

Sea Freight Shipping from China : The Definitive Guide

Sea freight, also called ocean freight, is the most popular methods of shipping from China to other global destinations.

If you're importing from China, and would like to ship by sea, this guide will definitely help you.

Why?

Because I will guide you on everything about your shipping from China by sea.

Just imagine:

In 2017 alone, China is estimated to have exported a whopping 2.2 trillion dollars' worth goods to countries across the globe.

Guess what?

A greater percentage was by sea or ocean.



Ocean Freight

And, why sea?

Because it is affordable, reliable and convenient.

At SWWLS, we are here to manage all your ocean freight logistics.

Let's have a quick overview of what we offer before taking you to the nitty-gritty of ocean freight.

SUNNY WORLDWIDE LOGISTICS Ocean Freight Services

Swwls provides the best solutions and service delivery on sea freight shipping from China.

Having been in the industry for more than 10 years now, we (Swwls) have acquired enough

experience and knowledge regarding sea freight.

This in return, makes us pretty good at providing sea freight shipping services for SMEs, big companies as well as individuals transporting goods from China.

As one of the leading China Sea freight agent, we can deliver your goods from China to any destination across the globe.

At Swwls, we offer you fast, affordable and reliable sea freight shipping rates and cargo delivery.

These three are the critical pillars of Swwls China.



NYK Arcadia am 20.6.11 ausgehend Hamburg (NYK Line loaded with containers)

1. What is sea freight shipping?

Sea freight shipping is the transportation of goods to destinations across the globe by water.

This is done using sea vessels, i.e., ships/ferries where the goods are loaded onto containers and then shipped to their various international destinations.

You can also call it ocean freight.

2. What makes up sea freight costs?

The portion where goods cross water borders makes up sea freight costs.

Inland transportation, which involves the moving of goods to and from the suppliers and container yards by trucks is mostly not part of the sea freight charge.

3. Are there surcharges in sea freight like there are in air freight?

Yes, there are.

Sea freight surcharges include fuel surcharges, security surcharges, and other charges that often cover the transportation from port to port.

Container delivery charges and documentation fees are also some of the extra costs you'll incur when shipping from China.

4. What is a container yard?

This is a facility within seaports where containers are loaded, offloaded and stored.

5. What is FOB?

FOB is a logistic term which refers to free on board shipping.

Here, the responsibility of goods passes from the seller to the buyer once they are loaded onto a carrier ship.

This means that the seller will only avail the goods at the port of departure.

From therein, ownership and liability pass on to the buyer.

In FOB, you'll have to pay the freight charges, insurance, offloading fees and inland transportation fees from the destination port to your final destination.

6. What is 'live load' and 'drop and pick' in sea freight shipping?

In your sea freight quotations, you will often see a live load or a drop and pick up charge.

It is very important to know the difference between these two terms.

Well, these two terms are related but have very different meanings.

Live load is where the driver transports an empty shipping container to the buyer.

Once the container is loaded with goods, the driver secures and seals it for transport.

In a live load agreement, there is a time limit within which loading must be completed.

When this time frame elapses, additional charges accrue.

A **drop and pick case**, on the other hand, is where the driver delivers a shipping container and leaves for a few days with the shipper.

Once the container is loaded, the driver comes back, picks it and transports it to a specified container yard.

Between the two, drop and pick is quite costly unless the loading location is close to the chosen

container yard.