

Air Freight from China to Gitega

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China → Gitega · via BJM air / Dar es Salaam transit · clearance by Office Burundais des Recettes (OBR)



Cargo handling on the China-Gitega lane.

We move air freight cargo from South China into Gitega through BJM air / Dar es Salaam transit. Gitega is the political capital in the interior, which shapes the kind of cargo that moves on this lane and how it should be packed.

On the destination side, Office Burundais des Recettes (OBR) handles clearance; budget 10-20 days of dwell before the cargo is released.

Routing and transit on this lane

Burundi sits at the end of the longest inland corridor in East Africa — roughly 1,400 km from Dar es Salaam. The road leg is the dominant cost and time factor, frequently exceeding the ocean freight itself, and the Central Corridor’s condition varies by season. Quote the inland leg explicitly rather than folding it into a single figure.

Air gateways used	BJM (Bujumbura)
Air transit, China to gateway	6–9 business days
Gateway serving Gitega	BJM air / Dar es Salaam transit
Inland leg to Gitega	+3 days from the gateway
Typical clearance / dwell	10–20 days
Peak season to plan around	Sep–Dec

What you will pay on arrival in Burundi

Imports into Burundi are cleared by Office Burundais des Recettes (OBR). The headline position is: VAT 18%; EAC common external tariff 0–35%. The de-minimis threshold is No practical de-minimis for commercial cargo.

Conformity is the part most first-time importers underestimate: Pre-export verification of conformity for regulated goods; EAC certificate of origin where applicable. Getting this wrong is expensive because it usually cannot be fixed after the cargo has landed.

Restrictions and known friction points for Burundi: Inland corridor transit through Tanzania requires bonded documentation and is the main schedule risk. Foreign-currency availability constrains duty settlement. PVoC conformity applies to regulated goods.



Handling on the BJM air / Dar es Salaam transit routing serving Gitega.

Pre-shipment checklist for Gitega

- Declare lithium batteries, magnets, liquids and powders up front — retro-declaring after booking usually means re-planning the whole shipment.
- Budget for the inland leg: +3 days beyond gateway clearance to reach Gitega.
- Book earlier than the transit time suggests during Sep-Dec, when space on this lane tightens.
- Get the conformity paperwork moving early: Pre-export verification of conformity for regulated goods; EAC certificate of origin where applicable.
- Compare gross weight against volumetric weight ($L \times W \times H \div 6000$) — the higher figure is what gets billed on air and express.
- Confirm the consignee in Gitega can act as importer of record — Office Burundais des Recettes (OBR) will not release cargo to an unregistered party.

Frequently asked questions

How long does shipping from China to Gitega take?

China to the Burundi gateway is 6–9 business days. On top of that, allow 10–20 days of clearance with Office Burundais des Recettes (OBR) and a +3 days inland leg to Gitega.

What duty and tax will I pay importing into Gitega?

Office Burundais des Recettes (OBR) applies: VAT 18%; EAC common external tariff 0–35%. The de-minimis position is No practical de-minimis for commercial cargo. Under a DDP arrangement these are pre-paid, so nothing is collected on arrival in Gitega.

Can you deliver door-to-door in Gitega?

Yes. Delivery to a Gitega address is quoted as one figure covering freight, duty and tax owed to Office Burundais des Recettes (OBR), and the +3 days inland leg. Confirm whether your consignee wants the goods at a warehouse, a marketplace fulfillment center or a shop front, because the last-mile requirement differs.

When is the busiest time on the China-Burundi 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.

How is the chargeable weight calculated for Gitega?

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.

What documents does Office Burundais des Recettes (OBR) 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 (Pre-export verification of conformity for regulated goods; EAC certificate of origin where applicable). We prepare and file these as part of the service.

Other delivery cities in Burundi

- [China to Bujumbura](#)
- [China to Ngozi](#)
- [China to Rumonge](#)

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References & official sources

Duty rates, thresholds and conformity requirements for Burundi 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 Office Burundais des Recettes (OBR) or your broker before you ship.

- [Office Burundais des Recettes](#)
- [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 \(DDP, DAP, FOB definitions\)](#)

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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 Burundi duty position yourself

Duty and tax figures on this page are planning estimates. The binding assessment is made by Office Burundais des Recettes (OBR) 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.

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.

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.

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.

Watch: the process behind this route

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

Customs Clearance & Export/Import Procedures Explained | International Trade Made Simple — International Trade Talk. 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 Gitega

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 →](#)

Freight Rates to Burundi

📦 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.

Air Freight to Gitega, Burundi: Transit Time, Duty & Clearance

Air Freight from China to Gitega, Burundi. Transit 6-9 business days to the gateway, 10-20 days dwell, +3 days 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 Gitega.

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Customs clearance in Burundi

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

[Burundi clearance requirements](#) →