

Sea Freight from China to Salvador

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China → Salvador · via SSA air / Salvador sea · clearance by Receita Federal do Brasil



Cargo handling on the China-Salvador lane.

Freight from China into Salvador clears through SSA air / Salvador sea. Salvador is north-eastern regional capital, and allow +3 days for the inland leg on top of clearance.

Clearance itself is handled by Receita Federal do Brasil, and typical dwell at the gateway runs 7-15 days.

Duty, tax and clearance into Salvador

Imports into Brazil are cleared by Receita Federal do Brasil. The headline position is: Import duty 10-35% plus IPI, PIS/COFINS and state ICMS — the compounded effective rate frequently exceeds 60%. The de-minimis threshold is USD 50 for consignments between individuals only.

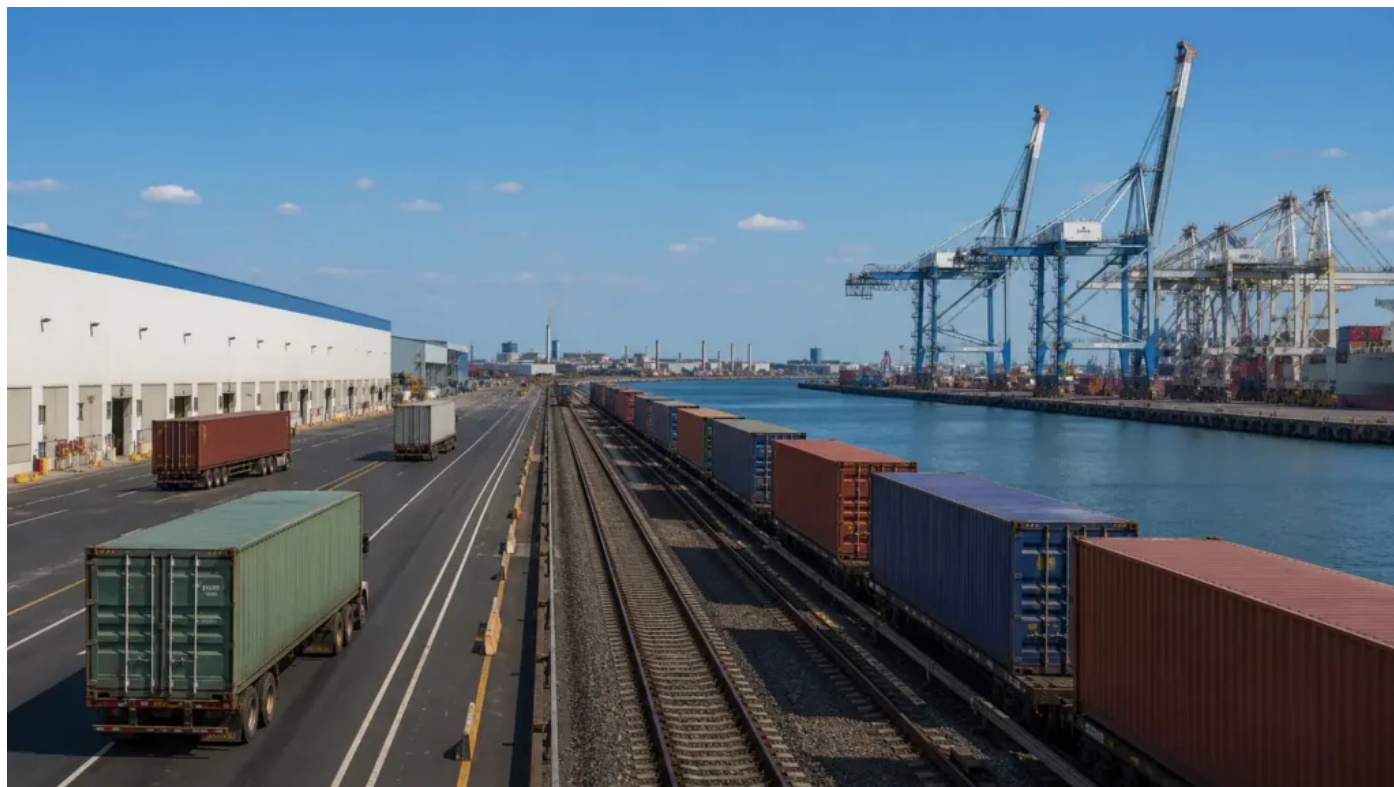
Conformity is the part most first-time importers underestimate: ANATEL homologation for telecom and radio devices; INMETRO certification for a wide range of consumer goods. Getting this wrong is expensive because it usually cannot be fixed after the cargo has landed.

Restrictions and known friction points for Brazil: ANATEL homologation is mandatory for anything that transmits, and takes months to obtain — start before production. INMETRO certification covers many consumer categories. Import licensing applies to a substantial list of goods and must be granted before shipment.

How this lane actually runs

Brazil is the most complex tax jurisdiction in the Americas. Federal duty is only the starting point — IPI, PIS/COFINS and state-level ICMS compound on top, and ICMS differs by state, so the same goods cost different amounts landed in São Paulo and Manaus. The Manaus Free Trade Zone is a genuine alternative structure for electronics assembly inputs.

Sea gateways used	Santos, Paranaguá, Itajaí
Sea transit, China to gateway	30–40 calendar days
Gateway serving Salvador	SSA air / Salvador sea
Inland leg to Salvador	+3 days from the gateway
Typical clearance / dwell	7–15 days
Peak season to plan around	Sep–Nov



Handling on the SSA air / Salvador sea routing serving Salvador.

What to sort out before the cargo leaves China

- Put the Salvador delivery address, contact name and phone number on the invoice, not just the packing list.
- 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: ANATEL homologation for telecom and radio devices; INMETRO certification for a wide range of consumer goods.
- Budget for the inland leg: +3 days beyond gateway clearance to reach Salvador.
- Confirm the consignee in Salvador can act as importer of record — Receita Federal do Brasil will not release cargo to an unregistered party.
- Photograph carton markings and seal numbers before departure — it makes any claim far easier to settle.

Frequently asked questions

How long does shipping from China to Salvador take?

China to the Brazil gateway is 30–40 calendar days. On top of that, allow 7–15 days of clearance with Receita Federal do Brasil and a +3 days inland leg to Salvador.

What duty and tax will I pay importing into Salvador?

Receita Federal do Brasil applies: Import duty 10–35% plus IPI, PIS/COFINS and state ICMS — the compounded effective rate frequently exceeds 60%. The de-minimis position is USD 50 for consignments between individuals only. Under a DDP arrangement these are pre-paid, so nothing is collected on arrival in Salvador.

What certification do I need for Brazil?

For regulated goods, plan for: ANATEL homologation for telecom and radio devices; INMETRO certification for a wide range of consumer goods. 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.

Can you ship batteries or sensitive cargo to Salvador?

Yes. Battery cargo by sea moves under UN3480/UN3481 with an MSDS, and the dangerous-goods documentation is prepared as part of the booking into Santos, Paranaguá, Itajaí. Surcharges apply and space is more limited than for general cargo.

Which port or airport does cargo for Salvador clear through?

Cargo for Salvador is routed via SSA air / Salvador sea. Sea gateways for Brazil are Santos, Paranaguá, Itajaí; air gateways are GRU (São Paulo), VCP (Campinas), GIG (Rio de Janeiro). We pick whichever gives the shortest total door time for your address.

Is sea freight cheaper than air freight into Salvador?

Per kilo, yes — usually by a wide margin. The trade-off is time: 30–40 calendar days by sea versus 4–7 business days by air to the Brazil gateway, before clearance and the +3 days inland leg. The crossover point is normally somewhere between 100 and 300 kg depending on the density of your cargo.

Other delivery cities in Brazil

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- [China to Santos](#)

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References & official sources

Duty rates, thresholds and conformity requirements for Brazil 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 Receita Federal do Brasil or your broker before you ship.

- [Receita Federal — Aduana](#)
- [ANATEL homologation](#)
- [INMETRO](#)
- [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.

- [Corrugated Packaging Wood, Bamboo & Paper Products](#)
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Checking the Brazil duty position yourself

Treat the landed-cost numbers here as a planning baseline. [Receita Federal do Brasil](#) sets the rate that actually gets charged, assessed against your HS classification at the moment of clearance, so their own guidance is worth reading before a large order.

If you want to sanity-check a duty figure yourself, start from the heading rather than the product name — [the WCO Harmonized System](#) is the underlying nomenclature, and [the WTO Tariff & Trade Data portal](#) holds the applied rates by country pair.

For ocean cargo, restricted commodities move under [the IMO's IMDG Code](#), and the container has to be declared and stowed accordingly. Batteries, flammables and corrosives all have a compliant ocean path; what causes rolled bookings is finding out about them after the container is packed.

On the origin side, export declaration and any commodity inspection requirement fall under [China Customs \(GACC\)](#); we handle that filing as part of the service, but the requirement is theirs, not ours.

For a wider view of how importing into Brazil actually works — documentation norms, inspection behavior, the paperwork that tends to hold shipments — the [U.S. ITA guide to Brazil customs regulations](#) is a useful independent read alongside our own lane notes.

Watch: the process behind this route

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

Sea Freight Shipping Process for Beginners: Complete Factory-to-Door Guide (Every Step Explained) — Vixnk - English. 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 Salvador

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 Brazil route page](#) →

Freight Rates to Brazil

✚ 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

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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.

China to Salvador Sea Freight: Rates, Transit and Clearance

Moving cargo to Salvador by sea freight — 30-40 calendar days transit, 7-15 days port dwell, duty assessed by Receita Federal do Brasil.

Get a Quote

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

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Customs clearance in Brazil

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

[Brazil clearance requirements →](#)

Priced routes to Brazil

- [Yantian to Rio de Janeiro FCL Ocean Freight Rates | 20GP & 40HQ](#)
- [Ningbo to Itapoa FCL Ocean Freight Rates | 20GP & 40HQ](#)
- [Yantian to Santos FCL Ocean Freight Rates | 20GP & 40HQ](#)
- [Ningbo to Navegantes Container Shipping — 40HQ Rates](#)
- [Yantian-Navegantes Sea Freight: Container Rates and Schedule](#)
- [Ningbo to Suape FCL Ocean Freight Rates | 20GP & 40HQ](#)