

Air Freight from China to Samarkand

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China → Samarkand · via SKD air / Kazakhstan rail · clearance by State Customs Committee of Uzbekistan



Cargo handling on the China-Samarkand lane.

Samarkand is historic trading city and industrial base, and it is served through SKD air / Kazakhstan rail. That combination is what actually sets your delivery date on this lane — allow +1 day for the inland leg on top of clearance.

On the destination side, State Customs Committee of Uzbekistan handles clearance; budget 4-10 days of dwell before the cargo is released.

Routing and transit on this lane

Uzbekistan is double-landlocked, so every routing involves at least one transit country. The established path is rail through Kazakhstan; the shorter but rougher alternative is road through Kyrgyzstan on the China-Kyrgyzstan-Uzbekistan corridor via Irkeshtam. The planned CKU railway would change this materially, but today rail-via-Kazakhstan remains the dependable option.

Air gateways used	TAS (Tashkent), SKD (Samarkand)
Air transit, China to gateway	3-5 business days
Gateway serving Samarkand	SKD air / Kazakhstan rail
Inland leg to Samarkand	+1 day from the gateway
Typical clearance / dwell	4-10 days
Peak season to plan around	Sep-Nov

What you will pay on arrival in Uzbekistan

State Customs Committee of Uzbekistan assesses duty and tax on cargo arriving for Samarkand consignees. Current regime: VAT 12%; customs duty 0-30%, plus excise on selected goods, with a de-minimis position of No practical de-minimis for commercial cargo.

Conformity is the part most first-time importers underestimate: Uzstandard certificate of conformity for regulated goods. Getting this wrong is expensive because it usually cannot be fixed after the cargo has landed.

Restrictions and known friction points for Uzbekistan: Transit through Kazakhstan requires TIR or a bonded transit declaration. Certification and labeling in Uzbek or Russian is required for consumer goods. Currency and payment routing should be confirmed early.



Handling on the SKD air / Kazakhstan rail routing serving Samarkand.

Before you book: Samarkand checklist

- Check the de-minimis position (No practical de-minimis for commercial cargo) against your invoice value before you decide how to split the shipment.
- Ask for the HS code in writing from your supplier and verify the Uzbekistan duty rate against it yourself.
- Use ISPM-15 treated pallets. Untreated wood is the most common reason otherwise-clean cargo gets held.
- Confirm the consignee in Samarkand can act as importer of record — State Customs Committee of Uzbekistan will not release cargo to an unregistered party.
- Compare gross weight against volumetric weight ($L \times W \times H \div 6000$) — the higher figure is what gets billed on air and express.
- Photograph carton markings and seal numbers before departure — it makes any claim far easier to settle.

Frequently asked questions

How long does shipping from China to Samarkand take?

China to the Uzbekistan gateway is 3–5 business days. On top of that, allow 4–10 days of clearance with State Customs Committee of Uzbekistan and a +1 day inland leg to Samarkand.

What duty and tax will I pay importing into Samarkand?

State Customs Committee of Uzbekistan applies: VAT 12%; customs duty 0–30%, plus excise on selected goods. 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 Samarkand.

Can you deliver door-to-door in Samarkand?

Yes. Delivery to a Samarkand address is quoted as one figure covering freight, duty and tax owed to State Customs Committee of Uzbekistan, and the +1 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.

When is the busiest time on the China-Uzbekistan 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 Uzbekistan?

For regulated goods, plan for: Uzstandard certificate of conformity for regulated 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.

What documents does State Customs Committee of Uzbekistan 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 (Uzstandard certificate of conformity for regulated goods). We prepare and file these as part of the service.

Other delivery cities in Uzbekistan

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References & official sources

Duty rates, thresholds and conformity requirements for Uzbekistan 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 State Customs Committee of Uzbekistan or your broker before you ship.

- [State Customs Committee](#)
- [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 Uzbekistan duty position yourself

Duty and tax figures on this page are planning estimates. The binding assessment is made by State Customs Committee of Uzbekistan 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 Samarkand. The video below covers the wider shipping process that sits around it.

Air Freight from China: Soaring Through the Skies of Global Trade — SINO Shipping. 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 Samarkand

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 Uzbekistan

📦 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.

China to Samarkand Air Freight: Rates, Transit and Clearance

Moving cargo to Samarkand by air freight — 3–5 business days transit, 4–10 days port dwell, duty assessed by State Customs Committee of Uzbekistan.

Get a Quote

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

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Customs clearance in Uzbekistan

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

[Uzbekistan clearance requirements](#) →