

Shipping from China to Woodlands

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China → Woodlands · via SIN air / PSA sea · clearance by Singapore Customs



Cargo handling on the China-Woodlands lane.

We move freight cargo from South China into Woodlands through SIN air / PSA sea. Woodlands is northern industrial area and Malaysia land-crossing point, which shapes the kind of cargo that moves on this lane and how it should be packed.

Clearance itself is handled by Singapore Customs, and typical dwell at the gateway runs 1-3 days.

Import duty and tax position for Woodlands

Imports into Singapore are cleared by Singapore Customs. The headline position is: GST 9%; import duty 0% on almost everything except liquor, tobacco, petroleum and motor vehicles. The de-minimis threshold is 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.

How this lane actually runs

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 Woodlands	SIN air / PSA sea
Inland leg to Woodlands	Same day from the gateway
Typical clearance / dwell	1–3 days
Peak season to plan around	Sep–Nov



Handling on the SIN air / PSA sea routing serving Woodlands.

What to sort out before the cargo leaves China

- Put the Woodlands 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.
- Get the conformity paperwork moving early: IMDA registration for radio equipment; Safety Mark for controlled electrical goods; HSA license for health products.
- Budget for the inland leg: same-day delivery beyond gateway clearance to reach Woodlands.
- Ask for the HS code in writing from your supplier and verify the Singapore duty rate against it yourself.
- Use ISPM-15 treated pallets. Untreated wood is the most common reason otherwise-clean cargo gets held.

Air, sea or overland into Woodlands?

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 Woodlands and 1-3 days of clearance.

Mode guides for Woodlands

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

Frequently asked questions

How long does shipping from China to Woodlands 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 Woodlands.

What duty and tax will I pay importing into Woodlands?

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 Woodlands.

Which port or airport does cargo for Woodlands clear through?

Cargo for Woodlands is routed via SIN air / PSA sea. Sea gateways for Singapore are PSA Singapore (Pasir Panjang/Tuas), Jurong Port; air gateways are SIN (Changi). We pick whichever gives the shortest total door time for your address.

Can you ship batteries or sensitive cargo to Woodlands?

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

How is the chargeable weight calculated for Woodlands?

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.

Is sea freight cheaper than air freight into Woodlands?

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.

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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

Treat the landed-cost numbers here as a planning baseline. [Singapore Customs](#) sets the rate that actually gets charged, assessed against your HS classification at the moment of clearance, so their own guidance is worth reading before a large 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.

For a wider view of how importing into Singapore actually works — documentation norms, inspection behavior, the paperwork that tends to hold shipments — the [U.S. ITA guide to Singapore 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 Woodlands. 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 Woodlands

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.

Woodlands, Singapore Freight from China: Transit & Customs

Cargo from China to Woodlands, Singapore clears through SIN air / PSA sea. Singapore Customs assesses duty and tax; the inland leg adds same day.

Get a Quote

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

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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](#)