

Sea 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.

Vladivostok is Far East port and the shortest sea lane from China, and it is served through VVO air / Vladivostok sea. That combination is what actually sets your delivery date on this lane — the inland leg is same-day, so the clearance date is effectively the delivery date.

On the destination side, Federal Customs Service of Russia (EAEU regime) handles clearance; budget 3–10 days of dwell before the cargo is released.

Duty, tax and clearance into Vladivostok

Federal Customs Service of Russia (EAEU regime) assesses duty and tax on cargo arriving for Vladivostok consignees. Current regime: VAT 20%; EAEU common external tariff, typically 0–20%, plus recycling and excise levies on some categories, with a de-minimis position of 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.

How this lane actually runs

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.

Sea gateways used	Vladivostok, Vostochny, Novorossiysk
Sea transit, China to gateway	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.

What to sort out before the cargo leaves China

- 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.
- Plan around the China-side windows too: Chinese New Year and Golden Week both compress capacity on the Russia lane.
- Get the conformity paperwork moving early: EAC conformity mark valid across the Eurasian Economic Union; Russian-language labeling required.
- Book earlier than the transit time suggests during Sep–Nov, when space on this lane tightens.
- Put the Vladivostok 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.

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.

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.

When is the busiest time on the China–Russia 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.

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.

Is sea freight cheaper than air freight into Vladivostok?

Per kilo, yes — usually by a wide margin. The trade-off is time: Vladivostok 3–7 days; St Petersburg 40–55 days via Suez by sea versus 2–4 business days by air to the Russia gateway, before clearance and the same-day inland leg. The crossover point is normally somewhere between 100 and 300 kg depending on the density of your cargo.

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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.

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 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.

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 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.

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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

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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.

Sea Freight to Vladivostok, Russia: Transit Time, Duty & Clearance

Sea Freight from China to Vladivostok, Russia. Transit Vladivostok 3–7 days; St Petersburg 40–55 days via Suez to the gateway, 3–10 days dwell, same day inland. Duty, documents and packing.

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](#)