

Shipping from China to Noro

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Cargo handling on the China-Noro lane.

For buyers shipping into Noro, the practical question is not the ocean or flight time but what happens after arrival. Noro is fishing industry port; cargo enters through HIR air / Noro sea, and allow +2 days for the inland leg on top of clearance.

Clearance itself is handled by Solomon Islands Customs and Excise Division, and typical dwell at the gateway runs 5-12 days.

How this lane actually runs

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 Noro	HIR air / Noro sea
Inland leg to Noro	+2 days from the gateway
Typical clearance / dwell	5-12 days
Peak season to plan around	Sep-Nov

Duty, tax and clearance into Noro

Solomon Islands Customs and Excise Division assesses duty and tax on cargo arriving for Noro consignees. Current regime: GST 15%; duty 0-20% depending on commodity, with a de-minimis position of 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 / Noro sea routing serving Noro.

Air, sea or overland into Noro?

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 Noro and 5–12 days of clearance.

Before you book: Noro checklist

- Get the conformity paperwork moving early: Biosecurity clearance; import permits for controlled goods.
- Photograph carton markings and seal numbers before departure — it makes any claim far easier to settle.
- Use ISPM-15 treated pallets. Untreated wood is the most common reason otherwise-clean cargo gets held.
- Budget for the inland leg: +2 days beyond gateway clearance to reach Noro.
- Check the de-minimis position (No practical de-minimis for commercial cargo) against your invoice value before you decide how to split the shipment.
- Book earlier than the transit time suggests during Sep–Nov, when space on this lane tightens.

Mode guides for Noro

- → [Air Freight to Noro](#)
- 🚢 [Sea Freight to Noro](#)

Frequently asked questions

How long does shipping from China to Noro 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 Noro.

What duty and tax will I pay importing into Noro?

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 Noro.

How is the chargeable weight calculated for Noro?

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.

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.

Can you deliver door-to-door in Noro?

Yes. Delivery to a Noro 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.

Which port or airport does cargo for Noro clear through?

Cargo for Noro is routed via HIR air / Noro sea. Sea gateways for Solomon Islands are Honiara, Noro; air gateways are HIR (Honiara Henderson). We pick whichever gives the shortest total door time for your address.

Other delivery cities in Solomon Islands

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

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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.

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.

Watch: the process behind this route

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

What Is CBM? Sea Freight Volume Explained (Calculate Shipping Cost Fast!) — DDPCHAIN. 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 Noro

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.

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

What it takes to land cargo in Noro, Solomon Islands — HIR air / Noro 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 Noro.

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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 →](#)