

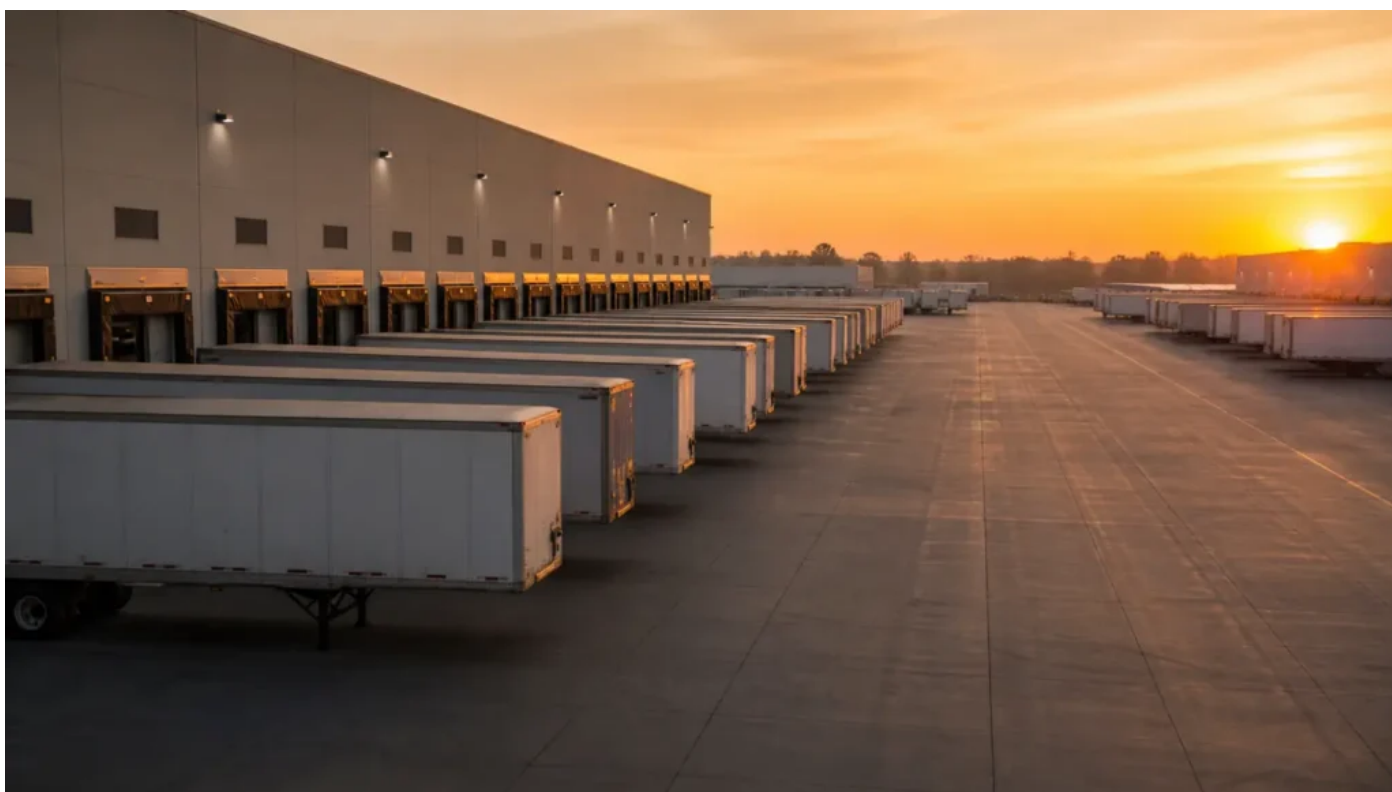
Shipping from China to Granada

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China → Granada · via MGA air / Corinto sea · clearance by Dirección General de Servicios Aduaneros (DGA)



Cargo handling on the China–Granada lane.

We move freight cargo from South China into Granada through MGA air / Corinto sea. Granada is tourism and services center, which shapes the kind of cargo that moves on this lane and how it should be packed.

On the destination side, Dirección General de Servicios Aduaneros (DGA) handles clearance; budget 4–10 days of dwell before the cargo is released.

What you will pay on arrival in Nicaragua

Imports into Nicaragua are cleared by Dirección General de Servicios Aduaneros (DGA). The headline position is: IVA 15%; Central American common tariff 0–15%. The de-minimis threshold is 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 Nicaragua: Limited direct services mean feeder scheduling dominates transit time. Confirm the consignee's import registration before shipping.

How this lane actually runs

Corinto on the Pacific coast is the main gateway and receives Asian cargo largely via transshipment. Volumes are modest, so LCL consolidation frequency, rather than mainline transit, usually sets the delivery date. Overland routing from Puerto Quetzal in Guatemala is a common alternative.

Air gateways used	MGA (Managua)
Air transit, China to gateway	5-8 business days
Sea gateways used	Corinto (Pacific), Puerto Cabezas
Sea transit, China to gateway	24-32 calendar days
Gateway serving Granada	MGA air / Corinto sea
Inland leg to Granada	+1 day from the gateway
Typical clearance / dwell	4-10 days
Peak season to plan around	Sep-Nov



Handling on the MGA air / Corinto sea routing serving Granada.

Before you book: Granada checklist

- Confirm the consignee in Granada can act as importer of record — Dirección General de Servicios Aduaneros (DGA) will not release cargo to an unregistered party.
- Use ISPM-15 treated pallets. Untreated wood is the most common reason otherwise-clean cargo gets held.
- Put the Granada delivery address, contact name and phone number on the invoice, not just the packing list.
- Compare gross weight against volumetric weight ($L \times W \times H \div 6000$) — the higher figure is what gets billed on air and express.
- Get the conformity paperwork moving early: Health registration for food and cosmetics; conformity for regulated goods.
- Check the de-minimis position (USD 100 for courier consignments) against your invoice value before you decide how to split the shipment.

Air, sea or overland into Granada?

Mode	Transit to gateway	Best suited to
→ Air Freight	5–8 business days	time-critical, high-value and low-volume cargo
□ Sea Freight	24–32 calendar days	volume cargo where cost per kilo matters more than speed

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

Mode guides for Granada

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

Frequently asked questions

How long does shipping from China to Granada take?

China to the Nicaragua gateway is 5–8 business days by air, 24–32 calendar days by sea. On top of that, allow 4–10 days of clearance with Dirección General de Servicios Aduaneros (DGA) and a +1 day inland leg to Granada.

What duty and tax will I pay importing into Granada?

Dirección General de Servicios Aduaneros (DGA) applies: IVA 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 Granada.

What certification do I need for Nicaragua?

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.

What documents does Dirección General de Servicios Aduaneros (DGA) 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 (Health registration for food and cosmetics; conformity for regulated goods). We prepare and file these as part of the service.

Which port or airport does cargo for Granada clear through?

Cargo for Granada is routed via MGA air / Corinto sea. Sea gateways for Nicaragua are Corinto (Pacific), Puerto Cabezas; air gateways are MGA (Managua). We pick whichever gives the shortest total door time for your address.

How is the chargeable weight calculated for Granada?

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 Nicaragua

- [China to Corinto](#)
- [China to Managua](#)
- [China to Leon](#)
- [China to Masaya](#)
- [China to Chinandega](#)

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References & official sources

Duty rates, thresholds and conformity requirements for Nicaragua 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 Dirección General de Servicios Aduaneros (DGA) or your broker before you ship.

- [Dirección General de Servicios Aduaneros](#)
- [WTO — Tariff Profiles \(applied MFN duty by country\)](#)
- [WCO — Harmonized System nomenclature](#)
- [IMO — IMDG Code for dangerous goods by sea](#)
- [IATA — Lithium battery shipping guidance \(PI 965–970\)](#)

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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.

- [Salon Furniture Beauty, Personal Care & Wellness](#)
- [Pet Products Consumer Goods & Gifts](#)
- [Umbrellas Consumer Goods & Gifts](#)
- [Private Label Products E-commerce & Retail Channels](#)
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Checking the Nicaragua duty position yourself

Duty and tax figures on this page are planning estimates. The binding assessment is made by Dirección General de Servicios Aduaneros (DGA) 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.

Classification drives everything downstream: the same carton can attract very different duty depending on the heading it lands in, and the structure those headings come from is [the World Customs Organization Harmonized System](#). If your product sits near a boundary between two headings, resolve it before shipping rather than at the border.

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 Nicaragua actually works — documentation norms, inspection behavior, the paperwork that tends to hold shipments — the [U.S. ITA guide to Nicaragua 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 Granada. The video below covers the wider shipping process that sits around it.

Sea Freight Shipping Process for Beginners: Complete Factory-to-Door Guide (Every Step Explained) — Vixnk - English. 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 Granada

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 Nicaragua route page](#) →

Freight Rates to Nicaragua

📦 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.

Granada, Nicaragua Freight from China: Transit & Customs

Cargo from China to Granada, Nicaragua clears through MGA air / Corinto sea. Dirección General de Servicios Aduaneros (DGA) 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 Granada.

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Customs clearance in Nicaragua

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

[Nicaragua clearance requirements →](#)

Priced routes to Nicaragua

- [Ship Ningbo to Corinto — FCL Container Cost from China](#)
- [Ship Shanghai to Corinto — FCL Container Cost from China](#)
- [Yantian to Corinto Container Shipping — 40NOR Rates](#)