

Air Freight from China to Bhairahawa

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China → Bhairahawa · via KTM air / Kolkata transit · clearance by Department of Customs, Nepal



Cargo handling on the China-Bhairahawa lane.

For buyers shipping into Bhairahawa, the practical question is not the ocean or flight time but what happens after arrival.

Bhairahawa is western border trade point; cargo enters through KTM air / Kolkata transit, and allow +1 day for the inland leg on top of clearance.

On the destination side, Department of Customs, Nepal handles clearance; budget 5–12 days of dwell before the cargo is released.

Routing and transit on this lane

Nepal has two very different routings. Sea cargo normally moves to Kolkata or Haldia and then crosses at Birgunj under Indian transit rules, which is slow but cheap. The direct land crossings from Tibet at Rasuwagadhi and Tatopani are much shorter but have limited capacity and are weather- and policy-sensitive. Air via Kathmandu is the reliable option for time-critical goods.

Air gateways used	KTM (Kathmandu Tribhuvan)
Air transit, China to gateway	3-6 business days
Gateway serving Bhairahawa	KTM air / Kolkata transit
Inland leg to Bhairahawa	+1 day from the gateway
Typical clearance / dwell	5-12 days
Peak season to plan around	Aug-Nov

Duty, tax and clearance into Bhairahawa

Department of Customs, Nepal assesses duty and tax on cargo arriving for Bhairahawa consignees. Current regime: VAT 13%; customs duty 5-80% depending on commodity, plus excise on selected goods, with a de-minimis position of No practical de-minimis.

Conformity is the part most first-time importers underestimate: Import license for controlled goods; Nepal Bureau of Standards approval for regulated products. Getting this wrong is expensive because it usually cannot be fixed after the cargo has landed.

Restrictions and known friction points for Nepal: Indian transit adds a separate bonded movement and its own documentation set. Land crossings from Tibet close seasonally and during Nepali and Chinese holidays. Confirm the routing in the quote — the two options differ by weeks.



Handling on the KTM air / Kolkata transit routing serving Bhairahawa.

Before you book: Bhairahawa checklist

- Use ISPM-15 treated pallets. Untreated wood is the most common reason otherwise-clean cargo gets held.
- Compare gross weight against volumetric weight ($L \times W \times H \div 6000$) — the higher figure is what gets billed on air and express.
- Put the Bhairahawa delivery address, contact name and phone number on the invoice, not just the packing list.
- Declare lithium batteries, magnets, liquids and powders up front — retro-declaring after booking usually means re-planning the whole shipment.
- Photograph carton markings and seal numbers before departure — it makes any claim far easier to settle.
- Get the conformity paperwork moving early: Import license for controlled goods; Nepal Bureau of Standards approval for regulated products.

Frequently asked questions

How long does shipping from China to Bhairahawa take?

China to the Nepal gateway is 3–6 business days. On top of that, allow 5–12 days of clearance with Department of Customs, Nepal and a +1 day inland leg to Bhairahawa.

What duty and tax will I pay importing into Bhairahawa?

Department of Customs, Nepal applies: VAT 13%; customs duty 5–80% depending on commodity, plus excise on selected goods.

The de-minimis position is No practical de-minimis. Under a DDP arrangement these are pre-paid, so nothing is collected on arrival in Bhairahawa.

Can you deliver door-to-door in Bhairahawa?

Yes. Delivery to a Bhairahawa address is quoted as one figure covering freight, duty and tax owed to Department of Customs, Nepal, 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.

When is the busiest time on the China–Nepal 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.

What certification do I need for Nepal?

For regulated goods, plan for: Import license for controlled goods; Nepal Bureau of Standards approval for regulated products. 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 Bhairahawa?

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.

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References & official sources

Duty rates, thresholds and conformity requirements for Nepal 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 Department of Customs, Nepal or your broker before you ship.

- [Department of Customs, Nepal](#)
- [WTO — Tariff Profiles \(applied MFN duty by country\)](#)
- [World Bank — Logistics Performance Index](#)
- [ICC — Incoterms 2020 rules \(DDP, DAP, FOB definitions\)](#)
- [IPPC — ISPM 15 wood packaging standard](#)
- [WCO — Harmonized System nomenclature](#)

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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 Nepal duty position yourself

Duty and tax figures on this page are planning estimates. The binding assessment is made by Department of Customs, Nepal 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.

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 Bhairahawa. 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 Bhairahawa

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 Nepal

✚ 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 Bhairahawa Air Freight: Rates, Transit and Clearance

Moving cargo to Bhairahawa by air freight — 3-6 business days transit, 5-12 days port dwell, duty assessed by Department of Customs, Nepal.

Get a Quote

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

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Customs clearance in Nepal

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

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