

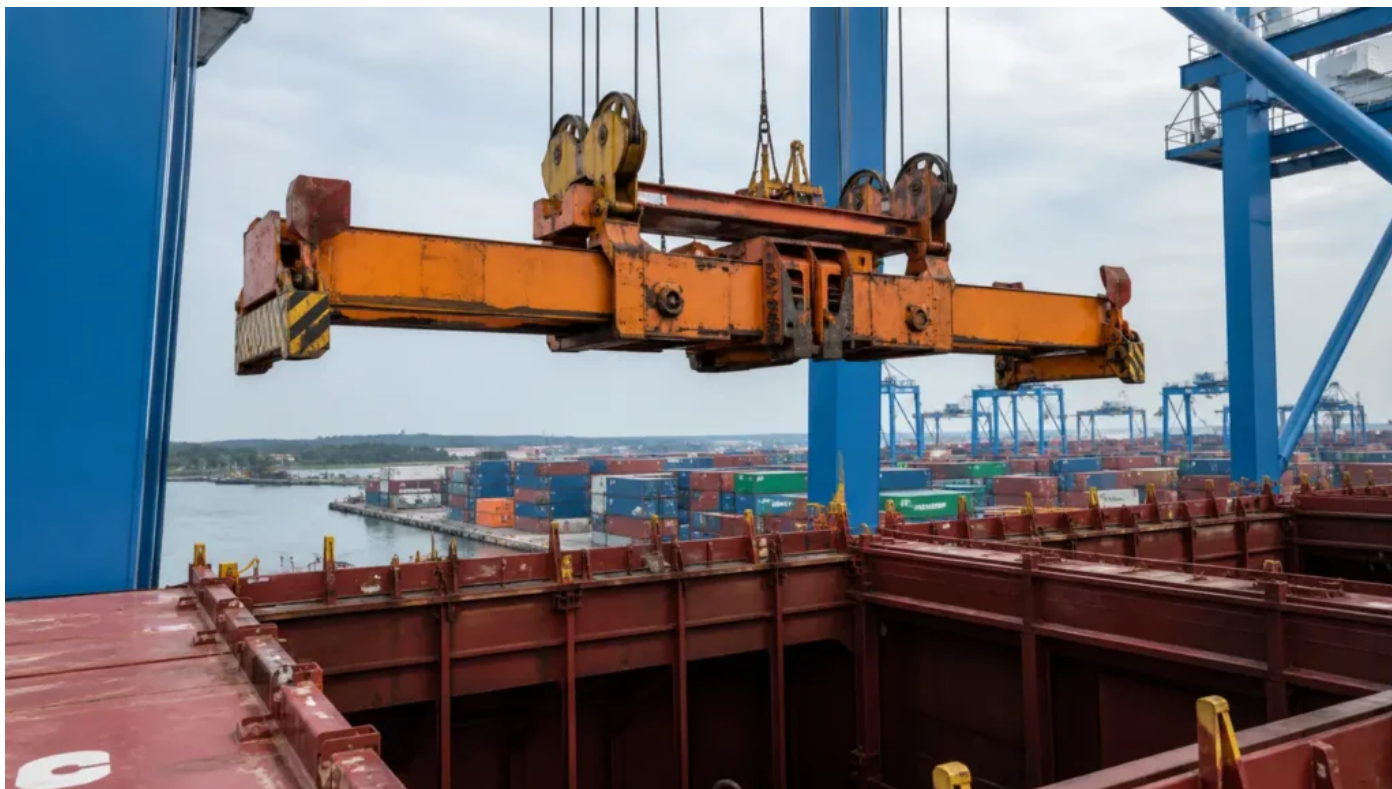
Sea Freight from China to Gitega

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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.

For buyers shipping into Gitega, the practical question is not the ocean or flight time but what happens after arrival. Gitega is the political capital in the interior; cargo enters through BJM air / Dar es Salaam transit, and allow +3 days for the inland leg on top of clearance.

The clearing authority is Office Burundais des Recettes (OBR). Historical dwell on this gateway is around 10-20 days, and it lengthens in Sep-Dec.

What the routing looks like in practice

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.

Sea gateways used	Landlocked — via Dar es Salaam (Tanzania) or Mombasa (Kenya)
Sea transit, China to gateway	40-55 calendar days including the inland corridor
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

Duty, tax and clearance into Gitega

Office Burundais des Recettes (OBR) assesses duty and tax on cargo arriving for Gitega consignees. Current regime: VAT 18%; EAC common external tariff 0-35%, with a de-minimis position of 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.

Before you book: Gitega checklist

- Put the Gitega delivery address, contact name and phone number on the invoice, not just the packing list.
- Ask for the HS code in writing from your supplier and verify the Burundi duty rate against it yourself.
- Check the de-minimis position (No practical de-minimis for commercial cargo) against your invoice value before you decide how to split the shipment.
- Use ISPM-15 treated pallets. Untreated wood is the most common reason otherwise-clean cargo gets held.
- 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.

Frequently asked questions

How long does shipping from China to Gitega take?

China to the Burundi gateway is 40-55 calendar days including the inland corridor. 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.

Is sea freight cheaper than air freight into Gitega?

Per kilo, yes — usually by a wide margin. The trade-off is time: 40–55 calendar days including the inland corridor by sea versus 6–9 business days by air to the Burundi 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.

Can you ship batteries or sensitive cargo to Gitega?

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 Landlocked — via Dar es Salaam (Tanzania) or Mombasa (Kenya). Surcharges apply and space is more limited than for general cargo.

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.

What certification do I need for Burundi?

For regulated goods, plan for: Pre-export verification of conformity for regulated goods; EAC certificate of origin where applicable. 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.

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.

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.

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.

Sea Freight from China: How to import from China to your country via Ocean Shipping — SINO Shipping. 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.

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

Sea Freight from China to Gitega, Burundi. Transit 40–55 calendar days including the inland corridor 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](#) →