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First of all, welcome on this page. If you're in need of experienced information about the trade process between China and South Korea, it is THE page you wanted to find. Without regarding if you're willing to import goods into the Korean territory, or if you're in China and need to send products to a customer in Korea.

No matter also if the goods you need to transfer are fulfilling an entire container, or a regular cardboard. Our decade of experience on the Asian freight market enabled us to build this page, referring us to our practise with Korean customers.

It took us several hours of research and analyse to synthetize all we know on the topic, for your own benefit. Here we will detail you all the procedures, give you personal advises and provide you useful links to begin or upgrade your trading process.

SINO Shipping is the partner you need to move your goods from China to Korea, by Air or Sea Freight. We're able to book space on vessels or planes for every types of goods, even if they are dangerous or perishable.

In a first part we will detail you the customs clearing process, in a second the trade relations between the two countries and finally we will discuss the two existing freight methods.

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It will depend mostly of the type of products you're importing. China and South Korea signed a trade agreement in 2015. The great majority of Chinese goods imported into South Korea are agricultural products, with 10% of the total value. The rules applicable on this type of goods. So, if you're trying to import agricultural products, you will have other types of goods, the chances to be exempted are tiny.

NECESSARY DOCUMENTS

THE BILL OF LADING OR AIRWAY BILL (BL)

With the Certificate of Origin, the **Bill of Lading** is the **second most important document** certifying on the origin of your items, the BL is certifying of the bank transfer from the importer next to the BL.

Here we're detailing you how is built a BL:

- 1** = Shipper
- 2** = Consignee
- 3** = Notify party
- 4** = Vessel No.
- 5** = Port of loading / discharge
- 6** = Place of receipt / delivery

- 7** = Containers No.
- 8** = Goods description
- 9** = Net weight
- 10** = Dimensions / volume

A PACKING LIST

The packing list is describing all the items you're transferring. It gives details about their type, their dimensions, their weight, their composition... This document is **important for the customs clearance and also for the Bill of Lading issuance.**

A VALID DECLARATION FORM

An **official Import Declaration Form** that you must complete and return via connected networks to the customs office, where your goods are detained is **mandatory.**

A CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN (CO)

The **Certificate of Origin** is used by customs as a proof of your items origin. It ensures that your products were made in China. To be valid, it must be **issued by a government or a notary public.** As you can guess, this document is fundamental to apply for a tax exemption.

OTHER DOCUMENTS

- The Licenses, Certificates... (if any)
- A commercial invoice
- The Insurance certificate (if any)

DETAILED STATEMENT ON DUTIES EXEMPTION

The process is differing, depending if you're applying before or after the import declaration.

SINO Remark : we advise you to do it before the import declaration acceptance for a s

BEFORE THE IMPORT DECLARATION ACCEPTANCE

The application form **must be submitted to the Customs desks detaining your goods**, before declaration must detail the classification code that is applying for the preferential tariff rate to the import declaration.

AFTER THE IMPORT DECLARATION ACCEPTANCE

If you're in a situation where you cannot provide the necessary documents for a preferential tariff t **must provide these documents within one year to the customs desk**, to be tariff exempted. application for revision, the original CO and a duplicate of the certificate of import declaration.

DUTIES AND TAXES IN JAPAN

Like most of the countries in the world, South Korea works with the Harmonized Tariff System

The HS code is the identification number attributed to goods through the HTS.

If you didn't determine the HS code of your goods yet, we advise you to find it on <http://www.findhs.codes/>

You just need to enter *keywords that are describing your products*. If you have some, you can use them to search for your goods. In the case of a "pineapple", you will find the HS code 0804.30 as a result.

You found or know already the HS Code of your products? You now have the necessary information to be liable to. Reach the **duties and taxes calculator on the official Korean customs website** (<http://www.customs.go.kr/kcshome/tariff/CustomsTariffView.do>).

Let's continue with the "pineapple" as an example, it will provide you these rates :

TRADE RELATIONS BETWEEN CHINA AND SOUTH KOREA

THE CHINA-SOUTH KOREA FREE TRADE AGREEMENT COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES

Trade exchanges between China and South Korea have only become important in recent relations. Before that date, South Korea was a great ally of the Republic of China (Taiwan) and their political relationship is globally getting better and their trade flows are rocketing. In 2016, South Korea's exports to China were valued at 1.5 billion USD, up from 1.2 billion USD in 2015. The Chinese goods exported there.

Info SINO : Also it is China's first import partner, with 10% of the goods imported in China. South Korea is South Korea's first Import and Export partner. 22% of the goods imported into the South Korea were sent to China. **SINO Shipping** is proud to be part of the trade between these two countries.

A **Free Trade Agreement** was set in 2015 between the two countries after 4 years of negotiations. South Korea is exporting automobiles and manufactured products in majority to China. So, between the two countries. This will result in a 300 billion USD boost over the next 10 years and create around 60,000 jobs there during that same period. China will also benefit of a 0.3 % GDP increase.

As the Tech & Automobile sector in South Korea, and the Agricultural domain in China are exchanging of investments and technologies between the two countries. This FTA has only facilitating the life of the respective expatriates' communities in the other's land.

To sum up, both countries have increased greatly their trade and diplomatic relations since 2015. Both countries have reached tremendous numbers in the last years. Because of their proximity, and usually fast to transfer goods between the two countries. Several agreements had also eased the trade.

Our decade of expertise on the two countries, and more largely on the Asian continent, permits us to offer you the best solutions. Do not hesitate to contact our dedicated staff for more information about your transfer, or for a quote.

CUSTOM PROCEDURE

Here are the different steps that you must go through to receive your goods:

- On arrival, your goods are firstly **stored in a custody**.
- When you receive the arrival confirmation, you **must fill the tariff rate recommendation and documents** must be electronically provided to customs after.
- After these two documents, you have now to prepare the **import declaration** and send it ele
- The customs are **separating goods that are subjects to an inspection, from the others that inspection**, goods are examined physically and through documents. If no inspection is requ
- The **approval** of the goods is thereof **transmitted**.
- If there is **any inherent customs duty to pay**, you have two possibilities. You pay them in ad for duty payment. When received, the customs will inform you of the acceptance of the imp
- Finally your **goods are released**, and you can receive them.

Here is a flow chart of the Korean customs process:

CUSTOMS CONTACT IN CHINA

Official name: General Administration of Customs of
China

Official Website: Chinese Customs Website
(<http://english.customs.gov.cn/>)

CUSTOMS CONTACT IN KOREA

Official name: Korea Customs Service
Official Website: Korean Customs Website
(<http://www.customs.go.kr/kcshome/site/index.do?layoutSiteId=english>)

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OUR CUSTOMS BROKER INFO

PROHIBITED & RESTRICTION

Remark SINO : If you have one of the following item, you should check directly with our agent as some items are even totally prohibited, it is important to anticipate such shipment to avoid any problem.

Drug Contraband Explosives Biohazard Chemical

Ivory Batteries Flammable Firearm

Poison Pornography Knife Tobacco

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1. SEA FREIGHT

South Korea is a country located in the southeast of Asia. Its only neighbour on the north, North Korea, is separated from it with the Yellow Sea in the east, The East China Sea in the south, and indirect neighbours **China, Japan and** the Philippines.

FROM/TO SOUTH KOREA



explains why there is only two freight m influenced Korea to build one of the gre infrastructures.

Because of its isolation, its ground poor become a major industrial country, the l Korea has and is still incredibly developi the biggest world maritime power. In th **ship registration** (3000 vessels) and th on the world podium of the shipbuilding

Remark SINO : If you're interested i dedicated article on the topic: **Sea l freight-china/)**

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INCHEON

It's the port that serves the capital city, S containerization. It is also used to welco also a liquefied natural gas terminal (LN its total cargo traffic was of 161 million R

PYEONGTAEK

Pyeongtaek is also possessing a LNG ter

Ocean freight will be the best deal for you if:

- Your suppliers are **located near a major Chinese port**
- Your goods are **bigger than 2 CBM**
- You're **not in a hurry** to receive them

Contact us now ! Your personal **SINO advisor** will find out customized solution for your import process from China to Korea.

MOKPO

Mokpo port is famous for its shipyard. H; its international clients.

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MAJOR PORTS OF THE SOUTH COAST

GWANGYANG

It is the second busiest port of South Korea. It's a polyvalent port, with a great container volume, a needed gas, coil and steel for the Korean industry. It's neighbour, port of Yeosu, possess a huge oil Orient Shipyard company is present there. In 2015, its capacity was of 266 million RT.

BUSAN

Busan is the biggest port of the country. Its activity is essentially oriented toward the container market. Major companies are Hanjin Heavy Industries, Dae Sun Shipbuilding & Engineering, STX Offshore & Shipbuilding. In 2016

ULSAN

Neighbouring the port of Busan, Ulsan port is specialized in the imports of petrol and other bulk goods in the nearby industrial region. In Ulsan there is Hyundai Heavy Industries and Hyundai Mipo Dockyards

MAJOR PORTS OF THE WEST COAST

DONGHAE / SAMCHEOK

In Donghae there is SPP Shipbuilding, another Korean shipyard company.

SINO Plus : We are beefing up its presence in every Chinese major port. Thanks to our entire range of sea freight services departing for South Korea. **SINO Shipping** is able to offer services (LCL), for 20', 40', and 40' HQ containers. You can also ask us a shipping by reefer container in a monitored environment.

SEA FREIGHT TRANSIT TIMES

This table is detailing the usual transit times between Chinese and Korean ports :

	Dalian	Shanghai	Hong Kong	
Incheon	3 days	5days	7 days	
Pyeongtaek	3 days	5 days	7 days	
Gunsan	4 days	4 days	7 days	
Mokpo	4 days	4 days	7 days	
Gwangyang	4 days	4 days	7 days	
Busan	4 days	4 days	7 days	
Ulsan	4 days	5 days	7 days	
Pohang	5 days	5 days	7 days	
Donghae	5 days	5 days	8 days	
Samcheok	5 days	5 days	8 days	

****Please note that those transit times are just indicative timing between China and I***

SEA FREIGHT RATES

****Because transit times and freight total costs are greatly low between the two countries, SINO Shipping is the best solution for your transfer.***

In general, maritime freight is always privileged because of two great benefits: you can transfer goods from China to Korea regarding if you're in need of a one-shot transfer, or more regular transfer through times, sea freight is the best solution.

As detailed before, **SINO Shipping** is used to work with every kind of goods and volume! Our experts will help you find the best solution for your transfer.

SINO Advice : Our **SINO Sea Experts** are always available to handle your **Ocean freight** requests. All your shipping will be sorted out with all the services you're asking us, we're quoting every demand you have. That's why we will give you precise rates and transit times only after you reached us.

2. AIR FREIGHT FROM/TO SOUTH KOREA

Both China and Korea have great international network of over **60 tremendous international airports**. The **Air Incheon**, based in Seoul Incheon, is covering a huge number of major Chinese cities. On the other side of the world, **Southern Airlines** are linking the biggest cities of the world.

AIR FREIGHT TRANSIT TIMES

Door-to-Door, a plane will join South Korea to China. **Express freight (courier)**, will allow a total transit time of **less than 3 days**. Via a regular air freight, goods will be carried **within a week**.

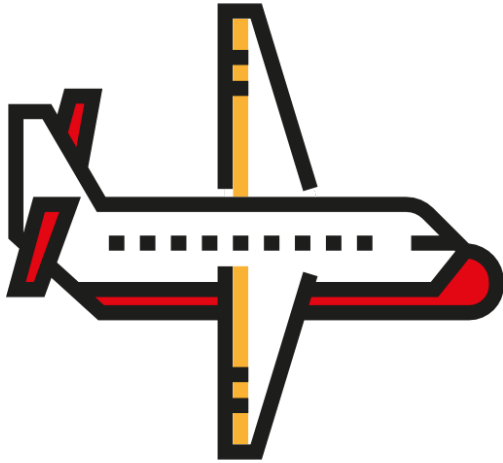
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Remark SINO : Transit time are ha direct flight available within a day is average, you can expect 5/7 days (e)

Air freight will be the most efficient solution if :

- Your goods are **smaller than 2 CBM and 200 kg**
- You're in a **hurry** to receive/send the goods

Remark SINO : Naturally, if your need to get your goods delivered as fast as possible, air freight is the best option for you.

AIR FREIGHT RATES

***There is two methods of calculation that you must use to determine the chargeabl**

Gross weight and volumetric weight needs to be sorted out. Once it is found, you must keep

How to calculate the gross weight of airfreight shipments

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Gross weight
Convert lbs to kgs
110lbs = 49.89kgs

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Product weight
100lbs

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Pallet weight
10lbs



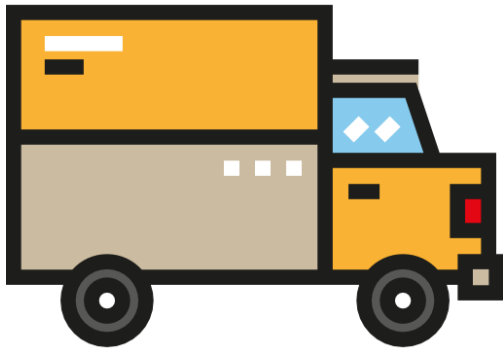
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INLAND TRUCKING FROM/TO SOUTH KOREA

Thanks to our great network, we're able to handle any matter if you're located far from the city. All the ports and airports are available to ask us.

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All transfer, no matter of the method, are composed with a part of risks. To prevent bad events, we offer insurance enterprises for freight coverage. Your cargo will be refunded, in case of any damage. We invoice our insurances on the base of 2% of the value of your **products + freight**.

If you cannot tolerate a loss for the sustainability of your business, you should cover your shipment with freight insurance.

SINO Advice : You want further information about our freight insurance ? Contact our **SINO insurance**. (<https://sino-shipping.com/insurance-freight-china/>)

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Make a request and you will be contacted within 24 hours maximum

**COMPETTIVENESS**

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Do not hesitate to contact us for customs or administrative information

**MULTILINGUAL TEAM**

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**TAILORED SERVICE**

Small or big shipment, we can manage every request

**RELIABILITY**

We ensure and secure all our shipments, safety is our priority !



RECURRENT QUESTIONS REGARDING THE SHIPMENT TO SOUTH KOREA

WHAT IS THE SHIPPING COST FROM CHINA TO SOUTH KOREA?

LCL: 50 USD /cbm **FCL: 200 USD /20'** 300 /40' Express shipping door to door (10kg): :

HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE TO SHIP FROM CHINA TO SOUTH KOREA?

Average transit time by sea: 6 days Average transit time by airfreight: 5 days (daily d days

WHAT ARE THE BEST FREIGHT OPTIONS TO SEND GOOD FROM CHINA TO SOUTH KOREA?

There are only 2 options, by sea or by air, it depends on how big the volume and the methods is more adequate. You must calculate the ration time/cost.

HOW MUCH TAX WILL I PAY FOR IMPORTING GOODS FROM CHINA TO SOUTH KOREA?

A Free Trade Agreement was set in 2015 between the two countries after 4 years of in majority to South Korea. South Korea is exporting automobiles and manufacture tariff barriers over 90 % of the goods traded between the two countries.

DO CUSTOMS OPEN EVERY PACKAGE?

No, they don't immediately open your package without any reason. ... They will only open your package has been damaged when it reached the Customs office or desk. The damage your package.

HOW DO I AVOID CUSTOM CHARGES?

When you make a shipping request, you'll have to declare the value of your shipment value that will be declared at customs, so it is important that you declare accurately more taxes than you want to pay! If you declare too low a value, your declared value upward.

HOW CAN I REDUCE MY SHIPPING COSTS?

-Negotiate with multiple carriers -Get suppliers to use your shipping account number
-Use a regional carrier -Use online shipping -Invest in prepaid shipping -Buy insurance for
billing customers -Consider hybrid services -Ask about association discounts

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