

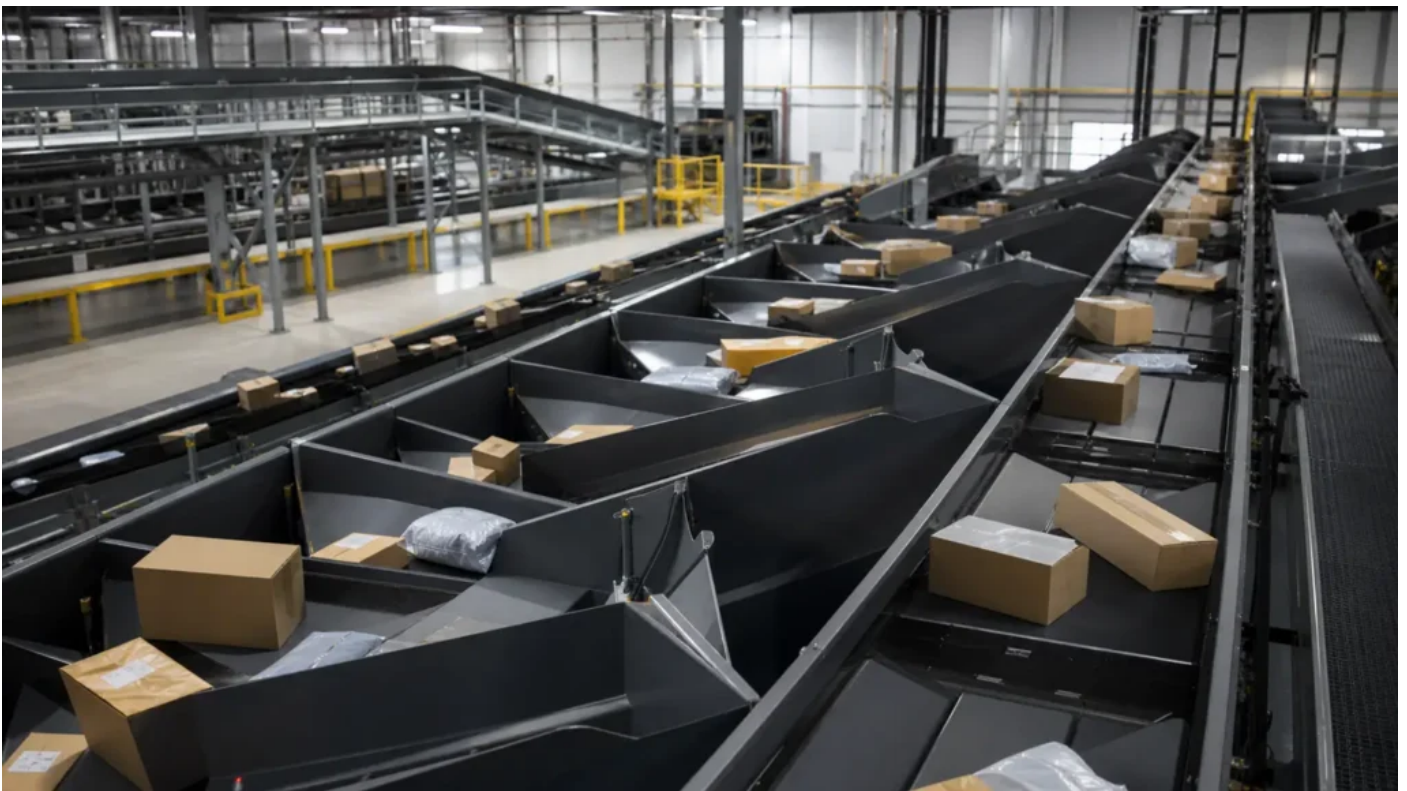
Shipping from China to Tuas

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Cargo handling on the China-Tuas lane.

For buyers shipping into Tuas, the practical question is not the ocean or flight time but what happens after arrival. Tuas is the new mega-port district and heavy industry zone; cargo enters through SIN air / Tuas Port sea, and the inland leg is same-day, so the clearance date is effectively the delivery date.

The clearing authority is Singapore Customs. Historical dwell on this gateway is around 1–3 days, and it lengthens in Sep–Nov.

What the routing looks like in practice

Singapore is a free port and the cleanest customs environment in the region — most cargo clears in under a day. It is also the natural consolidation point for onward moves into Indonesia, Malaysia and the wider ASEAN market, so many buyers use a

Singapore DDP delivery as a staging step rather than a final destination.

Air gateways used	SIN (Changi)
Air transit, China to gateway	2–4 business days
Sea gateways used	PSA Singapore (Pasir Panjang/Tuas), Jurong Port
Sea transit, China to gateway	4–7 calendar days
Gateway serving Tuas	SIN air / Tuas Port sea
Inland leg to Tuas	Same day from the gateway
Typical clearance / dwell	1–3 days
Peak season to plan around	Sep–Nov

Duty, tax and clearance into Tuas

Singapore Customs assesses duty and tax on cargo arriving for Tuas consignees. Current regime: GST 9%; import duty 0% on almost everything except liquor, tobacco, petroleum and motor vehicles, with a de-minimis position of GST applies to low-value goods via the Overseas Vendor Registration regime.

Conformity is the part most first-time importers underestimate: IMDA registration for radio equipment; Safety Mark for controlled electrical goods; HSA license for health products. Getting this wrong is expensive because it usually cannot be fixed after the cargo has landed.

Restrictions and known friction points for Singapore: Chewing gum, e-cigarettes and vaping devices are prohibited outright. Telecommunication and radio devices need IMDA equipment registration. GST is charged on the full landed value with no practical de-minimis for commercial cargo.



Handling on the SIN air / Tuas Port sea routing serving Tuas.

Air, sea or overland into Tuas?

Mode	Transit to gateway	Best suited to
→ Air Freight	2–4 business days	time-critical, high-value and low-volume cargo
☐ Sea Freight	4–7 calendar days	volume cargo where cost per kilo matters more than speed

Transit shown is China departure to the Singapore gateway and excludes the same-day inland leg to Tuas and 1–3 days of clearance.

Pre-shipment checklist for Tuas

- Ask for the HS code in writing from your supplier and verify the Singapore duty rate against it yourself.
- Photograph carton markings and seal numbers before departure — it makes any claim far easier to settle.
- Compare gross weight against volumetric weight ($L \times W \times H \div 6000$) — the higher figure is what gets billed on air and express.
- Put the Tuas delivery address, contact name and phone number on the invoice, not just the packing list.
- Check the de-minimis position (GST applies to low-value goods via the Overseas Vendor Registration regime) against your invoice value before you decide how to split the shipment.
- Budget for the inland leg: same-day delivery beyond gateway clearance to reach Tuas.

Mode guides for Tuas

- [➔ Air Freight to Tuas](#)
- [🚢 Sea Freight to Tuas](#)

Frequently asked questions

How long does shipping from China to Tuas take?

China to the Singapore gateway is 2–4 business days by air, 4–7 calendar days by sea. On top of that, allow 1–3 days of clearance with Singapore Customs and a same-day inland leg to Tuas.

What duty and tax will I pay importing into Tuas?

Singapore Customs applies: GST 9%; import duty 0% on almost everything except liquor, tobacco, petroleum and motor vehicles. The de-minimis position is GST applies to low-value goods via the Overseas Vendor Registration regime. Under a DDP arrangement these are pre-paid, so nothing is collected on arrival in Tuas.

Is sea freight cheaper than air freight into Tuas?

Per kilo, yes — usually by a wide margin. The trade-off is time: 4–7 calendar days by sea versus 2–4 business days by air to the Singapore 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.

When is the busiest time on the China–Singapore 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.

Can you deliver door-to-door in Tuas?

Yes. Delivery to a Tuas address is quoted as one figure covering freight, duty and tax owed to Singapore Customs, and the same-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.

How is the chargeable weight calculated for Tuas?

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 Singapore

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- [China to Singapore Central](#)
- [China to Jurong](#)
- [China to Changi](#)
- [China to Woodlands](#)

- [China to Ang Mo Kio](#)

[All Singapore freight information →](#)

References & official sources

Duty rates, thresholds and conformity requirements for Singapore 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 Singapore Customs or your broker before you ship.

- [Singapore Customs](#)
- [IMDA equipment registration](#)
- [Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore](#)
- [WTO — Tariff Profiles \(applied MFN duty by country\)](#)
- [IPPC — ISPM 15 wood packaging standard](#)
- [WCO — Harmonized System nomenclature](#)
- [IMO — IMDG Code for dangerous goods by sea](#)

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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 Singapore duty position yourself

Every duty and tax figure quoted on this page is our working estimate for planning, not a ruling. The binding rate for your consignment is whatever [Singapore Customs](#) applies against your declared HS code on the day of entry, and their published guidance is the source to check before you commit stock.

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.

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.

If this is your first shipment into Singapore, the [Singapore Country Commercial Guide](#) covers the practical import environment in more depth than a rate page reasonably can, and it is written by a party with no stake in your booking.

Watch: the process behind this route

This guide covers routing and clearance for Tuas. The video below covers the wider shipping process that sits around it.

Bills of Lading 101 - What Is a Bill of Lading — Flexport. 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 Tuas

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 Singapore route page](#) →

Freight Rates to Singapore

📦 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.

Shipping from China to Tuas, Singapore: Cost & Transit

Shipping to Tuas: gateway SIN air / Tuas Port sea, same day inland after release, duty assessed by Singapore Customs. Transit, documents and restrictions.

Get a Quote

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

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Customs clearance in Singapore

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

[Singapore clearance requirements](#) →

Priced routes to Singapore

- [Ship Ningbo to Singapore — FCL Container Cost from China](#)
- [Ship Shanghai to Singapore — FCL Container Cost from China](#)
- [Ship Shekou to Singapore — FCL Container Cost from China](#)