

Air Freight from China to Kragujevac

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China → Kragujevac · via BEG air / Bar transit · clearance by Customs Administration of the Republic of Serbia



Cargo handling on the China-Kragujevac lane.

Freight from China into Kragujevac clears through BEG air / Bar transit. Kragujevac is automotive manufacturing center, and allow +1 day for the inland leg on top of clearance.

Clearance itself is handled by Customs Administration of the Republic of Serbia, and typical dwell at the gateway runs 3-8 days.

Routing and transit on this lane

Serbia signed a free trade agreement with China that entered into force in July 2024, phasing most tariffs to zero — the first such agreement with a Central European country. That makes correct origin documentation unusually valuable here. Serbia is

landlocked, so sea cargo lands at Bar, Rijeka, Thessaloniki or Constanța and moves inland under transit.

Air gateways used	BEG (Belgrade Nikola Tesla)
Air transit, China to gateway	4-6 business days
Gateway serving Kragujevac	BEG air / Bar transit
Inland leg to Kragujevac	+1 day from the gateway
Typical clearance / dwell	3-8 days
Peak season to plan around	Sep-Nov

What you will pay on arrival in Serbia

Imports into Serbia are cleared by Customs Administration of the Republic of Serbia. The headline position is: VAT 20%; customs duty progressively reduced to 0% on most goods under the China-Serbia free trade agreement in force since July 2024. The de-minimis threshold is EUR 50 for personal consignments.

Conformity is the part most first-time importers underestimate: Serbian technical regulations largely aligned to EU rules; certificate of origin required to claim FTA preference. Getting this wrong is expensive because it usually cannot be fixed after the cargo has landed.

Restrictions and known friction points for Serbia: FTA preference requires a valid certificate of origin; without it standard duty applies. Transit through a neighboring country adds a bonded movement step. Rail from China via the northern corridor is an option for full loads.



Handling on the BEG air / Bar transit routing serving Kragujevac.

Before you book: Kragujevac checklist

- Ask for the HS code in writing from your supplier and verify the Serbia 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.
- Photograph carton markings and seal numbers before departure — it makes any claim far easier to settle.
- Declare lithium batteries, magnets, liquids and powders up front — retro-declaring after booking usually means re-planning the whole shipment.
- Check the de-minimis position (EUR 50 for personal consignments) against your invoice value before you decide how to split the shipment.
- Budget for the inland leg: +1 day beyond gateway clearance to reach Kragujevac.

Frequently asked questions

How long does shipping from China to Kragujevac take?

China to the Serbia gateway is 4-6 business days. On top of that, allow 3-8 days of clearance with Customs Administration of the Republic of Serbia and a +1 day inland leg to Kragujevac.

What duty and tax will I pay importing into Kragujevac?

Customs Administration of the Republic of Serbia applies: VAT 20%; customs duty progressively reduced to 0% on most goods under the China-Serbia free trade agreement in force since July 2024. The de-minimis position is EUR 50 for personal consignments. Under a DDP arrangement these are pre-paid, so nothing is collected on arrival in Kragujevac.

Can you deliver door-to-door in Kragujevac?

Yes. Delivery to a Kragujevac address is quoted as one figure covering freight, duty and tax owed to Customs Administration of the Republic of Serbia, and the +1 day 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.

What documents does Customs Administration of the Republic of Serbia 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 (Serbian technical regulations largely aligned to EU rules; certificate of origin required to claim FTA preference). We prepare and file these as part of the service.

What certification do I need for Serbia?

For regulated goods, plan for: Serbian technical regulations largely aligned to EU rules; certificate of origin required to claim FTA preference. 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.

How is the chargeable weight calculated for Kragujevac?

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 Serbia

- [China to Belgrade](#)
- [China to Novi Sad](#)
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References & official sources

Duty rates, thresholds and conformity requirements for Serbia 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 Customs Administration of the Republic of Serbia or your broker before you ship.

- [Customs Administration of Serbia](#)
- [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.

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Checking the Serbia duty position yourself

Duty and tax figures on this page are planning estimates. The binding assessment is made by Customs Administration of the Republic of Serbia 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.

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 Kragujevac. The video below covers the wider shipping process that sits around it.

What Is Chargeable Weight in Air Freight? — Smart Logistics Network. 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 Kragujevac

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 Serbia

✚ 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.

China to Kragujevac Air Freight: Rates, Transit and Clearance

Moving cargo to Kragujevac by air freight — 4-6 business days transit, 3-8 days port dwell, duty assessed by Customs Administration of the Republic of Serbia.

Get a Quote

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

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Customs clearance in Serbia

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

[Serbia clearance requirements](#) →