

Shipping from China to Samarkand

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Central Asia

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.

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.

What the routing looks like in practice

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
Sea gateways used	Double-landlocked — rail transit via Kazakhstan, or road via the Irkeshtam corridor
Sea transit, China to gateway	16-24 calendar days by rail
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



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

Pre-shipment checklist for Samarkand

- Confirm the consignee in Samarkand can act as importer of record — State Customs Committee of Uzbekistan will not release cargo to an unregistered party.
- Book earlier than the transit time suggests during Sep–Nov, when space on this lane tightens.
- Get the conformity paperwork moving early: Uzstandard certificate of conformity for regulated goods.
- Ask for the HS code in writing from your supplier and verify the Uzbekistan duty rate against it yourself.
- Put the Samarkand delivery address, contact name and phone number on the invoice, not just the packing list.
- Photograph carton markings and seal numbers before departure — it makes any claim far easier to settle.

Air, sea or overland into Samarkand?

Mode	Transit to gateway	Best suited to
→ Air Freight	3–5 business days	time-critical, high-value and low-volume cargo
🚂 Rail Freight	16–24 calendar days by rail	inland destinations where sea is slow and air is expensive

Transit shown is China departure to the Uzbekistan gateway and excludes the +1 day inland leg to Samarkand and 4–10 days of clearance.

Mode guides for Samarkand

- [➔ Air Freight to Samarkand](#)
- [🚂 Rail Freight to Samarkand](#)

Frequently asked questions

How long does shipping from China to Samarkand take?

China to the Uzbekistan gateway is 3–5 business days by air, 16–24 calendar days by rail by sea. 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.

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.

Which port or airport does cargo for Samarkand clear through?

Cargo for Samarkand is routed via SKD air / Kazakhstan rail. Sea gateways for Uzbekistan are Double-landlocked — rail transit via Kazakhstan, or road via the Irkeshtam corridor; air gateways are TAS (Tashkent), SKD (Samarkand). We pick whichever gives the shortest total door time for your address.

Can you ship batteries or sensitive cargo to Samarkand?

Yes. Battery cargo by air follows IATA PI 965–970 depending on how the cells are packed, and moves on certified channels via TAS (Tashkent), SKD (Samarkand). Surcharges apply and the declaration has to be made before booking.

Other delivery cities in Uzbekistan

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- [China to Bukhara](#)
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- [China to Fergana](#)

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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.

Classification drives everything downstream: the same carton can attract very different duty depending on the heading it lands in, and the structure those headings come from is [the World Customs Organization Harmonized System](#). If your product sits near a boundary between two headings, resolve it before shipping rather than at the border.

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

LCL vs FCL | Difference Between Full Container Load & Less than Container Load | Which is better ? — 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 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

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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.

Shipping from China to Samarkand, Uzbekistan: Cost & Transit

Shipping to Samarkand: gateway SKD air / Kazakhstan rail, +1 day inland after release, duty assessed by State Customs Committee of Uzbekistan. Transit, documents and restrictions.

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 →](#)