

Air Freight from China to Ciudad del Este

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China → Ciudad del Este · via ASU air / Montevideo transit · clearance by Dirección Nacional de Aduanas de Paraguay



Cargo handling on the China–Ciudad del Este lane.

We move air freight cargo from South China into Ciudad del Este through ASU air / Montevideo transit. Ciudad del Este is the free-trade re-export city on the Brazilian border, which shapes the kind of cargo that moves on this lane and how it should be packed.

On the destination side, Dirección Nacional de Aduanas de Paraguay handles clearance; budget 5–12 days of dwell before the cargo is released.

Routing and transit on this lane

Paraguay is served by the Paraná-Paraguay river barge system from Montevideo or Buenos Aires, one of the longest inland waterway movements used in regular commerce. Ciudad del Este on the Brazilian border operates a re-export regime that has made Paraguay a redistribution point for Chinese consumer electronics into Brazil and Argentina — a genuinely distinctive feature of this lane.

Air gateways used	ASU (Asunción)
Air transit, China to gateway	5–8 business days
Gateway serving Ciudad del Este	ASU air / Montevideo transit
Inland leg to Ciudad del Este	+3 days from the gateway
Typical clearance / dwell	5–12 days
Peak season to plan around	Sep–Nov

Duty, tax and clearance into Ciudad del Este

Imports into Paraguay are cleared by Dirección Nacional de Aduanas de Paraguay. The headline position is: IVA 10%; Mercosur common external tariff 0–35%, with a reduced regime for goods re-exported through Ciudad del Este. The de-minimis threshold is No practical de-minimis for commercial cargo.

Conformity is the part most first-time importers underestimate: INTN conformity for regulated goods; import registration required. Getting this wrong is expensive because it usually cannot be fixed after the cargo has landed.

Restrictions and known friction points for Paraguay: River barge schedules are seasonal and low water can suspend service. The Ciudad del Este re-export regime has its own tax treatment — confirm which regime applies before quoting.



Handling on the ASU air / Montevideo transit routing serving Ciudad del Este.

What to sort out before the cargo leaves China

- Check the de-minimis position (No practical de-minimis for commercial cargo) against your invoice value before you decide how to split the shipment.
- Plan around the China-side windows too: Chinese New Year and Golden Week both compress capacity on the Paraguay lane.
- Book earlier than the transit time suggests during Sep–Nov, when space on this lane tightens.
- Ask for the HS code in writing from your supplier and verify the Paraguay duty rate against it yourself.
- 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: +3 days beyond gateway clearance to reach Ciudad del Este.

Frequently asked questions

How long does shipping from China to Ciudad del Este take?

China to the Paraguay gateway is 5–8 business days. On top of that, allow 5–12 days of clearance with Dirección Nacional de Aduanas de Paraguay and a +3 days inland leg to Ciudad del Este.

What duty and tax will I pay importing into Ciudad del Este?

Dirección Nacional de Aduanas de Paraguay applies: IVA 10%; Mercosur common external tariff 0–35%, with a reduced regime for goods re-exported through Ciudad del Este. The de-minimis position is No practical de-minimis for commercial cargo. Under a DDP arrangement these are pre-paid, so nothing is collected on arrival in Ciudad del Este.

How is the chargeable weight calculated for Ciudad del Este?

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 Ciudad del Este clear through?

Cargo for Ciudad del Este is routed via ASU air / Montevideo transit. Sea gateways for Paraguay are Landlocked — via Montevideo or Buenos Aires, then Paraná river barge to Asunción; air gateways are ASU (Asunción). We pick whichever gives the shortest total door time for your address.

Can you deliver door-to-door in Ciudad del Este?

Yes. Delivery to a Ciudad del Este address is quoted as one figure covering freight, duty and tax owed to Dirección Nacional de Aduanas de Paraguay, and the +3 days 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.

Is sea freight cheaper than air freight into Ciudad del Este?

Per kilo, yes — usually by a wide margin. The trade-off is time: 35–48 calendar days including the river leg by sea versus 5–8 business days by air to the Paraguay gateway, before clearance and the +3 days inland leg. The crossover point is normally somewhere between 100 and 300 kg depending on the density of your cargo.

Other delivery cities in Paraguay

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References & official sources

Duty rates, thresholds and conformity requirements for Paraguay 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 Nacional de Aduanas de Paraguay or your broker before you ship.

- [Dirección Nacional de Aduanas](#)
- [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 Paraguay duty position yourself

Duty and tax figures on this page are planning estimates. The binding assessment is made by Dirección Nacional de Aduanas de Paraguay 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.

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 Ciudad del Este. The video below covers the wider shipping process that sits around it.

The Customs Clearance Process: A Comprehensive Guide — ShipERP by ERP Integrated Solutions. 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 Ciudad del Este

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 Paraguay

✚ 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.

Ciudad del Este Air Freight, Paraguay: Cost, Transit & Customs

Air Freight to Ciudad del Este: 5-8 business days in transit, cleared by Dirección Nacional de Aduanas de Paraguay, +3 days to the door. What the rate covers and what it does not.

Get a Quote

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

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Customs clearance in Paraguay

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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