Shipping from China to Guadalajara

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China → Guadalajara · via GDL air / Manzanillo sea · clearance by Agencia Nacional de Aduanas de México (ANAM) and SAT

Cargo handling on the China–Guadalajara lane.

Freight from China into Guadalajara clears through GDL air / Manzanillo sea. Guadalajara is electronics manufacturing and second largest market, and allow +1 day for the inland leg on top of clearance.

On the destination side, Agencia Nacional de Aduanas de México (ANAM) and SAT handles clearance; budget 4–10 days of dwell before the cargo is released.

Duty, tax and clearance into Guadalajara

Imports into Mexico are cleared by Agencia Nacional de Aduanas de México (ANAM) and SAT. The headline position is: IVA 16%; duty 0–35%, with additional temporary tariffs of up to 35% applied to textiles, footwear, steel and several other Chinese-origin categories. The de-minimis threshold is USD 50 for courier consignments.

Conformity is the part most first-time importers underestimate: NOM standards compliance for regulated goods; the consignee must be listed on the Padrón de Importadores. Getting this wrong is expensive because it usually cannot be fixed after the cargo has landed.

Restrictions and known friction points for Mexico: A registered importer of record is mandatory — the forwarder cannot simply act as one. Temporary tariff decrees on Chinese-origin textiles, footwear and steel change periodically; verify the current rate. NOM certification cannot be remedied after arrival.

What the routing looks like in practice

Manzanillo handles the bulk of Asia–Mexico volume and is the congestion point to watch. Two things break DDP quotes here: the importer of record must be registered on the Padrón de Importadores, and Mexico has layered temporary tariffs on a long list of Chinese-origin goods. NOM certification for regulated products is verified at the border, not after.

Air gateways used	MEX (Mexico City), NLU (Felipe Ángeles), GDL (Guadalajara)
Air transit, China to gateway	3–5 business days
Sea gateways used	Manzanillo, Lázaro Cárdenas, Veracruz
Sea transit, China to gateway	16–24 calendar days
Gateway serving Guadalajara	GDL air / Manzanillo sea
Inland leg to Guadalajara	+1 day from the gateway
Typical clearance / dwell	4–10 days
Peak season to plan around	Aug–Nov

Handling on the GDL air / Manzanillo sea routing serving Guadalajara.

What to sort out before the cargo leaves China

- Confirm the consignee in Guadalajara can act as importer of record — Agencia Nacional de Aduanas de México (ANAM) and SAT will not release cargo to an unregistered party.
- Get the conformity paperwork moving early: NOM standards compliance for regulated goods; the consignee must be listed on the Padrón de Importadores.
- Book earlier than the transit time suggests during Aug–Nov, when space on this lane tightens.
- Photograph carton markings and seal numbers before departure — it makes any claim far easier to settle.
- Budget for the inland leg: +1 day beyond gateway clearance to reach Guadalajara.
- Ask for the HS code in writing from your supplier and verify the Mexico duty rate against it yourself.

Air, sea or overland into Guadalajara?

Mode	Transit to gateway	Best suited to
✈ **Air Freight**	3–5 business days	time-critical, high-value and low-volume cargo
◫ **Sea Freight**	16–24 calendar days	volume cargo where cost per kilo matters more than speed

Transit shown is China departure to the Mexico gateway and excludes the +1 day inland leg to Guadalajara and 4–10 days of clearance.

Mode guides for Guadalajara

- ✈ Air Freight to Guadalajara
- Sea Freight to Guadalajara

Frequently asked questions

How long does shipping from China to Guadalajara take?

China to the Mexico gateway is 3–5 business days by air, 16–24 calendar days by sea. On top of that, allow 4–10 days of clearance with Agencia Nacional de Aduanas de México (ANAM) and SAT and a +1 day inland leg to Guadalajara.

What duty and tax will I pay importing into Guadalajara?

Agencia Nacional de Aduanas de México (ANAM) and SAT applies: IVA 16%; duty 0–35%, with additional temporary tariffs of up to 35% applied to textiles, footwear, steel and several other Chinese-origin categories. The de-minimis position is USD 50 for courier consignments. Under a DDP arrangement these are pre-paid, so nothing is collected on arrival in Guadalajara.

What certification do I need for Mexico?

For regulated goods, plan for: NOM standards compliance for regulated goods; the consignee must be listed on the Padrón de Importadores. 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.

Can you ship batteries or sensitive cargo to Guadalajara?

Yes. Battery cargo by air follows IATA PI 965–970 depending on how the cells are packed, and moves on certified channels via MEX (Mexico City), NLU (Felipe Ángeles), GDL (Guadalajara). Surcharges apply and the declaration has to be made before booking.

What documents does Agencia Nacional de Aduanas de México (ANAM) and SAT 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 (NOM standards compliance for regulated goods; the consignee must be listed on the Padrón de Importadores). We prepare and file these as part of the service.

Is sea freight cheaper than air freight into Guadalajara?

Per kilo, yes — usually by a wide margin. The trade-off is time: 16–24 calendar days by sea versus 3–5 business days by air to the Mexico gateway, before clearance and the +1 day inland leg. The crossover point is normally somewhere between 100 and 300 kg depending on the density of your cargo.

Other delivery cities in Mexico

- China to Altamira
- China to Lazaro Cardenas
- China to Veracruz
- China to Mexico City

- China to Monterrey
- China to Puebla
- China to Queretaro
- China to Tijuana
- China to Merida
- China to Leon
- China to Manzanillo
- China to Toluca

All Mexico freight information →

References & official sources

Duty rates, thresholds and conformity requirements for Mexico 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 Agencia Nacional de Aduanas de México (ANAM) and SAT or your broker before you ship.

- Agencia Nacional de Aduanas de México (ANAM)
- SAT — foreign trade
- 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.

- Pressure Vessels Metal Products & Industrial Components
- Industrial Boilers General Machinery & Industrial Equipment
- Solar Panel New Energy, Power & Electrical
- Lithium Battery New Energy, Power & Electrical
- Bicycle Parts Automotive & Vehicles
- Wall Panels Building Materials & Construction Products
- Corrugated Packaging Wood, Bamboo & Paper Products
- Glass Packaging Plastics, Rubber & Packaging
- Electronic Switches Electronic Components & Semiconductors

- IoT Devices Consumer Electronics & Smart Devices
- Furniture Furniture & Home Products
- Home Storage Products Furniture & Home Products

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Checking the Mexico duty position yourself

Duty and tax figures on this page are planning estimates. The binding assessment is made by Agencia Nacional de Aduanas de México (ANAM) and SAT 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.

For a wider view of how importing into Mexico actually works — documentation norms, inspection behavior, the paperwork that tends to hold shipments — the U.S. ITA guide to Mexico 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 Guadalajara. The video below covers the wider shipping process that sits around it.

What Is CBM? Sea Freight Volume Explained (Calculate Shipping Cost Fast!) — DDPCHAIN. 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 Guadalajara

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 Mexico route page →

Freight Rates to Mexico

⚖ 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.

Guadalajara, Mexico Freight from China: Transit & Customs

Cargo from China to Guadalajara, Mexico clears through GDL air / Manzanillo sea. Agencia Nacional de Aduanas de México (ANAM) and SAT assesses duty and tax; the inland leg adds +1 day.

Get a Quote

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

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Customs clearance in Mexico

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

Mexico clearance requirements →

Priced routes to Mexico

- Ningbo–Lazaro Cardenas Sea Freight: Container Rates and Schedule
- Ningbo–Manzanillo Sea Freight: Container Rates and Schedule
- Ningbo–Veracruz Sea Freight: Container Rates and Schedule
- Shanghai to Lazaro Cardenas FCL Ocean Freight Rates | 20GP & 40HQ
- Shanghai to Veracruz Container Shipping — 40NOR Rates
- Shanghai–Altamira Sea Freight: Container Rates and Schedule