

Shipping from China to Nigeria

Move commercial cargo from suppliers across China to Nigeria by sea freight, air freight, LCL/FCL, door-to-door service, and customs-ready delivery planning.

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Route Snapshot: Key Decisions

Nigeria importers need more than a freight rate — they need a route plan that matches cargo, customs readiness and final delivery.

Fastest

Air Freight

4–8 days planning range

Most economical

Sea Freight

30–55 days planning range

Flexible volume

LCL & FCL

Pay by CBM / container

Door delivery

Door-to-Door

DAP / DDP reviewed

Buyer questions this page answers

- Which method fits my shipment?
- What will total logistics cost and lead time be?
- What Nigeria import setup do I need?

Winsail route planning value

- Supplier pickup and consolidation
- Gateway comparison by delivery city
- Form M / DDP feasibility review

Cost & Transit-Time Planning

Use planning ranges to qualify the inquiry, then confirm the actual quote with cargo details, route and Nigeria delivery conditions.

Express

USD 12–20+/kg

2–5 days

Air Freight

USD 5.5–9.5/kg

4–8 days

LCL Sea

USD 120–435/CBM

36–55 days

FCL Sea

USD 2.8k–7.2k+

30–50 days

Door-to-Door

Shipment-specific

Mode dependent

Cost drivers to confirm before quoting

- Product / HS code
- Cargo value / weight / CBM
- Supplier city / Nigeria destination
- Container size / Incoterm
- Form M / SONCAP / dangerous-goods status

Note: market ranges are estimates only. Actual rates and transit times vary with carrier capacity, season, routing, customs checks, destination charges and final delivery scope.

Best Shipping Methods for Nigeria

Choose by cargo volume, urgency, delivery setup and final Nigerian destination.



01 Air Freight

Urgent stock, spare parts and electronics; usually 4-8 days.
Charged by chargeable weight; Lagos (LOS) is the main gateway.

02 Sea Freight

Bulk and regular cargo; FCL often about 30-50 days
and LCL about 36-55 days with lower unit cost.

03 LCL & FCL

LCL suits smaller cargo; FCL gives better control
and simpler handling for larger shipments.

04 Door-to-Door / DDP

Coordinated delivery; DDP needs cargo, importer
and compliance review before confirmation.

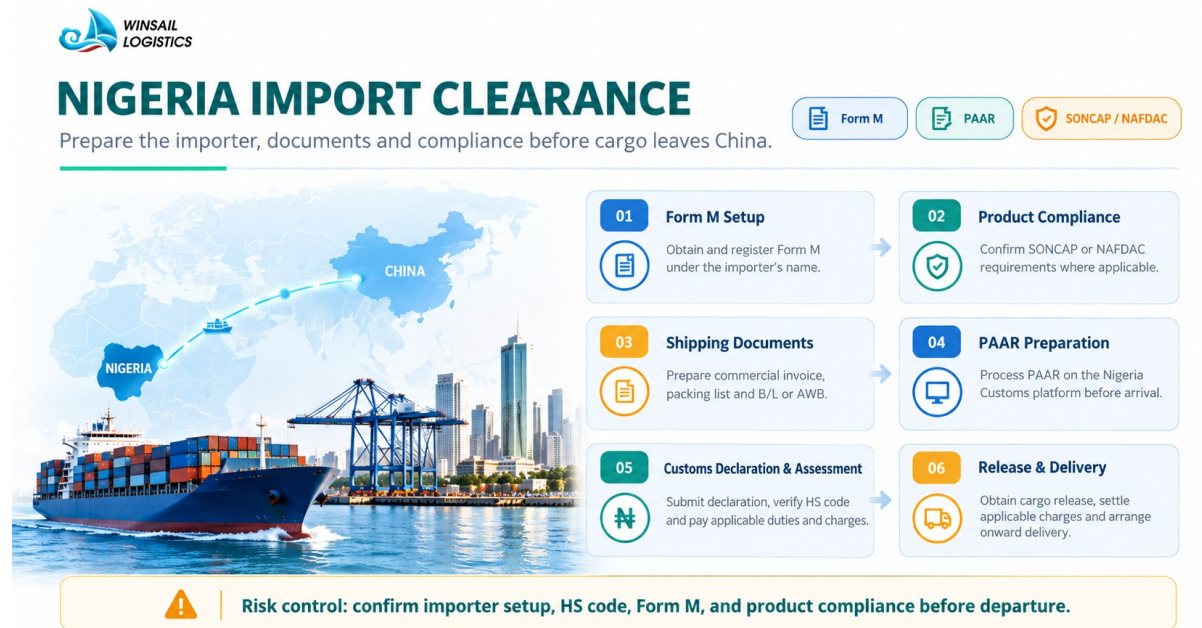
Key message: choose by volume, urgency, gateway and importer setup. DDP remains conditional.

Nigeria Customs, Form M, PAAR & Import Documents

Importer readiness and product compliance matter as much as the freight booking.

Documents & details to prepare

- Commercial invoice and packing list
- Bill of lading or air waybill
- Form M and PAAR preparation
- Accurate HS code and customs value
- SONCAP / NAFDAC or product documents if required
- Local clearance / broker coordination details



Risk control: confirm importer setup, HS code, Form M, PAAR and product compliance before cargo leaves China.

DDP & Door-to-Door: Conditional Review

Nigeria door delivery may be practical; DDP needs cargo, importer and compliance review.



DDP / door-delivery checklist

- Product name and intended use
- HS code if available
- Cargo value, invoice and packing list
- Weight, CBM and cargo dimensions
- Importer / consignee and compliance status
- Nigerian delivery city and access

DDP may be available for suitable cargo after product, Form M / SONCAP status, importer structure and final delivery scope are confirmed.

Ports, Airports & Inland Delivery Areas

Gateway choice affects freight cost, destination charges, transit time and inland delivery.



Route logic

- Apapa — Lagos / general container cargo
- Tin Can — Lagos / mixed commercial cargo
- Lekki — modern deep-sea gateway
- Lagos (LOS) — primary air gateway
- Onne — Rivers / project cargo support

Final delivery city can change the best gateway.

Compare international freight + destination charges + inland haulage - not the gateway alone.

Cargo-Specific & Project Cargo Considerations

Cargo type changes the freight method, documentation, packaging and carrier-acceptance risk.

Electronics

SONCAP · value · model specs

Lithium Batteries

UN38.3 · DG review · carrier approval

Machinery

dimensions · lifting · securing

Building Materials

dense cargo · payload · protection

Auto Parts

exact description · classification

Consumer Goods

volume · labelling · inventory timing

Project cargo needs dimensions, weight, lifting points, packing method, cargo photos and Nigeria site-delivery details.

Regulated food, cosmetics, medical or chemical cargo may need NAFDAC or other pre-shipment checks.

Winsail Operating Process & Risk Reduction

Winsail's value is supplier coordination, accurate shipment data and risk control — not only freight booking.



Common delay risks

- Vague invoice
- Missing Form M / PAAR
- Wrong HS code
- Missing SONCAP / approvals
- Site-access issue
- DDP not confirmed

Operational message

- Accurate dimensions and weight
- Correct documents and HS / compliance setup
- Clear Nigeria delivery details and access

Get a China to Nigeria Freight Quote

Send your cargo details and Winsail will compare sea freight, air freight, LCL/FCL and suitable door-to-door options based on your timeline and Nigeria destination.

Quote checklist

- Cargo name, dimensions, weight and CBM
- Supplier city, Nigeria destination and cargo value
- Form M / SONCAP / DG status and importer setup

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