

# Rail Freight from China to Vladivostok

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China → Vladivostok · via VVO air / Vladivostok sea · clearance by Federal Customs Service of Russia (EAEU regime)



Cargo handling on the China-Vladivostok lane.

We move rail freight cargo from South China into Vladivostok through VVO air / Vladivostok sea. Vladivostok is Far East port and the shortest sea lane from China, which shapes the kind of cargo that moves on this lane and how it should be packed.

The clearing authority is Federal Customs Service of Russia (EAEU regime). Historical dwell on this gateway is around 3–10 days, and it lengthens in Sep–Nov.

## Import duty and tax position for Vladivostok

Imports into Russia are cleared by Federal Customs Service of Russia (EAEU regime). The headline position is: VAT 20%; EAEU common external tariff, typically 0–20%, plus recycling and excise levies on some categories. The de-minimis threshold is EUR 200

for personal parcels under EAEU rules.

Conformity is the part most first-time importers underestimate: EAC conformity mark valid across the Eurasian Economic Union; Russian-language labeling required. Getting this wrong is expensive because it usually cannot be fixed after the cargo has landed.

**Restrictions and known friction points for Russia:** Export-control and sanctions screening is essential — dual-use goods, electronics and machinery require careful classification and counterparty checks before shipment. EAC certification and Russian labeling are mandatory. Payment routing should be confirmed before booking.

## What the routing looks like in practice

Russia is served three ways from China and the choice matters more here than anywhere else: Vladivostok by sea in under a week then rail west, direct block trains through Manzhouli or Zabaikalsk to Moscow in about 14–20 days, or the long Suez routing to St Petersburg. Rail and Far East capacity are both frequently oversubscribed, so book earlier than the transit time alone would suggest.

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| Rail / overland routing     | Vladivostok, Vostochny, Novorossiysk                    |
| Overland transit from China | Vladivostok 3–7 days; St Petersburg 40–55 days via Suez |
| Gateway serving Vladivostok | VVO air / Vladivostok sea                               |
| Inland leg to Vladivostok   | Same day from the gateway                               |
| Typical clearance / dwell   | 3–10 days                                               |
| Peak season to plan around  | Sep–Nov                                                 |



Handling on the VVO air / Vladivostok sea routing serving Vladivostok.

## Before you book: Vladivostok checklist

- Confirm the consignee in Vladivostok can act as importer of record — Federal Customs Service of Russia (EAEU regime) will not release cargo to an unregistered party.
- Photograph carton markings and seal numbers before departure — it makes any claim far easier to settle.
- Ask for the HS code in writing from your supplier and verify the Russia 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.
- Use ISPM-15 treated pallets. Untreated wood is the most common reason otherwise-clean cargo gets held.
- Budget for the inland leg: same-day delivery beyond gateway clearance to reach Vladivostok.

## Frequently asked questions

How long does shipping from China to Vladivostok take?

China to the Russia gateway is Vladivostok 3–7 days; St Petersburg 40–55 days via Suez. On top of that, allow 3–10 days of clearance with Federal Customs Service of Russia (EAEU regime) and a same-day inland leg to Vladivostok.

What duty and tax will I pay importing into Vladivostok?

Federal Customs Service of Russia (EAEU regime) applies: VAT 20%; EAEU common external tariff, typically 0–20%, plus recycling and excise levies on some categories. The de-minimis position is EUR 200 for personal parcels under EAEU rules. Under a DDP arrangement these are pre-paid, so nothing is collected on arrival in Vladivostok.

Which port or airport does cargo for Vladivostok clear through?

Cargo for Vladivostok is routed via VVO air / Vladivostok sea. Sea gateways for Russia are Vladivostok, Vostochny, Novorossiysk; air gateways are SVO (Moscow Sheremetyevo), DME (Moscow Domodedovo), LED (St Petersburg). We pick whichever gives the shortest total door time for your address.

What certification do I need for Russia?

For regulated goods, plan for: EAC conformity mark valid across the Eurasian Economic Union; Russian-language labeling required. 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.

Can you ship batteries or sensitive cargo to Vladivostok?

Yes. Battery cargo by air follows IATA PI 965–970 depending on how the cells are packed, and moves on certified channels via SVO (Moscow Sheremetyevo), DME (Moscow Domodedovo), LED (St Petersburg). Surcharges apply and the declaration has to be made before booking.

What documents does Federal Customs Service of Russia (EAEU regime) 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 (EAC conformity mark valid across the Eurasian Economic Union; Russian-language labeling required). We prepare and file these as part of the service.

## Other delivery cities in Russia

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## References & official sources

Duty rates, thresholds and conformity requirements for Russia 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 Federal Customs Service of Russia (EAEU regime) or your broker before you ship.

- [Federal Customs Service](#)
- [Eurasian Economic Union common tariff](#)
- [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 \(DDP, DAP, FOB definitions\)](#)
- [IPPC — ISPM 15 wood packaging standard](#)

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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 Russia duty position yourself

Duty and tax figures on this page are planning estimates. The binding assessment is made by Federal Customs Service of Russia (EAEU regime) 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.

Rail consignments cross several customs territories in transit rather than only at the destination, so classification errors surface mid-corridor rather than at delivery. [ITC Market Access Map](#) is worth checking for the destination heading before the block train departs, because a correction en route is far slower than one made in China.

For a wider view of how importing into Russia actually works — documentation norms, inspection behavior, the paperwork that tends to hold shipments — the [U.S. ITA guide to Russia 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 Vladivostok. The video below covers the wider shipping process that sits around it.

China to London: The Railway That Spans the World — MegaBuilds. 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 Vladivostok

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 Russia route page](#) →

## Freight Rates to Russia

⚖ 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

× ×

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 Vladivostok Rail Freight: Rates, Transit and Clearance

Moving cargo to Vladivostok by rail freight — Vladivostok 3–7 days; St Petersburg 40–55 days via Suez transit, 3–10 days port dwell, duty assessed by Federal Customs Service of Russia (EAEU regime).

## Get a Quote

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

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## Customs clearance in Russia

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

[Russia clearance requirements →](#)

## Priced routes to Russia

- [Ningbo to Novorossiysk FCL Ocean Freight Rates | 20GP & 40HQ](#)
- [Ship Shanghai to Novorossiysk — FCL Container Cost from China](#)