

Air Freight from China to Tbilisi

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China → Tbilisi · via TBS air / Poti sea · clearance by Georgian Revenue Service



Cargo handling on the China-Tbilisi lane.

Tbilisi is capital and the country's main market, and it is served through TBS air / Poti sea. That combination is what actually sets your delivery date on this lane — allow +1 day for the inland leg on top of clearance.

On the destination side, Georgian Revenue Service handles clearance; budget 2–6 days of dwell before the cargo is released.

Duty, tax and clearance into Tbilisi

Georgian Revenue Service assesses duty and tax on cargo arriving for Tbilisi consignees. Current regime: VAT 18%; customs duty of 0%, 5% or 12% only — and 0% on most goods under the China-Georgia free trade agreement, with a de-minimis position of GEL 300 for personal parcels.

Conformity is the part most first-time importers underestimate: Technical regulation conformity for regulated goods; certificate of origin to claim FTA preference. Getting this wrong is expensive because it usually cannot be fixed after the cargo has landed.

Restrictions and known friction points for Georgia: The FTA preference requires a correctly issued certificate of origin; without it the standard 0/5/12% tariff applies. Black Sea sailing schedules can be affected by regional shipping conditions.

How this lane actually runs

Georgia has had a free trade agreement with China since 2018 — the only one in the Caucasus — so most goods enter duty-free with a valid certificate of origin, leaving only 18% VAT. Poti and Batumi also serve as the Black Sea end of the Middle Corridor for cargo continuing to Armenia, Azerbaijan and Central Asia.

Air gateways used	TBS (Tbilisi), BUS (Batumi)
Air transit, China to gateway	3-5 business days
Gateway serving Tbilisi	TBS air / Poti sea
Inland leg to Tbilisi	+1 day from the gateway
Typical clearance / dwell	2-6 days
Peak season to plan around	Sep-Nov



Handling on the TBS air / Poti sea routing serving Tbilisi.

Before you book: Tbilisi checklist

- Book earlier than the transit time suggests during Sep–Nov, when space on this lane tightens.
- Put the Tbilisi delivery address, contact name and phone number on the invoice, not just the packing list.
- Confirm the consignee in Tbilisi can act as importer of record — Georgian Revenue Service will not release cargo to an unregistered party.
- Plan around the China-side windows too: Chinese New Year and Golden Week both compress capacity on the Georgia lane.
- Get the conformity paperwork moving early: Technical regulation conformity for regulated goods; certificate of origin to claim FTA preference.
- Use ISPM-15 treated pallets. Untreated wood is the most common reason otherwise-clean cargo gets held.

Frequently asked questions

How long does shipping from China to Tbilisi take?

China to the Georgia gateway is 3–5 business days. On top of that, allow 2–6 days of clearance with Georgian Revenue Service and a +1 day inland leg to Tbilisi.

What duty and tax will I pay importing into Tbilisi?

Georgian Revenue Service applies: VAT 18%; customs duty of 0%, 5% or 12% only — and 0% on most goods under the China–Georgia free trade agreement. The de-minimis position is GEL 300 for personal parcels. Under a DDP arrangement these are pre-paid, so nothing is collected on arrival in Tbilisi.

What documents does Georgian Revenue Service 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 (Technical regulation conformity for regulated goods; certificate of origin to claim FTA preference). We prepare and file these as part of the service.

Can you deliver door-to-door in Tbilisi?

Yes. Delivery to a Tbilisi address is quoted as one figure covering freight, duty and tax owed to Georgian Revenue Service, and the +1 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 Tbilisi clear through?

Cargo for Tbilisi is routed via TBS air / Poti sea. Sea gateways for Georgia are Poti, Batumi, Anaklia (under development); air gateways are TBS (Tbilisi), BUS (Batumi). We pick whichever gives the shortest total door time for your address.

Can you ship batteries or sensitive cargo to Tbilisi?

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

Other delivery cities in Georgia

- [China to Batumi](#)
- [China to Poti](#)
- [China to Kutaisi](#)
- [China to Rustavi](#)

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References & official sources

Duty rates, thresholds and conformity requirements for Georgia 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 Georgian Revenue Service or your broker before you ship.

- [Georgian Revenue Service](#)
- [WTO — Tariff Profiles \(applied MFN duty by country\)](#)
- [IPPC — ISPM 15 wood packaging standard](#)
- [WCO — Harmonized System nomenclature](#)
- [IMO — IMDG Code for dangerous goods by sea](#)

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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.

- [Amazon FBA E-commerce & Retail Channels](#)
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Checking the Georgia duty position yourself

Duty and tax figures on this page are planning estimates. The binding assessment is made by Georgian Revenue Service 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.

Classification drives everything downstream: the same carton can attract very different duty depending on the heading it lands in, and the structure those headings come from is [the World Customs Organization Harmonized System](#). If your product sits near a boundary between two headings, resolve it before shipping rather than at the border.

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.

Watch: the process behind this route

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

How to Check Import Tariffs for Any Country | HS Code Lookup Tutorial 2026 — 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 Tbilisi

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 Georgia

✚ 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 Tbilisi, Georgia: Transit Time, Duty & Clearance

Air Freight from China to Tbilisi, Georgia. Transit 3-5 business days to the gateway, 2-6 days dwell, +1 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 Tbilisi.

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Customs clearance in Georgia

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

[Georgia clearance requirements →](#)