

# Freight shipping cost calculation checklist

## 1 Cargo preparation

- ☐ Clearly define cargo type (standard, hazardous, refrigerated).
- ☐ Accurately measure cargo weight and dimensions.
- ☐ Select correct shipment mode (air, ocean, road, rail).

## 2 Cost considerations

- ☐ Request freight quotes, including fuel surcharges, THC, and handling fees.
- ☐ Consider special handling requirements or accessorial fees.
- ☐ Clarify insurance coverage and premium.

## 3 Documentation and compliance

- ☐ Prepare relevant paperwork (commercial invoice, packing list, certificate of origin).
- ☐ Confirm Incoterms' clearly.
- ☐ Complete all necessary customs documents (HS codes, duties, tariffs).

## 4 Planning and scheduling

- ☐ Confirm realistic transit times with your logistics service provider.
- ☐ Build contingency budgets for unexpected costs or delays (demurrage, detention).
- ☐ Schedule shipments strategically, considering peak-season impacts on costs.