

Shipping from China to Veracruz

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China → Veracruz · via VER air / Veracruz sea · clearance by Agencia Nacional de Aduanas de México (ANAM) and SAT



Cargo handling on the China-Veracruz lane.

Freight from China into Veracruz clears through VER air / Veracruz sea. Veracruz is the historic Gulf gateway serving central Mexico, and the inland leg is same-day, so the clearance date is effectively the delivery date.

The clearing authority is Agencia Nacional de Aduanas de México (ANAM) and SAT. Historical dwell on this gateway is around 4–10 days, and it lengthens in Aug–Nov.

Import duty and tax position for Veracruz

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.

Routing and transit on this lane

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 Veracruz	VER air / Veracruz sea
Inland leg to Veracruz	Same day from the gateway
Typical clearance / dwell	4-10 days
Peak season to plan around	Aug-Nov



Handling on the VER air / Veracruz sea routing serving Veracruz.

Before you book: Veracruz checklist

- Get the conformity paperwork moving early: NOM standards compliance for regulated goods; the consignee must be listed on the Padrón de Importadores.
- Put the Veracruz delivery address, contact name and phone number on the invoice, not just the packing list.
- Ask for the HS code in writing from your supplier and verify the Mexico duty rate against it yourself.
- Budget for the inland leg: same-day delivery beyond gateway clearance to reach Veracruz.
- Photograph carton markings and seal numbers before departure — it makes any claim far easier to settle.
- Compare gross weight against volumetric weight ($L \times W \times H \div 6000$) — the higher figure is what gets billed on air and express.

Air, sea or overland into Veracruz?

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 same-day inland leg to Veracruz and 4–10 days of clearance.

Mode guides for Veracruz

- [✈ Air Freight to Veracruz](#)
- [🚢 Sea Freight to Veracruz](#)

Frequently asked questions

How long does shipping from China to Veracruz 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 same-day inland leg to Veracruz.

What duty and tax will I pay importing into Veracruz?

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 Veracruz.

Can you ship batteries or sensitive cargo to Veracruz?

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.

When is the busiest time on the China–Mexico lane?

Space and rates tighten around Aug–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.

Which port or airport does cargo for Veracruz clear through?

Cargo for Veracruz is routed via VER air / Veracruz sea. Sea gateways for Mexico are Manzanillo, Lázaro Cárdenas, Veracruz; air gateways are MEX (Mexico City), NLU (Felipe Ángeles), GDL (Guadalajara). We pick whichever gives the shortest total door time for your address.

How is the chargeable weight calculated for Veracruz?

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 Mexico

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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.

- [Medical Furniture Medical, Laboratory & Precision Instruments](#)
- [Display Stands Retail, Display & Commercial Fixtures](#)
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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.

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.

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 Veracruz. The video below covers the wider shipping process that sits around it.

Sea Freight from China: How to import from China to your country via Ocean Shipping — SINO Shipping. 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 Veracruz

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.

Shipping from China to Veracruz, Mexico: Cost & Transit

Shipping to Veracruz: gateway VER air / Veracruz sea, same day inland after release, duty assessed by Agencia Nacional de Aduanas de México (ANAM) and SAT. Transit, documents and restrictions.

Get a Quote

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

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Route Page

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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](#)