

Shipping 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.

Kragujevac is automotive manufacturing center, and it is served through BEG air / Bar transit. That combination is what actually sets your delivery date on this lane — 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.

Import duty and tax position for Kragujevac

Customs Administration of the Republic of Serbia assesses duty and tax on cargo arriving for Kragujevac consignees. Current regime: VAT 20%; customs duty progressively reduced to 0% on most goods under the China-Serbia free trade agreement in force since July 2024, with a de-minimis position of 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.

How this lane actually runs

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
Sea gateways used	Landlocked — via Bar (Montenegro), Rijeka (Croatia), Thessaloniki (Greece) or Constanța (Romania)
Sea transit, China to gateway	28–38 calendar days plus inland leg
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



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

Pre-shipment checklist for Kragujevac

- Confirm the consignee in Kragujevac can act as importer of record — Customs Administration of the Republic of Serbia will not release cargo to an unregistered party.
- Get the conformity paperwork moving early: Serbian technical regulations largely aligned to EU rules; certificate of origin required to claim FTA preference.
- Ask for the HS code in writing from your supplier and verify the Serbia duty rate against it yourself.
- Book earlier than the transit time suggests during Sep–Nov, when space on this lane tightens.
- Put the Kragujevac delivery address, contact name and phone number on the invoice, not just the packing list.
- Plan around the China-side windows too: Chinese New Year and Golden Week both compress capacity on the Serbia lane.

Air, sea or overland into Kragujevac?

Mode	Transit to gateway	Best suited to
➔ Air Freight	4–6 business days	time-critical, high-value and low-volume cargo
🚢 Sea Freight	28–38 calendar days plus inland leg	volume cargo where cost per kilo matters more than speed
🚂 Rail Freight	28–38 calendar days plus inland leg	inland destinations where sea is slow and air is expensive

Transit shown is China departure to the Serbia gateway and excludes the +1 day inland leg to Kragujevac and 3–8 days of clearance.

Mode guides for Kragujevac

- [➔ Air Freight to Kragujevac](#)
- [🚢 Sea Freight to Kragujevac](#)
- [🚂 Rail Freight to Kragujevac](#)

Frequently asked questions

How long does shipping from China to Kragujevac take?

China to the Serbia gateway is 4–6 business days by air, 28–38 calendar days plus inland leg by sea. 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.

Which port or airport does cargo for Kragujevac clear through?

Cargo for Kragujevac is routed via BEG air / Bar transit. Sea gateways for Serbia are Landlocked — via Bar (Montenegro), Rijeka (Croatia), Thessaloniki (Greece) or Constanța (Romania); air gateways are BEG (Belgrade Nikola Tesla). We pick whichever gives the shortest total door time for your address.

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.

When is the busiest time on the China–Serbia 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.

Other delivery cities in Serbia

- [China to Belgrade](#)
- [China to Novi Sad](#)
- [China to Nis](#)
- [China to Subotica](#)

[All Serbia freight information →](#)

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.

If you want to sanity-check a duty figure yourself, start from the heading rather than the product name — [the WCO Harmonized System](#) is the underlying nomenclature, and [the WTO Tariff & Trade Data portal](#) holds the applied rates by country pair.

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.

On the origin side, export declaration and any commodity inspection requirement fall under [China Customs \(GACC\)](#); we handle that filing as part of the service, but the requirement is theirs, not ours.

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.

How to Ship Internationally via Ocean Freight | Step-by-Step Process, Documents & Cost Explained — 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 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.

Kragujevac, Serbia Import Freight: Gateway, Duty & Time

What it takes to land cargo in Kragujevac, Serbia — BEG air / Bar transit gateway, Customs Administration of the Republic of Serbia clearance, +1 day onward. Sea and air both covered.

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 →](#)