mandarin Chinese is a guarantee of no misunderstanding. We will perfectly arrange the pickup, the packing and licenses needs, to **keep your goods flowing** smoothly. When you transfer, we will check the volume, weight, the class, the HS code of your goods to let no place to risk.

3PL SERVICES IN CHINA

ORDER FULFILLMENT/PACKING & LABELLING IN CHINA

We're proud to announce to all our e-commerce entrepreneurs, that we're able to **take fully in charge** your order fulfillment, packing and labelling. We know how the e-commerce supply-chain is complex, and we can handle all the steps for you, from packaging, the shipping and the customer communication.

LAST MILE DELIVERY

Without regarding the size of your shipment, from a small parcel to a complete container, **we're always** ready to deliver your goods to your destination, situated in Hong Kong. We're fully proficient on Hong Kong geography.

SHIPPING PERSONAL EFFECTS FROM CHINA

EXCESS BAGGAGE

From China to Hong Kong, we do ship **excess baggage via Express Air freight**, a fast and cheap way. We can deliver it to Hong Kong International Airport, or we can deliver it to your address.

MOVING SERVICE FROM CHINA TO HONG KONG

We also offer **relocation services**. In order to get more information about them, please go on our moving department experts: **SINO Relocation**. (<https://sino-relocation.com/>)

FREE REGULATION ADVISOR

Our 10 years of expertise on the Chinese freight/relocation market, gives us **a full view of what market** you're shipping. Don't hesitate to ask our professional point of view, **we will advise you** accordingly.

More than a decade of good services in Asia permit us to provide tailor-made freight solutions.

Our Expert collaborators for precise information about your transfer, we're always happy to help you.

FAQ – FOR 1ST TIME IMPORTER FROM CHINA

FAQ – REGULATION

Paper work when shipping from China to UK

The required documents to import into UK are the Import / Export declaration and License original invoice, and the Bill of lading or Airway bill. These documents must be given explained **in the necessary documents subdivision**.

Do i need a license to import goods from China to UK ?

Some types of goods aimed to be imported or exported to/from UK are requiring an **Import/Export** subsection.

Do I need a customs broker in UK ?

Except if you are a skilled importer, a **customs broker will absolutely help** you to manage on this topic, so you can ask us to do it.

FAQ – SHIPPING BUDGET OPTIMIZATION

How can Air Freight be cheaper than Ocean Freight ?

Only for special dimensions of shipment air freight will be cheaper than sea freight. It will be **cubic meters and lighter than 160 kgs**. For larger goods, sea freight will be better.

Do I need to pay insurance for my goods from China ?

We deeply advise you to take a freight insurance for your goods, if a shortage of supplies is obligatory.

How do I reduce duty while importing goods from China to UK ?

We advise you again to not declare a lower value of the real value of your goods to customs. Goods **may not be able to leave the customs custody**. Always give the right value, or you will be fined.

Do I need to pay any duties and taxes in China ?

Most of the time in international trades, you don't have to pay duties to customs for an import from China.

How do i locate the import tariff for my product ?

The **business section** (<https://www.gov.uk/browse/business>) of the official government website details the **import and export process**. We're also detailing it in the customs clearance subsection.

FAQ – SINO TIPS

EXW, FOB or CIF ?

Each supplier has his favorite incoterm, but in general, suppliers in China are selling goods on EXW terms.

We're fully proficient on all type of transfer process, so the incoterm of departure is not

Will Chinese New Year and Hollidays will affect my shipment ?

Yes, it's really possible and often real that shipments expediated in these periods of the **delay**. Please ensure yourself that you're asking for a transfer outside these periods.

What method of payment is recommended for imports from China to UK ?

The safest payment method to Chinese suppliers are the **Letter of Credit (L/C), Ali Ba (T/T) or Cryptocurrencies**. You take a risk if you're paying your supplier with a differen from him.

Sino Door to Door services from China to Sri Lanka - What we need to know to provide you a

Please, provide us the HS codes, weight and dimensions of the goods, also the packing further documents if you're import or exporting particular goods.

How can I ensure that I have selected the correct site/supplier/factory to shop on ?

If you're using a web platform to source your goods, you must check its **online notorie** what countries or world's region he is trading the most with. It will probably a qualitativ **Korea or the US**. You must be careful if the majority of his clients are **in the Middle Ea internet is longer than 5 years**. If the products the supplier is selling share a commor headphones, chances are great that this is a factory. If he's selling varied items like hanc and the **quality will be less guaranteed**. You can find further information about it hei (<https://www.chinainportal.com/blog/finding-the-right-supplier-on-alibaba/>).

FAQ – HOW SINO WILL HELP YOU?

I have bought many different items of goods from cities around China, could you gather toge

Absolutely, we can provide **consolidation services in all our Chinese warehouses**. T shipment. Reach our **SINO Shipping consultant** for further details about this solution.

What will you do next for customer services once I paid the cost ?

As we put a lot of importance in our customer satisfaction, we're going to stay in touch of our performance. **A great communication is always making a step forward to p**

*Our strength is that we **understand perfectly the needs of our customers** and estai*

What if I'm not familiar with some shipping terms . Especially short forms.

Get in touch with our **SINO Advisors**, they will send you a detailed answer in less than .

Do you have a privacy policy ?

Of course, all the exchanges with our customers **are kept strictly confidential**. We wi parties. The services you're requiring from us will stay private.

Can I change my shipping address after its been shipped ?

Yes, it's possible, but inform us as soon as possible in this situation, in order to modify e:

CONCLUSION

Are you searching for a great supplier in Ali Baba or in TaoBao? Are you unsatisfied of your actual one? Do you need to relocate your life in China from UK or in UK from China? Without regarding y shipping, sourcing and relocation services in China. As we have plenty customers in the UK, we're and try our services to fully appreciate our professionalism!

WHY CHOOSE US ?

OUR ADVANTAGE

SINO Shipping, we understand perfectly the needs of our customers and

"respect is earned. honesty is appreciated. trust is gained"

REACTIVITY

Make a request and you will be contacted within 24 hours maximum



COMPETITIVENESS

We guarantee very competitive price, ask us and compare !



DEDICATED CUSTOMS SERVICE

Do not hesitate to contact us for customs or administrative information



MULTILINGUAL TEAM

We speak English, French and Chinese to avoid any communication issues



TAILORED SERVICE

Small or big shipment, we can manage every request



RELIABILITY

We ensure and secure all our shipments, safety is our priority !



RECURRENT QUESTIONS REGARDING THE SHIPPING FROM CHINA TO THE UNITED KINGDOM

WHAT IS THE SHIPPING COST FROM CHINA TO THE UK?

LCL: 150 USD /cbm **FCL: 700 USD/20'** 1400 USD/40' Express shipping door to door (10kg): 490 USD

HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE TO SHIP FROM CHINA TO THE UK?

Average transit time by sea: 40 days Average transit time by airfreight: 7 days (daily direct flight) Express shipping door to door (10kg): 2 days

WHAT ARE THE BEST FREIGHT OPTIONS TO SEND GOOD FROM CHINA TO THE UK?

There are only 2 options, by sea or by air, it depends on how big the volume and the weight are, and then you will decide which shipping methods is more adequate. You must calculate the ration time/cost.

HOW MUCH TAX WILL I PAY FOR IMPORTING GOODS FROM CHINA TO THE UK?

Your goods will not be released by customs until you've paid all duty and UK VAT. You might be able to claim duty charges and VAT back or delay payments for some imports from outside the EU, for example if you are temporarily importing goods with the intention of moving them to another EU country. After paying the duties and VAT applicable on your goods, they will be released by customs. If your situation requires, you can ask for a delay payments or duty charges and VAT back.

DO CUSTOMS OPEN EVERY PACKAGE?

No, they don't immediately open your package without any reason. ... They will only instantly check what's inside of your package if: Your package has been damaged when it reached the Customs office or desk. The damages can include broken seals, plastic or any cover of your package.

HOW DO I AVOID CUSTOM CHARGES?

When you make a shipping request, you'll have to declare the value of your shipment. The value you enter on your request form is the value that will be declared at customs, so it is important that you declare accurately. If you declare too high a value, you may be assessed more taxes than you want to pay! If you declare too low a value, your declared value may be considered unreasonable and adjusted upward.


HOW CAN I REDUCE MY SHIPPING COSTS?


-Negotiate with multiple carriers -Get suppliers to use your shipping account number
Use packaging provided by your carrier -Consider a regional carrier -Use online shipping -Invest in prepaid shipping -Buy insurance from a third party -Factor in all shipping fees before billing customers -Consider hybrid services -Ask about association discounts


Interested in our logistics services? Need further assistance?
Our SINO experts answer with


Contact us (<https://www.sino-shipping.com/>)

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