

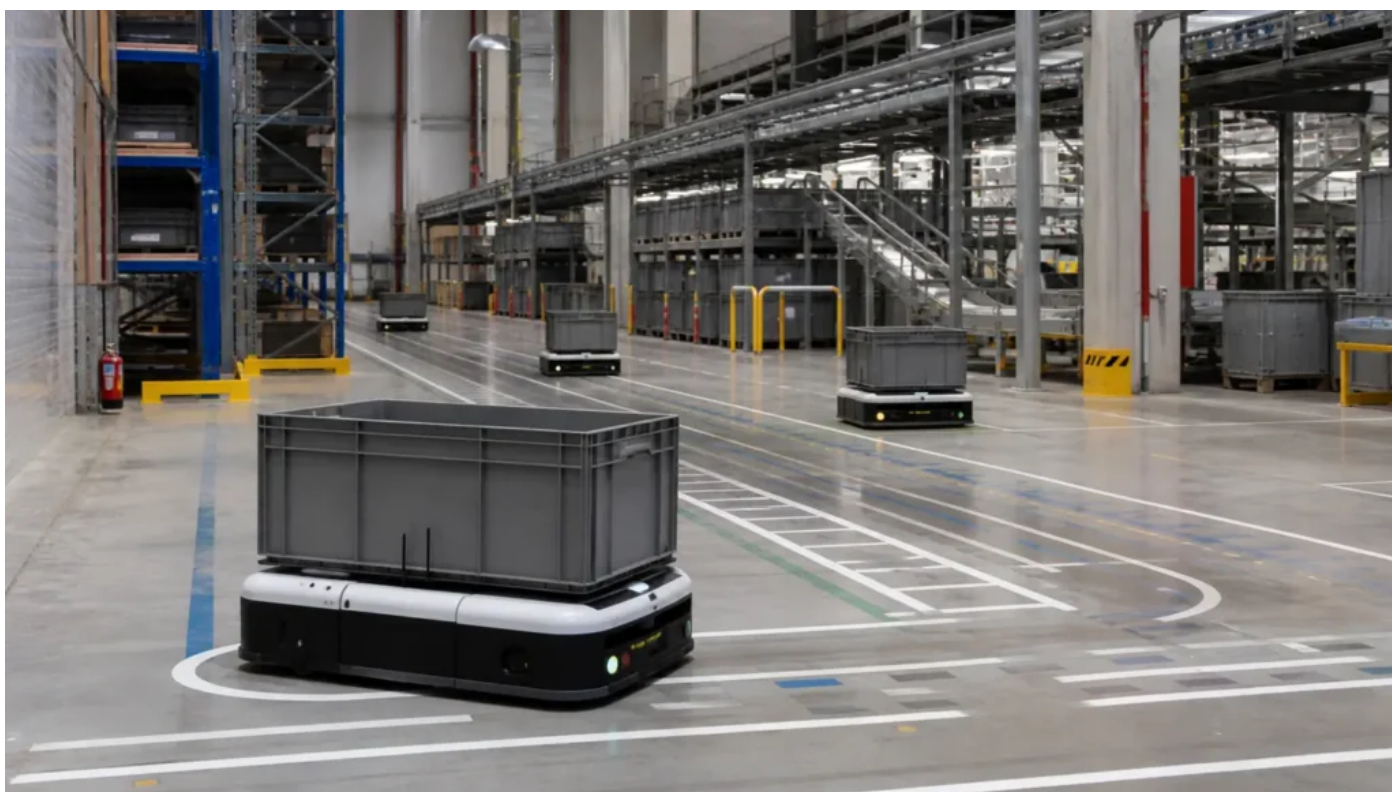
Shipping from China to Auki

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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.

Freight from China into Auki clears through HIR air / Honiara sea. Auki is Malaita provincial center, and allow +2 days for the inland leg on top of clearance.

On the destination side, Solomon Islands Customs and Excise Division handles clearance; budget 5–12 days of dwell before the cargo is released.

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.

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
Sea gateways used	Honiara, Noro
Sea transit, China to gateway	20-30 calendar 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



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

Pre-shipment checklist for Auki

- Book earlier than the transit time suggests during Sep-Nov, when space on this lane tightens.
- Compare gross weight against volumetric weight (LxWxH ÷ 6000) — the higher figure is what gets billed on air and express.
- Confirm the consignee in Auki can act as importer of record — Solomon Islands Customs and Excise Division 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 Solomon Islands lane.
- Photograph carton markings and seal numbers before departure — it makes any claim far easier to settle.
- Ask for the HS code in writing from your supplier and verify the Solomon Islands duty rate against it yourself.

Air, sea or overland into Auki?

Mode	Transit to gateway	Best suited to
→ Air Freight	6-10 business days	time-critical, high-value and low-volume cargo
☐ Sea Freight	20-30 calendar days	volume cargo where cost per kilo matters more than speed

Transit shown is China departure to the Solomon Islands gateway and excludes the +2 days inland leg to Auki and 5-12 days of clearance.

Mode guides for Auki

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

Frequently asked questions

How long does shipping from China to Auki take?

China to the Solomon Islands gateway is 6–10 business days by air, 20–30 calendar days by sea. 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.

What documents does Solomon Islands Customs and Excise Division 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 (Biosecurity clearance; import permits for controlled goods). We prepare and file these as part of the service.

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.

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.

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](#)

[All Solomon Islands freight information →](#)

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.

- [Production Line Equipment General Machinery & Industrial Equipment](#)
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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.

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.

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.

Ocean Freight 101 - What Is LCL Ocean Freight — 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 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

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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.

Auki, Solomon Islands Import Freight: Gateway, Duty & Time

What it takes to land cargo in Auki, Solomon Islands — HIR air / Honiara sea gateway, Solomon Islands Customs and Excise Division clearance, +2 days 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 Auki.

[WhatsApp Us Send Inquiry →](#)

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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](#) →