

Sea Freight from China to Choloma

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China → Choloma · via SAP air / Puerto Cortes sea · clearance by Administración Aduanera de Honduras



Cargo handling on the China-Choloma lane.

Choloma is maquila and apparel manufacturing city, and it is served through SAP air / Puerto Cortes sea. That combination is what actually sets your delivery date on this lane — the inland leg is same-day, so the clearance date is effectively the delivery date.

The clearing authority is Administración Aduanera de Honduras. Historical dwell on this gateway is around 4–10 days, and it lengthens in Sep–Nov.

How this lane actually runs

Puerto Cortés is the deepest and best-equipped port in Central America and clears a large share of the region's Atlantic-side volume. San Pedro Sula is the commercial center and the natural distribution base, with Tegucigalpa served by road. Asian cargo normally transships at Panama, Cartagena or Kingston.

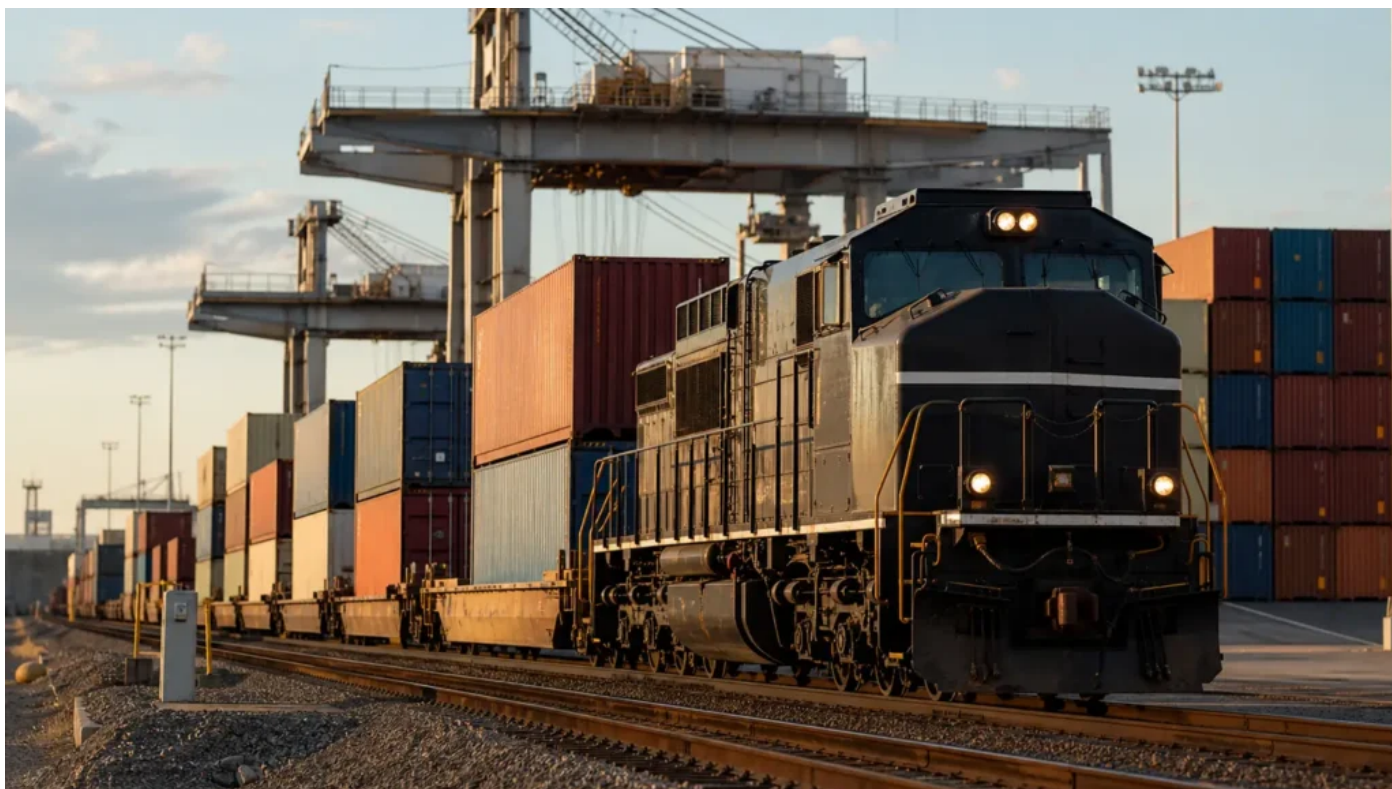
Sea gateways used	Puerto Cortés, Henecán (San Lorenzo)
Sea transit, China to gateway	26-34 calendar days
Gateway serving Choloma	SAP air / Puerto Cortes sea
Inland leg to Choloma	Same day from the gateway
Typical clearance / dwell	4-10 days
Peak season to plan around	Sep-Nov

Duty, tax and clearance into Choloma

Administración Aduanera de Honduras assesses duty and tax on cargo arriving for Choloma consignees. Current regime: ISV 15%; Central American common tariff 0-15%, with a de-minimis position of USD 100 for courier consignments.

Conformity is the part most first-time importers underestimate: Health registration for food and cosmetics; conformity for regulated goods. Getting this wrong is expensive because it usually cannot be fixed after the cargo has landed.

Restrictions and known friction points for Honduras: Transshipment dependency means feeder timing drives the schedule. Free-zone regimes for the apparel sector have separate duty treatment.



Handling on the SAP air / Puerto Cortes sea routing serving Choloma.

What to sort out before the cargo leaves China

- Put the Choloma delivery address, contact name and phone number on the invoice, not just the packing list.
- Budget for the inland leg: same-day delivery beyond gateway clearance to reach Choloma.
- Photograph carton markings and seal numbers before departure — it makes any claim far easier to settle.
- Ask for the HS code in writing from your supplier and verify the Honduras duty rate against it yourself.
- Use ISPM-15 treated pallets. Untreated wood is the most common reason otherwise-clean cargo gets held.
- Confirm the consignee in Choloma can act as importer of record — Administración Aduanera de Honduras will not release cargo to an unregistered party.

Frequently asked questions

How long does shipping from China to Choloma take?

China to the Honduras gateway is 26–34 calendar days. On top of that, allow 4–10 days of clearance with Administración Aduanera de Honduras and a same-day inland leg to Choloma.

What duty and tax will I pay importing into Choloma?

Administración Aduanera de Honduras applies: ISV 15%; Central American common tariff 0–15%. The de-minimis position is USD 100 for courier consignments. Under a DDP arrangement these are pre-paid, so nothing is collected on arrival in Choloma.

Can you deliver door-to-door in Choloma?

Yes. Delivery to a Choloma address is quoted as one figure covering freight, duty and tax owed to Administración Aduanera de Honduras, 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.

When is the busiest time on the China-Honduras lane?

Space and rates tighten around Sep–Nov, 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.

What certification do I need for Honduras?

For regulated goods, plan for: Health registration for food and cosmetics; conformity for regulated 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.

How is the chargeable weight calculated for Choloma?

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.

Other delivery cities in Honduras

- [China to San Pedro Sula](#)
- [China to Tegucigalpa](#)
- [China to La Ceiba](#)
- [China to Puerto Cortes](#)

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References & official sources

Duty rates, thresholds and conformity requirements for Honduras 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 Administración Aduanera de Honduras or your broker before you ship.

- [Administración Aduanera de Honduras](#)
- [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.

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Checking the Honduras duty position yourself

Duty and tax figures on this page are planning estimates. The binding assessment is made by Administración Aduanera de Honduras 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.

If this is your first shipment into Honduras, the [Honduras 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 Choloma. 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 Choloma

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 Honduras route page](#) →

Freight Rates to Honduras

✚ 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.

China to Choloma Sea Freight: Rates, Transit and Clearance

Moving cargo to Choloma by sea freight — 26–34 calendar days transit, 4–10 days port dwell, duty assessed by Administración Aduanera de Honduras.

Get a Quote

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

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Customs clearance in Honduras

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

[Honduras clearance requirements →](#)

Priced routes to Honduras

- [Ship Yantian to Puerto Cortes — FCL Container Cost from China](#)
- [Shipping a Container from Ningbo to Puerto Cortes: Cost & Transit](#)
- [Shipping a Container from Shanghai to Puerto Cortes: Cost & Transit](#)