

OCEAN FREIGHT REFERENCE RATES

Yiwu to Major Destinations



Market Reference • Mid-2026



FCL 20ft
& 40ft



LCL /
CBM



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Ocean Freight Rate Reference Guide

This guide provides mid-2026 market reference rates for ocean freight from Yiwu, Zhejiang Province, China to major destination ports worldwide. It is designed to help international importers, procurement teams, and freight forwarding partners understand approximate carrier-level costs before requesting a shipment-specific quotation.

Important: These figures are market reference rates for ocean freight only. They are not guaranteed live quotations. Actual rates at time of booking may vary due to carrier space, sailing schedules, seasonal surcharges, and market conditions.

How to Use This Guide

FCL 20ft	Full Container Load — 20-foot container. Usable volume: 25–28 CBM. The importer pays for the entire container regardless of fill level.
FCL 40ft	Full Container Load — 40-foot container. Usable volume: 55–58 CBM. Preferred for larger volumes or bulky/lightweight cargo.
LCL / CBM	Less than Container Load — cargo shares a container with other importers. Charged per cubic metre (CBM). Best for shipments under 12–15 CBM.
Transit Time	Estimated sea transit only — vessel departure to destination port arrival. Does not include origin loading, documentation time, or destination clearance.
Origin Charges	Trucking from Yiwu to Ningbo Port (~150 km), container handling and terminal fees at origin. Quoted separately.
Destination Charges	Port handling, terminal fees, and any port congestion surcharges at the destination port. Quoted separately.
Customs Clearance	Import customs clearance at destination is arranged by the importer's local agent or freight forwarder. Not included in ocean freight rates.

About Al Fajar Shipping

Al Fajar Shipping & Logistics operates from Lahore, Pakistan and Yiwu, Zhejiang Province, China. Our Yiwu operations team manages supplier coordination, loading supervision, export documentation, and China customs declaration on behalf of international importers. We have been operating on the China-Pakistan and China-worldwide trade corridor since 2006.

Reference Rates — Yiwu to Major Destinations

All shipments depart from Ningbo-Zhoushan Port, China's largest container port (approximately 150 km from Yiwu by road). Figures below represent mid-2026 carrier-level ocean freight market rates.

Destination	FCL 20ft	FCL 40ft	LCL / CBM	Transit (sea)
USA (Los Angeles)	\$1,550–\$2,100	\$2,100–\$2,800	\$45–\$65/CBM	20–28 days
UK (Felixstowe)	\$1,850–\$2,500	\$2,500–\$3,200	\$50–\$70/CBM	25–32 days
South Africa (Durban)	\$2,400–\$2,940	\$3,100–\$3,800	\$150/CBM	25–35 days
Australia (Melbourne)	AUD \$1,500–\$4,200	AUD \$2,000–\$5,500	AUD \$50–\$95	18–25 days
Germany (Hamburg)	\$1,800–\$2,450	\$2,400–\$3,100	\$50–\$70/CBM	25–30 days
UAE (Jebel Ali)	\$1,100–\$1,600	\$1,400–\$2,100	—	12–18 days
Pakistan (Karachi)	\$900–\$1,400	\$1,200–\$1,800	\$35–\$60/CBM	18–25 days

Ocean freight market rates — mid-2026 reference only. These are carrier-level charges (Maersk, COSCO, CMA CGM). Al Fajar service fee, origin handling, destination port charges, and customs clearance are quoted separately. Contact us for a complete shipment-specific all-in quote.

Routing Note

Yiwu has no seaport. All cargo is trucked from Yiwu to Ningbo-Zhoushan Port (~150 km, 2–4 hours). Ningbo-Zhoushan is the world's largest cargo port by tonnage. Weekly sailings to all major destinations.

What These Rates Represent

The figures in this guide represent ocean freight charges at the carrier level. Understanding what is and is not included is essential for accurate landed cost planning.



Carrier Ocean Freight

The base cost of ocean transit — paid to the shipping line (Maersk, COSCO, CMA CGM, etc.) for space on the vessel from Ningbo Port to the destination port.



FCL Container Rate

For Full Container Load: the cost of the entire container — 20-foot or 40-foot — regardless of how much of the container is used. Your cargo is sealed alone.



LCL / CBM Reference

For Less than Container Load: the approximate cost per cubic metre (CBM) for shared container space. Final LCL rates depend on cargo dimensions and current consolidation availability.



Estimated Sea Transit

The approximate time from vessel departure at Ningbo Port to arrival at the destination port. Does not include loading time, documentation preparation, or destination clearance.



Market Conditions Basis

Rates reflect mid-2026 market conditions. Ocean freight is subject to carrier capacity adjustments, peak season surcharges (Golden Week, Chinese New Year), and market volatility. Confirm rates at the time of booking.



Booking-Time Confirmation

All rates must be confirmed at the time of actual booking. Rates shown in this guide are reference figures for planning purposes only and are not a binding quotation from Al Fajar Shipping or any carrier.

Al Fajar Operational Note

For Al Fajar shipments, ocean freight is one component of the total cost. Our team provides a complete all-in quotation that includes ocean freight, origin handling, Al Fajar service fee, and an estimate of destination charges — so you know your total landed cost before committing to a shipment.

What Is NOT Included in These Rates

Ocean freight is one component of the total landed cost of importing from China. The following charges are additional and are not represented by the figures in this guide.

■ Important

Do not use the rates in this guide as your total import cost. Additional charges — listed below — significantly affect your landed cost. Always request a complete all-in quotation before committing to a shipment.

✗ **Al Fajar Service Fee**

Al Fajar's professional fee for freight management, loading supervision, export documentation preparation, and China customs declaration filing. Quoted separately for each shipment based on cargo type and volume.

✗ **Origin Handling Charges**

Inland trucking from Yiwu to Ningbo Port, container stuffing or LCL consolidation at the CFS (Container Freight Station), and origin terminal handling charges (THC) at Ningbo Port.

✗ **Documentation Charges**

Bill of lading issuance, export customs declaration filing fee, Certificate of Origin preparation, and any mandatory inspection or fumigation certificate charges.

✗ **Destination Port Charges**

Terminal Handling Charges (THC) at destination port, port security fees, customs examination fees (if selected), and for LCL: CFS deconsolidation charges at destination.

✗ **Customs Clearance**

Import customs clearance at the destination country is arranged and paid by the importer or their local agent. This includes customs brokerage fees, examination fees, and any required import permits.

✗ **Import Duties and Taxes**

Import duties, VAT, GST, or equivalent consumption taxes levied by the destination country's customs authority on the imported goods. Rates depend on product HS code and country of import.

✗ **Last-Mile Delivery**

Transport from the destination port or CFS to the importer's warehouse or delivery address. Arranged by the importer or destination freight forwarder.

✗ **Peak Season Surcharges**

Additional carrier surcharges applied during high-demand periods: Chinese New Year (Jan–Feb), Golden Week (Oct), and pre-Christmas shipping peak (Aug–Oct). Can add \$150–\$600+ per container.

NEXT STEP

Need a Complete All-In Quote?

Rates change based on carrier space, sailing schedules, cargo details, seasonality, and destination requirements.

Contact Al Fajar Shipping for a shipment-specific quotation that includes ocean freight, origin handling, service fee, and an estimate of all destination charges.

GET A COMPLETE ALL-IN QUOTE →

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