

Sea Freight from China to Luque

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



Cargo handling on the China-Luque lane.

Freight from China into Luque clears through ASU air / Montevideo transit. Luque is the municipality around the international airport, and allow +2 days for the inland leg on top of clearance.

Clearance itself is handled by Dirección Nacional de Aduanas de Paraguay, and typical dwell at the gateway runs 5-12 days.

What you will pay on arrival in Paraguay

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.

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.

Sea gateways used	Landlocked — via Montevideo or Buenos Aires, then Paraná river barge to Asunción
Sea transit, China to gateway	35-48 calendar days including the river leg
Gateway serving Luque	ASU air / Montevideo transit
Inland leg to Luque	+2 days from the gateway
Typical clearance / dwell	5-12 days
Peak season to plan around	Sep-Nov



Handling on the ASU air / Montevideo transit routing serving Luque.

Before you book: Luque checklist

- Confirm the consignee in Luque can act as importer of record — Dirección Nacional de Aduanas de Paraguay will not release cargo to an unregistered party.
- Get the conformity paperwork moving early: INTN conformity for regulated goods; import registration required.
- Book earlier than the transit time suggests during Sep–Nov, when space on this lane tightens.
- Use ISPM-15 treated pallets. Untreated wood is the most common reason otherwise-clean cargo gets held.
- Ask for the HS code in writing from your supplier and verify the Paraguay duty rate against it yourself.
- Declare lithium batteries, magnets, liquids and powders up front — retro-declaring after booking usually means re-planning the whole shipment.

Frequently asked questions

How long does shipping from China to Luque take?

China to the Paraguay gateway is 35–48 calendar days including the river leg. On top of that, allow 5–12 days of clearance with Dirección Nacional de Aduanas de Paraguay and a +2 days inland leg to Luque.

What duty and tax will I pay importing into Luque?

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 Luque.

Which port or airport does cargo for Luque clear through?

Cargo for Luque 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 ship batteries or sensitive cargo to Luque?

Yes. Battery cargo by sea moves under UN3480/UN3481 with an MSDS, and the dangerous-goods documentation is prepared as part of the booking into Landlocked — via Montevideo or Buenos Aires, then Paraná river barge to Asunción. Surcharges apply and space is more limited than for general cargo.

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

Space and rates tighten around Sep–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.

Is sea freight cheaper than air freight into Luque?

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 +2 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

- [China to Asuncion](#)
- [China to Ciudad del Este](#)
- [China to Encarnacion](#)
- [China to San Lorenzo](#)

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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.

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.

Watch: the process behind this route

This guide covers routing and clearance for Luque. The video below covers the wider shipping process that sits around it.

Bill of Lading Explained (BOL) | Types, Components & Full Beginner Guide | Shipping Document — 10 Min For Supply Chain.

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 Luque

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.

Luque Sea Freight, Paraguay: Cost, Transit & Customs

Sea Freight to Luque: 35–48 calendar days including the river leg in transit, cleared by Dirección Nacional de Aduanas de Paraguay, +2 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 Luque.

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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.

[Paraguay clearance requirements →](#)