

Air Freight from China to Auki

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China → Auki · via HIR air / Honiara sea · clearance by Solomon Islands Customs and Excise Division



Cargo handling on the China-Auki lane.

We move air freight cargo from South China into Auki through HIR air / Honiara sea. Auki is Malaita provincial center, which shapes the kind of cargo that moves on this lane and how it should be packed.

The clearing authority is Solomon Islands Customs and Excise Division. Historical dwell on this gateway is around 5–12 days, and it lengthens in Sep–Nov.

What the routing looks like in practice

Honiara is served by feeder from Brisbane, Port Moresby or Singapore. Port handling capacity is limited and berth availability, rather than sailing time, is often what delays cargo. Inter-island distribution beyond Honiara requires local coastal shipping and should be quoted separately.

Air gateways used	HIR (Honiara Henderson)
Air transit, China to gateway	6-10 business days
Gateway serving Auki	HIR air / Honiara sea
Inland leg to Auki	+2 days from the gateway
Typical clearance / dwell	5-12 days
Peak season to plan around	Sep-Nov

Duty, tax and clearance into Auki

Imports into Solomon Islands are cleared by Solomon Islands Customs and Excise Division. The headline position is: GST 15%; duty 0-20% depending on commodity. The de-minimis threshold is No practical de-minimis for commercial cargo.

Conformity is the part most first-time importers underestimate: Biosecurity clearance; import permits for controlled goods. Getting this wrong is expensive because it usually cannot be fixed after the cargo has landed.

Restrictions and known friction points for Solomon Islands: Limited port capacity and berth congestion affect schedules. Inter-island delivery beyond Honiara is a separate arrangement. Biosecurity clearance required.



Handling on the HIR air / Honiara sea routing serving Auki.

Pre-shipment checklist for Auki

- Check the de-minimis position (No practical de-minimis for commercial cargo) against your invoice value before you decide how to split the shipment.
- Compare gross weight against volumetric weight ($L \times W \times H \div 6000$) — the higher figure is what gets billed on air and express.
- Budget for the inland leg: +2 days beyond gateway clearance to reach Auki.
- Put the Auki delivery address, contact name and phone number on the invoice, not just the packing list.
- Use ISPM-15 treated pallets. Untreated wood is the most common reason otherwise-clean cargo gets held.
- Ask for the HS code in writing from your supplier and verify the Solomon Islands duty rate against it yourself.

Frequently asked questions

How long does shipping from China to Auki take?

China to the Solomon Islands gateway is 6–10 business days. On top of that, allow 5–12 days of clearance with Solomon Islands Customs and Excise Division and a +2 days inland leg to Auki.

What duty and tax will I pay importing into Auki?

Solomon Islands Customs and Excise Division applies: GST 15%; duty 0–20% depending on commodity. The de-minimis position is No practical de-minimis for commercial cargo. Under a DDP arrangement these are pre-paid, so nothing is collected on arrival in Auki.

Can you deliver door-to-door in Auki?

Yes. Delivery to a Auki address is quoted as one figure covering freight, duty and tax owed to Solomon Islands Customs and Excise Division, and the +2 days 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.

When is the busiest time on the China–Solomon Islands 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 certification do I need for Solomon Islands?

For regulated goods, plan for: Biosecurity clearance; import permits for controlled goods. 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.

Is sea freight cheaper than air freight into Auki?

Per kilo, yes — usually by a wide margin. The trade-off is time: 20–30 calendar days by sea versus 6–10 business days by air to the Solomon Islands gateway, before clearance and the +2 days inland leg. The crossover point is normally somewhere between 100 and 300 kg depending on the density of your cargo.

Other delivery cities in Solomon Islands

- [China to Honiara](#)
- [China to Gizo](#)
- [China to Noro](#)

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References & official sources

Duty rates, thresholds and conformity requirements for Solomon Islands 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 Solomon Islands Customs and Excise Division or your broker before you ship.

- [Customs and Excise Division](#)
- [WTO — Tariff Profiles \(applied MFN duty by country\)](#)
- [IMO — IMDG Code for dangerous goods by sea](#)
- [IATA — Lithium battery shipping guidance \(PI 965–970\)](#)
- [World Bank — Logistics Performance Index](#)

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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 Solomon Islands duty position yourself

Duty and tax figures on this page are planning estimates. The binding assessment is made by Solomon Islands Customs and Excise Division 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.

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.

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

How to find HS Codes and Calculate Import Duty - 5 tips to save on Duties and Tariffs — Sourcing with Kian. 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 Auki

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 Solomon Islands

⚖ 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

× ×

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.

Air Freight to Auki, Solomon Islands: Transit Time, Duty & Clearance

Air Freight from China to Auki, Solomon Islands. Transit 6–10 business days to the gateway, 5–12 days dwell, +2 days inland. Duty, documents and packing.

Get a Quote

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

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Customs clearance in Solomon Islands

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

[Solomon Islands clearance requirements](#) →