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Chinese steam locomotive ready for trip to U.S.

DALIAN, China — Chinese class QJ 2-10-2 No. 7040 will be loaded on a ship today to begin its journey to the United States. The locomotive is being purchased by the R.J. Corman Railroad Group for special events use on its Kentucky lines.

R.J. Corman Railroads signed a purchase agreement for the engine this spring with Railroad Development Corporation, which brought two other QJs to the United States. They are used for charter operations on RDC's Iowa Interstate Railroad.

The locomotive was rebuilt at the Jinzhou 701 workshop during July and August, under subcontract to RDC by Multipower International. RDC consultant Dennis Daugherty supervised the overhaul. The ship carrying the locomotive is scheduled to arrive in New Orleans on Dec. 12. From New Orleans, the locomotive is to be shipped to R.J. Corman at Lexington, Ky., via the New Orleans Public Belt Railway and Norfolk Southern.