

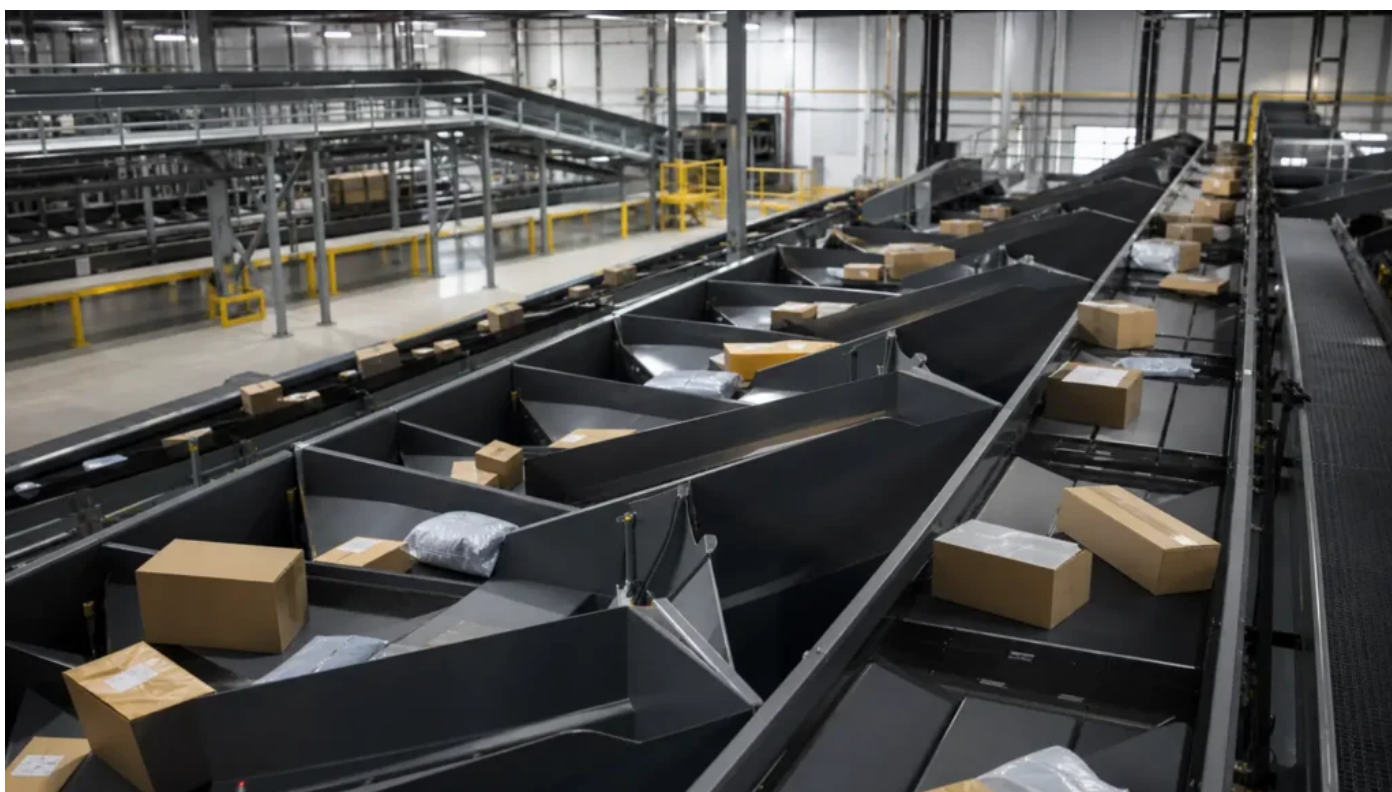
Shipping from China to Kuala Belait

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China → Kuala Belait · via BWN air / Muara sea · clearance by Royal Customs and Excise Department



Cargo handling on the China-Kuala Belait lane.

Freight from China into Kuala Belait clears through BWN air / Muara sea. Kuala Belait is oil and gas service town, and allow +1 day for the inland leg on top of clearance.

Clearance itself is handled by Royal Customs and Excise Department, and typical dwell at the gateway runs 2-5 days.

Import duty and tax position for Kuala Belait

Imports into Brunei are cleared by Royal Customs and Excise Department. The headline position is: No VAT or GST; duty 0-20% depending on commodity; excise on selected goods. The de-minimis threshold is BND 400 on personal consignments.

Conformity is the part most first-time importers underestimate: Halal certification for food; AITI approval for radio equipment. Getting this wrong is expensive because it usually cannot be fixed after the cargo has landed.

Restrictions and known friction points for Brunei: Alcohol imports are prohibited for Muslim consignees and tightly controlled generally. Halal rules apply to a wide range of food and ingredient imports.

How this lane actually runs

Brunei is a small-volume market usually served by transshipment through Singapore, Kota Kinabalu or Muara feeder services. Direct China calls are rare, so realistic transit planning should assume one transshipment and a feeder window.

Air gateways used	BWN (Bandar Seri Begawan)
Air transit, China to gateway	4-6 business days
Sea gateways used	Muara Port
Sea transit, China to gateway	7-12 calendar days
Gateway serving Kuala Belait	BWN air / Muara sea
Inland leg to Kuala Belait	+1 day from the gateway
Typical clearance / dwell	2-5 days
Peak season to plan around	Sep-Nov



Handling on the BWN air / Muara sea routing serving Kuala Belait.

What to sort out before the cargo leaves China

- Ask for the HS code in writing from your supplier and verify the Brunei duty rate against it yourself.
- Check the de-minimis position (BND 400 on personal consignments) against your invoice value before you decide how to split the shipment.
- Get the conformity paperwork moving early: Halal certification for food; AITI approval for radio equipment.
- Budget for the inland leg: +1 day beyond gateway clearance to reach Kuala Belait.
- Confirm the consignee in Kuala Belait can act as importer of record — Royal Customs and Excise Department will not release cargo to an unregistered party.
- Use ISPM-15 treated pallets. Untreated wood is the most common reason otherwise-clean cargo gets held.

Air, sea or overland into Kuala Belait?

Mode	Transit to gateway	Best suited to
→ Air Freight	4–6 business days	time-critical, high-value and low-volume cargo
☐ Sea Freight	7–12 calendar days	volume cargo where cost per kilo matters more than speed

Transit shown is China departure to the Brunei gateway and excludes the +1 day inland leg to Kuala Belait and 2–5 days of clearance.

Mode guides for Kuala Belait

- → [Air Freight to Kuala Belait](#)
- ☐ [Sea Freight to Kuala Belait](#)

Frequently asked questions

How long does shipping from China to Kuala Belait take?

China to the Brunei gateway is 4–6 business days by air, 7–12 calendar days by sea. On top of that, allow 2–5 days of clearance with Royal Customs and Excise Department and a +1 day inland leg to Kuala Belait.

What duty and tax will I pay importing into Kuala Belait?

Royal Customs and Excise Department applies: No VAT or GST; duty 0–20% depending on commodity; excise on selected goods. The de-minimis position is BND 400 on personal consignments. Under a DDP arrangement these are pre-paid, so nothing is collected on arrival in Kuala Belait.

Which port or airport does cargo for Kuala Belait clear through?

Cargo for Kuala Belait is routed via BWN air / Muara sea. Sea gateways for Brunei are Muara Port; air gateways are BWN (Bandar Seri Begawan). We pick whichever gives the shortest total door time for your address.

What certification do I need for Brunei?

For regulated goods, plan for: Halal certification for food; AITI approval for radio equipment. 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 Kuala Belait?

Yes. Battery cargo by air follows IATA PI 965–970 depending on how the cells are packed, and moves on certified channels via BWN (Bandar Seri Begawan). Surcharges apply and the declaration has to be made before booking.

What documents does Royal Customs and Excise Department require?

A commercial invoice with HS codes, a packing list, the bill of lading or air waybill, a certificate of origin where it lowers duty, and any product certification (Halal certification for food; AITI approval for radio equipment). We prepare and file these as part of the service.

Other delivery cities in Brunei

- [China to Muara](#)
- [China to Bandar Seri Begawan](#)
- [China to Seria](#)
- [China to Tutong](#)

[All Brunei freight information →](#)

References & official sources

Duty rates, thresholds and conformity requirements for Brunei 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 Royal Customs and Excise Department or your broker before you ship.

- [Royal Customs and Excise Department](#)
- [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.

- [Sheet Metal Metal Products & Industrial Components](#)
- [Storage Tanks Metal Products & Industrial Components](#)
- [Electric Motors General Machinery & Industrial Equipment](#)
- [Agricultural Drones Agriculture & Livestock Equipment](#)
- [Wire & Cable New Energy, Power & Electrical](#)
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Checking the Brunei duty position yourself

Duty and tax figures on this page are planning estimates. The binding assessment is made by Royal Customs and Excise Department 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.

Most landed-cost surprises trace back to classification rather than freight. [the WCO Harmonized System](#) defines the heading structure every customs administration builds on, and [ITC Market Access Map](#) will show you the duty a given heading attracts in this destination.

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.

For a wider view of how importing into Brunei actually works — documentation norms, inspection behavior, the paperwork that tends to hold shipments — the [U.S. ITA guide to Brunei 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 Kuala Belait. The video below covers the wider shipping process that sits around it.

Ocean Freight 101 - What Is LCL Ocean Freight — Flexport. 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 Kuala Belait

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 Brunei route page](#) →

Freight Rates to Brunei

✚ 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.

Shipping from China to Kuala Belait, Brunei: Cost & Transit

Shipping to Kuala Belait: gateway BWN air / Muara sea, +1 day inland after release, duty assessed by Royal Customs and Excise Department. Transit, documents and restrictions.

Get a Quote

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

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Route Page

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Customs clearance in Brunei

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

[Brunei clearance requirements →](#)

Priced routes to Brunei

- [Shekou-Muara Sea Freight: Container Rates and Schedule](#)
- [Shipping a Container from Nansha to Muara: Cost & Transit](#)