

Sea Cargo Logistics Shipping Guide

Introduction

A comprehensive overview for businesses and individuals shipping cargo by sea, covering procedures, documentation, and best practices for efficient logistics.

Key Steps in Sea Cargo Shipping

1. Prepare Cargo and Documentation
2. Choose Suitable Container Type
3. Select Shipping Line or Freight Forwarder
4. Arrange Inland Transport to Port
5. Customs Clearance & Inspections
6. Port Handling & Loading
7. Ocean Transit & Tracking
8. Port Arrival & Discharge
9. Final Delivery to Consignee

Essential Shipping Documents

- Bill of Lading (B/L)
- Commercial Invoice
- Packing List
- Certificate of Origin
- Insurance Certificate
- Customs Declaration Form

Container Types

Type	Description
Standard (Dry)	General cargo; most common container type
Refrigerated (Reefer)	For temperature-sensitive goods
Open Top	For over-height cargo
Flat Rack	For oversized or heavy machinery

Best Practices

- Ensure accurate documentation to avoid delays
- Use appropriate packaging for sea transit
- Insure high-value cargo
- Plan shipment schedules accounting for port and customs timelines
- Track shipments and communicate with all stakeholders

