

Shipping from China to Samut Prakan

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China → Samut Prakan · via BKK air / Laem Chabang sea · clearance by Thai Customs Department (ประเทศไทย))



Cargo handling on the China-Samut Prakan lane.

For buyers shipping into Samut Prakan, the practical question is not the ocean or flight time but what happens after arrival. Samut Prakan is industrial belt south-east of Bangkok, heavy on plastics and auto parts; cargo enters through BKK air / Laem Chabang sea, and the inland leg is same-day, so the clearance date is effectively the delivery date.

Clearance itself is handled by Thai Customs Department (ประเทศไทย) , and typical dwell at the gateway runs 2–5 days.

What the routing looks like in practice

Thailand is a short-haul lane: Shenzhen and Guangzhou both run daily air departures into Suvarnabhumi, and Laem Chabang is only 5–9 days from Shekou or Nansha. A land option also exists via the R3A road corridor through Laos, which is sometimes

cheaper than air for semi-urgent cargo.

Air gateways used	BKK (Suvarnabhumi), DMK (Don Mueang), CNX (Chiang Mai)
Air transit, China to gateway	3-5 business days
Sea gateways used	Laem Chabang, Bangkok (Klong Toey), Songkhla
Sea transit, China to gateway	5-9 calendar days
Gateway serving Samut Prakan	BKK air / Laem Chabang sea
Inland leg to Samut Prakan	Same day from the gateway
Typical clearance / dwell	2-5 days
Peak season to plan around	Sep-Nov

Import duty and tax position for Samut Prakan

Thai Customs Department (กรมศุลกากร) assesses duty and tax on cargo arriving for Samut Prakan consignees. Current regime: VAT 7%; duty 0-30%, and 0% on most lines with an ACFTA Form E, with a de-minimis position of THB 1,500 (VAT now applies to low-value imports).

Conformity is the part most first-time importers underestimate: TISI standard mark for regulated goods; NBTC approval for radio devices; Thai FDA for food, cosmetics and supplements. Getting this wrong is expensive because it usually cannot be fixed after the cargo has landed.

Restrictions and known friction points for Thailand: Cosmetics, supplements and food need Thai FDA registration held by the consignee before arrival. Used machinery, secondhand goods and e-cigarettes are restricted or banned. Batteries move on approved air channels only.



Handling on the BKK air / Laem Chabang sea routing serving Samut Prakan.

Air, sea or overland into Samut Prakan?

Mode	Transit to gateway	Best suited to
➔ Air Freight	3-5 business days	time-critical, high-value and low-volume cargo
🚢 Sea Freight	5-9 calendar days	volume cargo where cost per kilo matters more than speed

Transit shown is China departure to the Thailand gateway and excludes the same-day inland leg to Samut Prakan and 2-5 days of clearance.

Pre-shipment checklist for Samut Prakan

- Ask for the HS code in writing from your supplier and verify the Thailand duty rate against it yourself.
- Declare lithium batteries, magnets, liquids and powders up front — retro-declaring after booking usually means re-planning the whole shipment.
- Compare gross weight against volumetric weight (L×W×H ÷ 6000) — the higher figure is what gets billed on air and express.
- Budget for the inland leg: same-day delivery beyond gateway clearance to reach Samut Prakan.
- Photograph carton markings and seal numbers before departure — it makes any claim far easier to settle.
- Plan around the China-side windows too: Chinese New Year and Golden Week both compress capacity on the Thailand lane.

Mode guides for Samut Prakan

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

Frequently asked questions

How long does shipping from China to Samut Prakan take?

China to the Thailand gateway is 3–5 business days by air, 5–9 calendar days by sea. On top of that, allow 2–5 days of clearance with Thai Customs Department (กรมศุลกากร) and a same-day inland leg to Samut Prakan.

What duty and tax will I pay importing into Samut Prakan?

Thai Customs Department (กรมศุลกากร) applies: VAT 7%; duty 0–30%, and 0% on most lines with an ACFTA Form E. The de-minimis position is THB 1,500 (VAT now applies to low-value imports). Under a DDP arrangement these are pre-paid, so nothing is collected on arrival in Samut Prakan.

When is the busiest time on the China–Thailand 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.

How is the chargeable weight calculated for Samut Prakan?

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.

Can you deliver door-to-door in Samut Prakan?

Yes. Delivery to a Samut Prakan address is quoted as one figure covering freight, duty and tax owed to Thai Customs Department (กรมศุลกากร), 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.

What documents does Thai Customs Department (กรมศุลกากร) 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 (TISI standard mark for regulated goods; NBTC approval for radio devices; Thai FDA for food, cosmetics and supplements). We prepare and file these as part of the service.

Other delivery cities in Thailand

- [China to Songkhla](#)
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- China to Chiang Mai
- China to Phuket
- China to Khon Kaen
- China to Nakhon Ratchasima
- China to Hat Yai
- China to Ayutthaya
- China to Pattaya

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References & official sources

Duty rates, thresholds and conformity requirements for Thailand 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 Thai Customs Department () or your broker before you ship.

- Thai Customs Department
- Thai Industrial Standards Institute (TISI)
- Port Authority of Thailand
- WTO — Tariff Profiles (applied MFN duty by country)
- IATA — Lithium battery shipping guidance (PI 965–970)
- World Bank — Logistics Performance Index
- ICC — Incoterms 2020 rules (DDP, DAP, FOB definitions)

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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.

- Sheet Metal Metal Products & Industrial Components
- Storage Tanks Metal Products & Industrial Components
- Electric Motors General Machinery & Industrial Equipment
- Agricultural Drones Agriculture & Livestock Equipment
- Wire & Cable New Energy, Power & Electrical
- Automotive Lighting Automotive & Vehicles
- Flooring Building Materials & Construction Products
- Cartons Wood, Bamboo & Paper Products
- Flexible Packaging Plastics, Rubber & Packaging

- [Capacitors Electronic Components & Semiconductors](#)
- [Smart Home Products Consumer Electronics & Smart Devices](#)
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Checking the Thailand 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 [Thai Customs Department](#) 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 Thailand, the [Thailand 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 Samut Prakan. The video below covers the wider shipping process that sits around it.

How to Calculate CBM in Shipping | Volume vs Weight Explained | CBM Formula & Freight Cost Guide — 10 Min For Supply Chain. 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 Samut Prakan

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 Thailand route page →](#)

Freight Rates to Thailand

✚ 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.

Samut Prakan, Thailand Import Freight: Gateway, Duty & Time

What it takes to land cargo in Samut Prakan, Thailand — BKK air / Laem Chabang sea gateway, Thai Customs Department (
☐☐☐☐☐☐☐) clearance, same day 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 Samut Prakan.

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Customs clearance in Thailand

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

[Thailand clearance requirements →](#)

Priced routes to Thailand

- [Nansha to Laem Chabang Container Shipping — 20GP Rates](#)
- [Nansha to Songkhla Container Shipping — 20GP Rates](#)
- [Shanghai to Bangkok FCL Ocean Freight Rates | 20GP & 40HQ](#)
- [Shanghai-Songkhla Sea Freight: Container Rates and Schedule](#)
- [Shekou to Bangkok FCL Ocean Freight Rates | 20GP & 40HQ](#)
- [Shekou to Laem Chabang FCL Ocean Freight Rates | 20GP & 40HQ](#)