

Sea Freight from China to Valparaíso

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China → Valparaíso · via SCL air / Valparaíso sea · clearance by Servicio Nacional de Aduanas de Chile



Cargo handling on the China-Valparaíso lane.

We move sea freight cargo from South China into Valparaíso through SCL air / Valparaíso sea. Valparaíso is historic port city, which shapes the kind of cargo that moves on this lane and how it should be packed.

Clearance itself is handled by Servicio Nacional de Aduanas de Chile, and typical dwell at the gateway runs 2-6 days.

How this lane actually runs

Chile was the first South American country to sign a free trade agreement with China, and most goods now enter at 0% duty against a valid certificate of origin — leaving 19% IVA as the main landed-cost element. Clearance at San Antonio and Valparaíso is

comparatively fast and predictable by regional standards, which makes Chile a common first market for exporters testing South America.

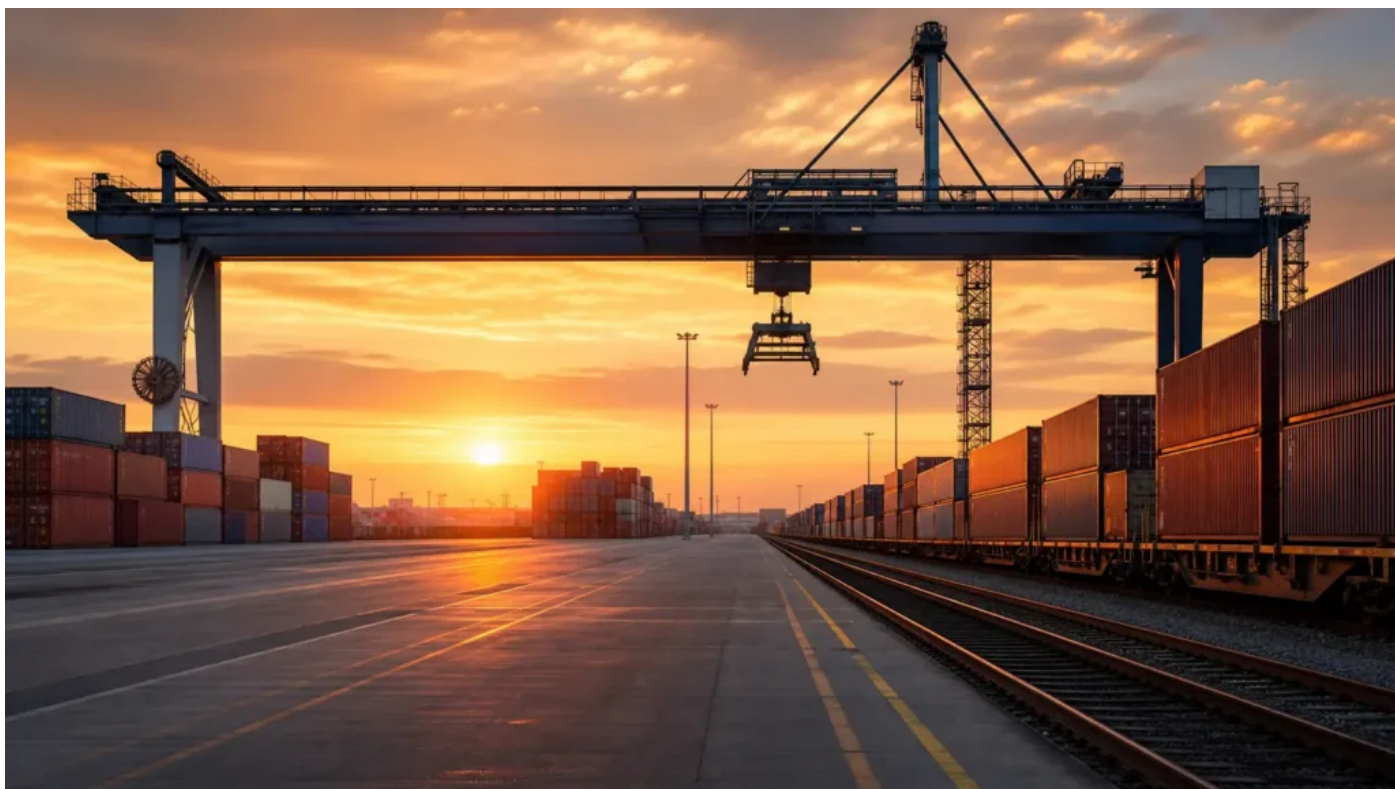
Sea gateways used	San Antonio, Valparaíso, Coronel
Sea transit, China to gateway	26–35 calendar days
Gateway serving Valparaiso	SCL air / Valparaiso sea
Inland leg to Valparaiso	Same day from the gateway
Typical clearance / dwell	2–6 days
Peak season to plan around	Sep–Nov

Duty, tax and clearance into Valparaiso

Imports into Chile are cleared by Servicio Nacional de Aduanas de Chile. The headline position is: IVA 19%; general duty 6%, but 0% on most goods under the China–Chile free trade agreement with a valid certificate of origin. The de-minimis threshold is USD 41 for courier consignments.

Conformity is the part most first-time importers underestimate: SEC certification for electrical products; SAG clearance for wood packaging and agricultural goods. Getting this wrong is expensive because it usually cannot be fixed after the cargo has landed.

Restrictions and known friction points for Chile: FTA preference depends on a correctly issued certificate of origin; without it the 6% general rate applies. SAG inspects wood packaging strictly — ISPM-15 treatment must be visible and valid. SEC certification is required for electrical goods.



Handling on the SCL air / Valparaiso sea routing serving Valparaiso.

What to sort out before the cargo leaves China

- Check the de-minimis position (USD 41 for courier consignments) 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.
- Photograph carton markings and seal numbers before departure — it makes any claim far easier to settle.
- 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: same-day delivery beyond gateway clearance to reach Valparaiso.
- Put the Valparaiso delivery address, contact name and phone number on the invoice, not just the packing list.

Frequently asked questions

How long does shipping from China to Valparaiso take?

China to the Chile gateway is 26–35 calendar days. On top of that, allow 2–6 days of clearance with Servicio Nacional de Aduanas de Chile and a same-day inland leg to Valparaiso.

What duty and tax will I pay importing into Valparaiso?

Servicio Nacional de Aduanas de Chile applies: IVA 19%; general duty 6%, but 0% on most goods under the China–Chile free trade agreement with a valid certificate of origin. The de-minimis position is USD 41 for courier consignments. Under a DDP arrangement these are pre-paid, so nothing is collected on arrival in Valparaiso.

What certification do I need for Chile?

For regulated goods, plan for: SEC certification for electrical products; SAG clearance for wood packaging and agricultural 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.

What documents does Servicio Nacional de Aduanas de Chile 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 (SEC certification for electrical products; SAG clearance for wood packaging and agricultural goods). We prepare and file these as part of the service.

Can you deliver door-to-door in Valparaíso?

Yes. Delivery to a Valparaíso address is quoted as one figure covering freight, duty and tax owed to Servicio Nacional de Aduanas de Chile, and the same-day 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.

Which port or airport does cargo for Valparaíso clear through?

Cargo for Valparaíso is routed via SCL air / Valparaíso sea. Sea gateways for Chile are San Antonio, Valparaíso, Coronel; air gateways are SCL (Santiago). We pick whichever gives the shortest total door time for your address.

Other delivery cities in Chile

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- [China to La Serena](#)
- [China to Temuco](#)

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References & official sources

Duty rates, thresholds and conformity requirements for Chile 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 Servicio Nacional de Aduanas de Chile or your broker before you ship.

- [Servicio Nacional de Aduanas](#)
- [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 Chile duty position yourself

Duty and tax figures on this page are planning estimates. The binding assessment is made by Servicio Nacional de Aduanas de Chile 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.

If this is your first shipment into Chile, the [Chile 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 Valparaiso. The video below covers the wider shipping process that sits around it.

How to Calculate CBM in Shipping | Volume vs Weight Explained | CBM Formula & Freight Cost Guide — 10 Min For Supply Chain.
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 Valparaiso

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 Chile route page](#) →

Freight Rates to Chile

📦 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 Valparaiso, Chile: Transit Time, Duty & Clearance

Sea Freight from China to Valparaiso, Chile. Transit 26–35 calendar days to the gateway, 2–6 days dwell, same 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 Valparaiso.

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Customs clearance in Chile

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

[Chile clearance requirements →](#)

Priced routes to Chile

- [Ningbo to Antofagasta FCL Ocean Freight Rates | 20GP & 40HQ](#)
- [Ningbo to Iquique Container Shipping — 40NOR Rates](#)
- [Ningbo to San Antonio Container Shipping — 40HQ Rates](#)
- [Shanghai to Iquique Container Shipping — 40NOR Rates](#)
- [Shanghai to Valparaiso Container Shipping — 40NOR Rates](#)

- [Shanghai-San Antonio Sea Freight: Container Rates and Schedule](#)