

Air Freight from China to Narayanganj

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China → Narayanganj · via DAC air / Chattogram sea · clearance by National Board of Revenue (NBR), Bangladesh Customs



Cargo handling on the China–Narayanganj lane.

We move air freight cargo from South China into Narayanganj through DAC air / Chattogram sea. Narayanganj is textile and knitwear manufacturing district, which shapes the kind of cargo that moves on this lane and how it should be packed.

Clearance itself is handled by National Board of Revenue (NBR), Bangladesh Customs, and typical dwell at the gateway runs 7–15 days.

How this lane actually runs

Chattogram is chronically congested and dwell of 7–15 days is normal rather than exceptional. Because commercial imports generally require a letter of credit opened by the consignee, the payment structure has to be agreed before the cargo is booked — this is the main reason DDP quotes fall apart on the Bangladesh lane.

Air gateways used	DAC (Dhaka), CGP (Chattogram)
Air transit, China to gateway	3–6 business days
Gateway serving Narayanganj	DAC air / Chattogram sea
Inland leg to Narayanganj	+1 day from the gateway
Typical clearance / dwell	7–15 days
Peak season to plan around	Sep–Dec

Duty, tax and clearance into Narayanganj

Imports into Bangladesh are cleared by National Board of Revenue (NBR), Bangladesh Customs. The headline position is: VAT 15%; customs duty 0–25% plus supplementary duty, advance income tax and advance tax — the effective landed burden is often 30–100%. The de-minimis threshold is No practical de-minimis.

Conformity is the part most first-time importers underestimate: BSTI certification for regulated goods; a letter of credit is mandatory for most commercial imports. Getting this wrong is expensive because it usually cannot be fixed after the cargo has landed.

Restrictions and known friction points for Bangladesh: LC-based import documentation must match the shipping documents exactly. Supplementary duty on consumer goods can exceed the base duty. Garment-sector inputs may qualify for bonded-warehouse relief tied to the factory license.



Handling on the DAC air / Chattogram sea routing serving Narayanganj.

Before you book: Narayanganj checklist

- Use ISPM-15 treated pallets. Untreated wood is the most common reason otherwise-clean cargo gets held.
- Compare gross weight against volumetric weight ($L \times W \times H \div 6000$) — the higher figure is what gets billed on air and express.
- Check the de-minimis position (No practical de-minimis) against your invoice value before you decide how to split the shipment.
- Budget for the inland leg: +1 day beyond gateway clearance to reach Narayanganj.
- Declare lithium batteries, magnets, liquids and powders up front — retro-declaring after booking usually means re-planning the whole shipment.
- Get the conformity paperwork moving early: BSTI certification for regulated goods; a letter of credit is mandatory for most commercial imports.

Frequently asked questions

How long does shipping from China to Narayanganj take?

China to the Bangladesh gateway is 3–6 business days. On top of that, allow 7–15 days of clearance with National Board of Revenue (NBR), Bangladesh Customs and a +1 day inland leg to Narayanganj.

What duty and tax will I pay importing into Narayanganj?

National Board of Revenue (NBR), Bangladesh Customs applies: VAT 15%; customs duty 0–25% plus supplementary duty, advance income tax and advance tax — the effective landed burden is often 30–100%. The de-minimis position is No practical de-minimis. Under a DDP arrangement these are pre-paid, so nothing is collected on arrival in Narayanganj.

What certification do I need for Bangladesh?

For regulated goods, plan for: BSTI certification for regulated goods; a letter of credit is mandatory for most commercial imports. Missing conformity paperwork is the single most common cause of a hold, and in most cases it cannot be remedied once the cargo has arrived.

When is the busiest time on the China-Bangladesh lane?

Space and rates tighten around Sep-Dec, plus the China-side windows of Chinese New Year in January or February and Golden Week in early October. Book one to two weeks earlier in those periods.

Is sea freight cheaper than air freight into Narayanganj?

Per kilo, yes — usually by a wide margin. The trade-off is time: 12-20 calendar days by sea versus 3-6 business days by air to the Bangladesh gateway, before clearance and the +1 day inland leg. The crossover point is normally somewhere between 100 and 300 kg depending on the density of your cargo.

How is the chargeable weight calculated for Narayanganj?

We compare actual gross weight against volumetric weight — length × width × height in centimeters divided by 6000 for air — and bill the greater of the two, rounded up to the next kilogram. Light, bulky cargo is almost always billed on volume.

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References & official sources

Duty rates, thresholds and conformity requirements for Bangladesh change by ministerial decision, sometimes mid-year. The figures on this page are buyer-planning references, not a customs ruling — confirm the current position for your own HS code with National Board of Revenue (NBR), Bangladesh Customs or your broker before you ship.

- [National Board of Revenue](#)
- [Chattogram Port Authority](#)
- [WTO — Tariff Profiles \(applied MFN duty by country\)](#)
- [IATA — Lithium battery shipping guidance \(PI 965-970\)](#)
- [World Bank — Logistics Performance Index](#)
- [ICC — Incoterms 2020 rules \(DDP, DAP, FOB definitions\)](#)

- [IPPC — ISPM 15 wood packaging standard](#)

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Shipping by industry

This page covers the route and clearance picture for the destination. Packing, classification and the compliance step that actually holds a shipment depend on what you are sending — these guides cover that by commodity.

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Checking the Bangladesh duty position yourself

Duty and tax figures on this page are planning estimates. The binding assessment is made by National Board of Revenue (NBR), Bangladesh Customs against your declared HS code at the time of entry; where the amount is material, verify the current rate through [ITC Market Access Map](#) before committing to an order.

Classification drives everything downstream: the same carton can attract very different duty depending on the heading it lands in, and the structure those headings come from is [the World Customs Organization Harmonized System](#). If your product sits near a boundary between two headings, resolve it before shipping rather than at the border.

On the air side, anything with a cell or a battery in it, plus liquids, powders, magnets and aerosols, is governed by [the IATA Dangerous Goods Regulations](#). Those articles are not refused outright, but they need to be declared at booking so the shipment is built correctly — declaring them late is the single most common cause of an air consignment being offloaded.

If this is your first shipment into Bangladesh, the [Bangladesh Country Commercial Guide](#) covers the practical import environment in more depth than a rate page reasonably can, and it is written by a party with no stake in your booking.

Watch: the process behind this route

This guide covers routing and clearance for Narayanganj. The video below covers the wider shipping process that sits around it.

How to find HS Codes and Calculate Import Duty - 5 tips to save on Duties and Tariffs — Sourcing with Kian. Published on YouTube by a third party; we link it because it explains the process well, not because we produced it or endorse the provider.

Get a rate for Narayanganj

This lane is quoted per shipment rather than from a published rate card, because the landed cost depends on the commodity, its density, the conformity requirements above and the delivery point. Send the cargo details and we will come back with a full DDP figure.

[Request a quote](#) → [See the Bangladesh route page](#) →

Freight Rates to Bangladesh

📦 Cargo Weight (KG)

☐ Enter the actual gross weight of your shipment in kilograms. If you're unsure, fill in the volume fields below and we'll calculate it for you.

☐ Or enter volume (cm) — volumetric weight ÷ 6000

× ×

Non-integers rounded up. Larger of actual vs volumetric is used.

☐ Number of Boxes

Total chargeable weight = weight per box × number of boxes.

⚠ When you have not filled in the volume information, our prices may be inaccurate.

Air Freight to Narayanganj, Bangladesh: Transit Time, Duty & Clearance

Air Freight from China to Narayanganj, Bangladesh. Transit 3-6 business days to the gateway, 7-15 days dwell, +1 day inland.

Duty, documents and packing.

Get a Quote

Send the cargo details and we respond within one business day with a full DDP figure for Narayanganj.

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Customs clearance in Bangladesh

Duty and tax position, certification, typical port dwell and what actually holds shipments at this border — plus who files the entry.

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Priced routes to Bangladesh

- [Shanghai to Chattogram Container Shipping — 20GP Rates](#)
- [Shekou to Chittagong FCL Ocean Freight Rates | 20GP & 40HQ](#)
- [Shipping a Container from Ningbo to Chattogram: Cost & Transit](#)
- [Shipping a Container from Shekou to Chattogram: Cost & Transit](#)