

Air Freight from China to Maracaibo

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China → Maracaibo · via MAR air / Maracaibo sea · clearance by SENIAT (Servicio Nacional Integrado de Administracion Aduanera y Tributaria)



Cargo handling on the China-Maracaibo lane.

We move air freight cargo from South China into Maracaibo through MAR air / Maracaibo sea. Maracaibo is western commercial hub and oil-sector base, which shapes the kind of cargo that moves on this lane and how it should be packed.

Clearance itself is handled by SENIAT (Servicio Nacional Integrado de Administracion Aduanera y Tributaria), and typical dwell at the gateway runs 10-25 days.

Import duty and tax position for Maracaibo

Imports into Venezuela are cleared by SENIAT (Servicio Nacional Integrado de Administracion Aduanera y Tributaria). The headline position is: IVA 16% plus import duty of roughly 5-35%, and a customs service charge on the CIF value; exoneration decrees change the effective rate by product category. The de-minimis threshold is No practical de-minimis for commercial cargo.

Conformity is the part most first-time importers underestimate: Consignee must be registered with SENIAT; sanitary, SENCAMER or ministry permits apply to food, medicines, chemicals and telecom equipment. Getting this wrong is expensive because it usually cannot be fixed after the cargo has landed.

Restrictions and known friction points for Venezuela: Sanctions screening is mandatory - check the parties, the bank and the vessel before committing space. Import permits are issued per product category and can lapse. Duty and IVA settlement depends on the consignee obtaining foreign currency, so build payment terms around that rather than assuming DDP is workable.

Routing and transit on this lane

La Guaira is the natural gateway for the Caracas metropolitan market, while Puerto Cabello handles the heavier industrial volume around Valencia. Direct Asia calls are limited, so most boxes route via Panama, Cartagena or Kingston and the feeder leg drives the real transit time. Foreign-currency availability on the consignee side, not vessel schedule, is usually what decides whether a shipment moves.

Air gateways used	CCS (Caracas Maiquetia)
Air transit, China to gateway	5-9 business days
Gateway serving Maracaibo	MAR air / Maracaibo sea
Inland leg to Maracaibo	+1 day from the gateway
Typical clearance / dwell	10-25 days
Peak season to plan around	Sep-Dec



Handling on the MAR air / Maracaibo sea routing serving Maracaibo.

What to sort out before the cargo leaves China

- Book earlier than the transit time suggests during Sep-Dec, when space on this lane tightens.
- Use ISPM-15 treated pallets. Untreated wood is the most common reason otherwise-clean cargo gets held.
- Confirm the consignee in Maracaibo can act as importer of record — SENIAT (Servicio Nacional Integrado de Administracion Aduanera y Tributaria) will not release cargo to an unregistered party.
- Put the Maracaibo delivery address, contact name and phone number on the invoice, not just the packing list.
- Ask for the HS code in writing from your supplier and verify the Venezuela duty rate against it yourself.
- Check the de-minimis position (No practical de-minimis for commercial cargo) against your invoice value before you decide how to split the shipment.

Frequently asked questions

How long does shipping from China to Maracaibo take?

China to the Venezuela gateway is 5-9 business days. On top of that, allow 10-25 days of clearance with SENIAT (Servicio Nacional Integrado de Administracion Aduanera y Tributaria) and a +1 day inland leg to Maracaibo.

What duty and tax will I pay importing into Maracaibo?

SENIAT (Servicio Nacional Integrado de Administracion Aduanera y Tributaria) applies: IVA 16% plus import duty of roughly 5-35%, and a customs service charge on the CIF value; exoneration decrees change the effective rate by product category. 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 Maracaibo.

Which port or airport does cargo for Maracaibo clear through?

Cargo for Maracaibo is routed via MAR air / Maracaibo sea. Sea gateways for Venezuela are La Guaira, Puerto Cabello, Maracaibo; air gateways are CCS (Caracas Maiquetia). We pick whichever gives the shortest total door time for your address.

Can you ship batteries or sensitive cargo to Maracaibo?

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

How is the chargeable weight calculated for Maracaibo?

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.

What documents does SENIAT (Servicio Nacional Integrado de Administracion Aduanera y Tributaria) 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 (Consignee must be registered with SENIAT; sanitary, SENCAMER or ministry permits apply to food, medicines, chemicals and telecom equipment). We prepare and file these as part of the service.

Other delivery cities in Venezuela

- [China to Caracas](#)
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References & official sources

Duty rates, thresholds and conformity requirements for Venezuela 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 SENIAT (Servicio Nacional Integrado de Administracion Aduanera y Tributaria) or your broker before you ship.

- [WTO — Tariff Profiles \(applied MFN duty by country\)](#)
- [WCO — Harmonized System nomenclature](#)
- [IMO — IMDG Code for dangerous goods by sea](#)
- [IATA — Lithium battery shipping guidance \(PI 965–970\)](#)

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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 Venezuela duty position yourself

Duty and tax figures on this page are planning estimates. The binding assessment is made by SENIAT (Servicio Nacional Integrado de Administracion Aduanera y Tributaria) 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 Maracaibo. The video below covers the wider shipping process that sits around it.

How to Check Import Tariffs for Any Country | HS Code Lookup Tutorial 2026 — Vixnk - English. 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 Maracaibo

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 Venezuela route page](#) →

Freight Rates to Venezuela

✚ 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.

Air Freight to Maracaibo, Venezuela: Transit Time, Duty & Clearance

Air Freight from China to Maracaibo, Venezuela. Transit 5-9 business days to the gateway, 10-25 days dwell, +1 day inland. Duty, documents and packing.

Get a Quote

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

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Customs clearance in Venezuela

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

[Venezuela clearance requirements →](#)

Priced routes to Venezuela

- [Ningbo to La Guaira FCL Ocean Freight Rates | 20GP & 40HQ](#)
- [Ningbo-Puerto Cabello Sea Freight: Container Rates and Schedule](#)
- [Shanghai to Puerto Cabello Container Shipping — 40HQ Rates](#)
- [Shanghai-La Guaira Sea Freight: Container Rates and Schedule](#)
- [Yantian to La Guaira FCL Ocean Freight Rates | 20GP & 40HQ](#)
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