

# Air Freight from China to Sibü

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China → Sibü · via SBW air / Sibü sea · clearance by Royal Malaysian Customs Department (JKDM)



Cargo handling on the China-Sibü lane.

For buyers shipping into Sibü, the practical question is not the ocean or flight time but what happens after arrival. Sibü is Rajang river port in central Sarawak; cargo enters through SBW air / Sibü sea, and allow +1 day for the inland leg on top of clearance.

The clearing authority is Royal Malaysian Customs Department (JKDM). Historical dwell on this gateway is around 2-4 days, and it lengthens in Sep-Nov.

## Duty, tax and clearance into Sibü

Royal Malaysian Customs Department (JKDM) assesses duty and tax on cargo arriving for Sibü consignees. Current regime: Sales tax 5-10% plus 10% low-value-goods tax on online orders under MYR 500; duty 0-30%, largely 0% under ACFTA, with a de-minimis

position of MYR 500 (low-value goods sold online are taxed regardless).

Conformity is the part most first-time importers underestimate: SIRIM certification and MCMC label for electrical and radio products; halal certification for food ingredients. Getting this wrong is expensive because it usually cannot be fixed after the cargo has landed.

**Restrictions and known friction points for Malaysia:** Electrical goods without a SIRIM label are routinely detained. Alcohol, e-cigarettes and vape liquid are restricted. Direct-to-consumer parcels are subject to the low-value goods tax collected at the point of sale.

## How this lane actually runs

Peninsular Malaysia is served through Port Klang and Tanjung Pelepas with very frequent South China sailings. East Malaysia (Sarawak and Sabah) is a separate customs territory in practice — cargo transships at Klang or Singapore and adds 5-8 days plus a second clearance step, so quote Kuching and Kota Kinabalu separately.

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| Air gateways used             | KUL (Kuala Lumpur), PEN (Penang), BKI (Kota Kinabalu) |
| Air transit, China to gateway | 3-5 business days                                     |
| Gateway serving Sibu          | SBW air / Sibu sea                                    |
| Inland leg to Sibu            | +1 day from the gateway                               |
| Typical clearance / dwell     | 2-4 days                                              |
| Peak season to plan around    | Sep-Nov                                               |



Handling on the SBW air / Sibul sea routing serving Sibul.

## Pre-shipment checklist for Sibul

- Get the conformity paperwork moving early: SIRIM certification and MCMC label for electrical and radio products; halal certification for food ingredients.
- Photograph carton markings and seal numbers before departure — it makes any claim far easier to settle.
- Confirm the consignee in Sibul can act as importer of record — Royal Malaysian Customs Department (JKDM) will not release cargo to an unregistered party.
- Book earlier than the transit time suggests during Sep–Nov, when space on this lane tightens.
- Compare gross weight against volumetric weight ( $L \times W \times H \div 6000$ ) — the higher figure is what gets billed on air and express.
- Budget for the inland leg: +1 day beyond gateway clearance to reach Sibul.

## Frequently asked questions

How long does shipping from China to Sibul take?

China to the Malaysia gateway is 3–5 business days. On top of that, allow 2–4 days of clearance with Royal Malaysian Customs Department (JKDM) and a +1 day inland leg to Sibul.

What duty and tax will I pay importing into Sibul?

Royal Malaysian Customs Department (JKDM) applies: Sales tax 5–10% plus 10% low-value-goods tax on online orders under MYR 500; duty 0–30%, largely 0% under ACFTA. The de-minimis position is MYR 500 (low-value goods sold online are taxed regardless). Under a DDP arrangement these are pre-paid, so nothing is collected on arrival in Sibul.

What certification do I need for Malaysia?

For regulated goods, plan for: SIRIM certification and MCMC label for electrical and radio products; halal certification for food ingredients. 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 Sibu?

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.

Which port or airport does cargo for Sibu clear through?

Cargo for Sibu is routed via SBW air / Sibu sea. Sea gateways for Malaysia are Port Klang, Tanjung Pelepas, Penang; air gateways are KUL (Kuala Lumpur), PEN (Penang), BKI (Kota Kinabalu). We pick whichever gives the shortest total door time for your address.

Can you ship batteries or sensitive cargo to Sibu?

Yes. Battery cargo by air follows IATA PI 965–970 depending on how the cells are packed, and moves on certified channels via KUL (Kuala Lumpur), PEN (Penang), BKI (Kota Kinabalu). Surcharges apply and the declaration has to be made before booking.

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- [China to Penang](#)
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## References & official sources

Duty rates, thresholds and conformity requirements for Malaysia 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 Royal Malaysian Customs Department (JKDM) or your broker before you ship.

- [Royal Malaysian Customs Department](#)

- [SIRIM QAS International](#)
- [Port Klang Authority](#)
- [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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- [Energy Storage System New Energy, Power & Electrical](#)
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## Checking the Malaysia duty position yourself

Treat the landed-cost numbers here as a planning baseline. [Royal Malaysian Customs Department](#) sets the rate that actually gets charged, assessed against your HS classification at the moment of clearance, so their own guidance is worth reading before a large 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.

For a wider view of how importing into Malaysia actually works — documentation norms, inspection behavior, the paperwork that tends to hold shipments — the [U.S. ITA guide to Malaysia customs regulations](#) is a useful independent read alongside our own lane notes.

## Watch: the process behind this route

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

What Is Chargeable Weight in Air Freight? — Smart Logistics Network. 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 Sibü

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 Malaysia route page](#) →

## Freight Rates to Malaysia

☞ 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

× ×

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 Sibü, Malaysia: Transit Time, Duty & Clearance

Air Freight from China to Sibü, Malaysia. Transit 3–5 business days to the gateway, 2–4 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 Sibü.

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## Customs clearance in Malaysia

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

[Malaysia clearance requirements →](#)

## Priced routes to Malaysia

- [Shekou-Lahad Datu Sea Freight: Container Rates and Schedule](#)
- [Shekou-Pasir Gudang Sea Freight: Container Rates and Schedule](#)
- [Shekou-Samalaju Sea Freight: Container Rates and Schedule](#)
- [Shekou-Sandakan Sea Freight: Container Rates and Schedule](#)
- [Ship Nansha to Lahad Datu — FCL Container Cost from China](#)
- [Ship Nansha to Tawau — FCL Container Cost from China](#)