

Air Freight from China to Novi Sad

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



Cargo handling on the China–Novi Sad lane.

We move air freight cargo from South China into Novi Sad through BEG air / Bar transit. Novi Sad is northern industrial and university city, which shapes the kind of cargo that moves on this lane and how it should be packed.

On the destination side, Customs Administration of the Republic of Serbia handles clearance; budget 3–8 days of dwell before the cargo is released.

Import duty and tax position for Novi Sad

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.

What the routing looks like in practice

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 Novi Sad	BEG air / Bar transit
Inland leg to Novi Sad	+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 Novi Sad.

Before you book: Novi Sad checklist

- Book earlier than the transit time suggests during Sep-Nov, when space on this lane tightens.
- Get the conformity paperwork moving early: Serbian technical regulations largely aligned to EU rules; certificate of origin required to claim FTA preference.
- Budget for the inland leg: +1 day beyond gateway clearance to reach Novi Sad.
- Put the Novi Sad delivery address, contact name and phone number on the invoice, not just the packing list.
- Confirm the consignee in Novi Sad can act as importer of record — Customs Administration of the Republic of Serbia 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 Serbia lane.

Frequently asked questions

How long does shipping from China to Novi Sad 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 Novi Sad.

What duty and tax will I pay importing into Novi Sad?

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 Novi Sad.

Can you ship batteries or sensitive cargo to Novi Sad?

Yes. Battery cargo by air follows IATA PI 965–970 depending on how the cells are packed, and moves on certified channels via BEG (Belgrade Nikola Tesla). Surcharges apply and the declaration has to be made before booking.

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.

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.

Can you deliver door-to-door in Novi Sad?

Yes. Delivery to a Novi Sad 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.

Other delivery cities in Serbia

- [China to Belgrade](#)
- [China to Nis](#)
- [China to Kragujevac](#)
- [China to Subotica](#)

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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.

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.

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

4 Key Stages to US Customs Clearance — USA Customs Clearance. 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 Novi Sad

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.

Novi Sad Air Freight, Serbia: Cost, Transit & Customs

Air Freight to Novi Sad: 4–6 business days in transit, cleared by Customs Administration of the Republic of Serbia, +1 day 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 Novi Sad.

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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](#) →