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# 1 SHIPPING FROM CHINA TO THE

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## WHAT IS THE BEST WAY TO SHIP GOODS FROM/TO UNITED STATES ?

### CUSTOMS

Necessary

What documents

PROHIBITED

### SEA FREIGHT

Main ports

Are you about to import (or export) products between the United States and China? You still have a doubt regarding the regulation or transport method? This is because it is very difficult to find decent information among the ton of online advice that **SINO Shipping** has done is "country guide".

Our article will focus on international logistics between China and the United States: shipping methods (sea or air freight), regulations (customs clearance, prohibited products, licenses required ...). Our experience on the Chinese market allows us to give the most reliable and technical answers to your logistics needs. If you still have a doubt after reading this page, feel free to contact our **SINO Experts**, they are here to follow up on all your needs.

No matter if you are an accomplished exporter/importer, or a novice in the domain, if you're planning a one-shot import/export in/to United States, or regular business, our team will be dedicated to give you the best!



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Sea freight

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AIR FREIGHT

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Freight insurance

## OUR CUSTOMS BROKER INFO

# CUSTOMS CLEARANCE

**Remark SINO :** Even if we are living in a digital era, paperwork and shipping documents are still necessary for shipping. Let's have a closer look at the shipping documents you need to be in possession of.

## NECESSARY DOCUMENTS

### BILL OF LADING

***This is the most important shipping document, as it is used to specify the shipping volume, the incoterm which applies to the shipment, etc.***

- 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

***According to the terms of payment agreed between the supplier and the buyer, the bill of lading can serve as a document:***

1. Confirm the release of a letter of credit (L / C)
2. Or, serves as proof of shipping, which requires the buyer to transfer payment of the balance.

***\*The second option is common when paying by telegraphic transfer (T / T).***

### COMMERCIAL INVOICE

This invoice is used to proceed to customs clearance and calculations of customs duties and other fees like GST.

### PACKING LIST

### CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN / FORM A

A document mentioning the origin of the goods. This document can also help to determine customs duties (as some countries benefit from exemptions or preferential duties), but also for statistics and enforcement of embargoes.

## IMPORT LICENSES

***In most cases, there is no need to provide any Import license*** when importing into the USA.

***However, here are some exceptions:***

- Medicines
- Specific types of chemicals

BL example

- Animals and plants
- Foodstuff products

**SINO Advice :** You have a borderline product ? You are not sure if you need an import have further information about your shipment and any related requirements.

## WHAT DUTIES AND TAXES WILL I PAY FOR MY

**Remark :** That's a priority to think of when you're working in International Trade.

United States is aligned with the Harmonized Tariff System (HTS) for imported and exported **calculate the tariff barriers of your products between the two countries.**

**Read more: ??~~XX~~??Battling Uncertainty: Inside Perspectives on the USA-China 1**  
shipping.com/international-regulation/usa-china-shipping/)



*Here is the composition of an HS Code, you can now see what a*

Example:



**Pineapple**

HS code: 0804.30.10



### Section II: Vegetable Products

**Chapter 08:** Edible fruit & nuts, peel of citrus/melons

**Heading 04:** Dates, figs, pineapples, avocados, etc. fresh or dried

**Subheading 30:** Pineapples

**Subdivisions for national purposes**

**SINO Info :** You already know the HS Code of your products? You can find the tariff to know what duties and taxes will be charged to your shipment, check the following link (<https://hts.usitc.gov/>)

**\*Importer might have to pay customs duties when importing into the USA, based on**

In the blank box (just below "HTS search"), **just type the HS code of your product** to get f  
**based on the example of the pineapple**, you should see this kind of board:

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**SINO Info :** You still have a doubt on how to use this tool ? Feel free to contact our **SINO** link: **Harmonized Tariff Schedule System – External User Guide.** (<https://www.usitc.gov>)

When entering the US territory, **the goods are not officially considered as entered as in** (Border Protection), and duties haven't been paid. The products have to be declared within 15 days of arrival at the bonded warehouse. As an importer, **you'll have to declare the transaction value of your** goods in the entry documents: please see below). **CBP will then be able to calculate duties.**

**Some products are subject to tax exemptions.** Even though your product is not subject to duties, it may be subject to tax exemptions. Let's have a closer look at the specific rules that apply for some types of products.

**SINO Info :** In any case, this article serves only an educational purpose. The best option is to follow the advices of your **SINO Advisor.**

## GST ON IMPORTS

As you know, the USA is a federal country. This has a **strong impact on the import process** for goods. Anyway, the levy of Sales Tax is broadly on retailing and supplying the end consumer.

**SINO Tips :** This is why you should let **SINO Shipping** handle it all and check the updated shipping rates.

## WHY CHOOSE US ?

**SINO Shipping** is all about trust, efficiency and transparency. Our main mission is to provide ensuring full satisfaction of our customers.

**SINO Plus :** Reach out to us right now for any request. You will receive the most accurate

## 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 USA



**Official name:** U.S. Customs and Border Protection

**Official Website:** American Customs Website  
(<https://www.cbp.gov/>)

customs clearance process

## OUR CUSTOMS BROKER INFO

### PROHIBITED & RESTRICT

**Remark SINO :** If you have one of the following item, you should check directly with our customs broker. Even if an item is 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



## SINO SHIPPING - DEDICATED FREIGHT FORWARDER FROM

### CHINA

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## SEA FREIGHT FROM/TO USA

**Remark SINO : SINO Shipping** is a freight forwarder, shipping from any cities.



***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

***\*Over the past few years, the United destination we are used to ship to.***

We are proud to offer the whole range of shipping services to the USA. In fact, **SINO Shipping** offer services to any city in the country from one coast to the other. We handle more challenging shipments such as perishable goods. Our main strength is our capacity to adapt to your **requirement**. In fact, whether your just need a solution for you. You can also store your goods before departure.

**Remark SINO :** Let us handle the whole process for you.

## MAIN PORTS IN THE USA

### LOS ANGELES

The Port of Los Angeles, also known as the Port of Long Beach, is the largest port in the USA. **This port accounts for 20% of all cargo shipped to the USA** from China and Hong Kong.

At **SINO Shipping**, we know how crucial this is why we can arrange frequent departures to this port.

### LONG BEACH

Long Beach is the second largest port in the USA. These two ports put together represent 40% of all cargo arriving in the country. The main trading partners are China and Hong Kong.

**SINO Advice :** We do not only ship to California, obviously. We also ensure frequent transits to the East Coast. If you need us to arrange a shipment from Shanghai to New York, from Hong Kong to Seattle, we can provide a solution for you!

## TRANSIT TIME

Ocean freight is by far the slowest option you can choose: **you should consider around 30 days**. This transit time is not only due to the upfront preparation, but also to the fact that shipping companies save money on fuel. Additionally, keep in mind that many unexpected events can occur: bad weather, port strikes, etc. SINO Shipping works only with the best and most reliable shipping lines to ensure a hassle-free process to your destination.

**The port to port transit time will vary according on the distance. Below are some examples :**

- Hong Kong – Los Angeles : 20 days
- Hong Kong – New York: 32 days
- Shanghai – Seattle: 29 days
- Shanghai – Savannah: 30 days

**SINO Advice :** Sea freight is the most cost-effective option. Let's have a closer look at it

## SEA FREIGHT RATES

When shipping from China to the USA by sea, various fees have to be considered. Make sure to understand your sea freight quotations.

**Here are some of the main costs that come with your shipment:**

- Delivery to POL (port of loading) at origin
- Customs clearance (export)
- Freight rate
- Insurance
- Import customs clearance
- Customs duties (if any)
- Delivery to the agreed final location

As mentioned earlier, **SINO Shipping** is truly committed to provide tailored-made solutions of service that you require, we'll make sure to adapt our offer accordingly.

Once you have contacted us, **we'll get back to you within 24 hours to gather all the information** will provide you with a **detailed quotation**, whether it is for door-to-door, door-to-port, or port-to-port.

**SINO Advice :** **SINO Shipping** handles everything for you, sticking to your budget and

## AIR FREIGHT FROM/TO USA



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**Remark SINO :** As regards Air Freight services related to this freight mode



***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



Express Air Freight, Regular Air Freight, **and responding to your needs as much as possible.**

We are used to arrange **air freight shipping** customers. We can set up an urgent shipping plan. This is made possible by the strong long years.

When working with **SINO Shipping** for a dedicated team, expert in its domain, we ensure a smooth shipping chain mainly by ensuring an amazingly fast and reliable service. At **SINO Shipping**, we are up to the task, which is why we will provide you with a tracking service every time.

**SINO Advice :** Hit that contact button now, it's better than 24hours!

## TRANSIT TIME

### EXPRESS SHIPPING OPTIONS

When using an international courier for your air shipment from China to the USA, you should know that a delay comes with the pick-up of the goods, and delivery to the airport of departure. If you send an express shipment, that can be delivered even faster.

### STANDARD AIR FREIGHT

Regular air freight between both countries usually takes 8-10 days. Why is there such an interval?

***\*When it comes to regular air freight, processes are much more complex as compared to express shipping.***

***The whole shipping process comes with several mandatory steps:***

- Close a deal with the airline company
- Book space for you
- Pick-up of your goods
- Pre-carriage storage
- Customs clearance

**Remark SINO :** The best thing to do is to contact your **SINO Shipping advisor**. After he/she will provide you with the transit times and all related information.

## MAIN AIRPORTS IN USA

### MEMPHIS

Memphis International Airport is the largest hub in the country. Daily traffic from China is a world for many years. Now it is the second largest after Hong Kong. This is why **SINO Shipping**

### ANCHORAGE

Anchorage is another key air freight hub, located in Alaska. This is the fourth busiest airport Shanghai. Thus, the four largest cargo airports in the world are whether Chinese or America regular traffic between both countries.

**Additionally, SINO Shipping ensures regular departures to any other part of the country, Atlanta, etc.**

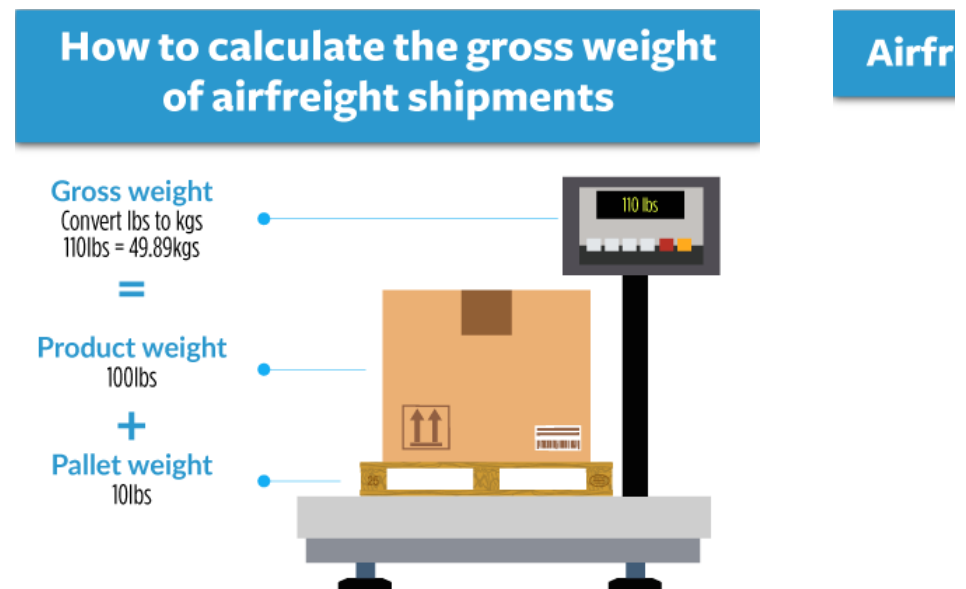
Once your parcel is arrived in the US, our job is still not done in case you need door-to-door network to ensure a prompt and hassle-free delivery to the agreed location (your warehouse)

**Remark SINO :** Please contact us now, so that we can figure out together the most-su

## AIR FREIGHT RATES

### HOW DO WE CALCULATE AIR FREIGHT RATES ?

**Each freight forwarder has its own method and a different pricing strategy. As a rule, weight and the volume to calculate the cost.**



## ACTUAL WEIGHT VS. VOLUMETRIC WEIGHT

**We have two options when it comes to determine the chargeable weight:**

1. **Actual weight** is the real weight of your parcel, simple enough!
2. **Volumetric weight** is calculated by multiplying the volume (L\*W\*H) by 167. If the result is higher than the actual weight, we will use the volumetric weight to quote your air freight service.

## WHAT ADDITIONAL CHARGES SHOULD I CONSIDER ?

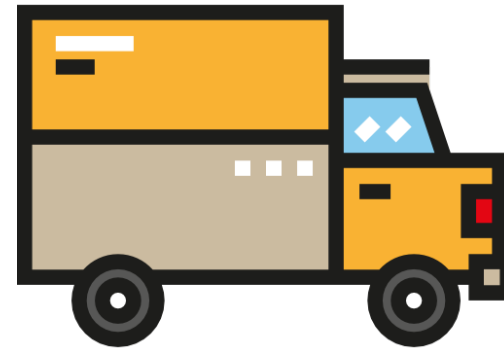
Air freight cargo can also come with unexpected additional fees. This is why it is recommended that you consider the following charges.

**Here are three examples:**

- **Fuel Surcharge:** due to the high volatility of the oil market. This surcharge is made ad hoc to the carrier in the business. This fee will be calculated based on a percentage of the chargeable weight.
- **Airline Terminal Handling Fee:** All costs implied when handling the cargo at origin, and destination, or listed separately, depending on the airline.
- **Container Freight Station:** This fee applies in case of storage of your parcel when entering the airport CFS warehouse.

**SINO Advice :** At **SINO Shipping**, we make sure to quote everything at the same time.

## DOOR TO DOOR FROM/TO USA



**Remark SINO :** A door to door service. Premium service.

**Door-to-door quotes include the following:**

- **Customs clearance fees.** If customs duties are charged.
- **Trucking fees**
- **Cargo insurance** (this is a must have).

## FREIGHT INSURANCE

Because **SINO Shipping** cares about the safety of your goods, we offer freight insurance services. In fact, the insurance rate is calculated based on the value of your cargo.

In this way, you get the value of your cargo protected when shipping your products without insurance. Your business in case of unexpected events.

**SINO Shipping** can become your long-term partner. We set up a regular traffic from China to the USA. We'll make sure to offer the best rates. If you need to negotiate better rates with the largest shipping companies.

**Road freight will be the most convenient option if :**

- You need a **Door to Door service**
- You live **far from the airport/port of arrival**
- You're **not in a hurry** to receive your goods

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# SHIPPING HIGH TECHNOLOGY PRODUCTS FROM CHINA TO USA

## PREPARE YOUR COMMERCIAL INVOICE COPY

A Commercial Invoice Form determines the true value of the imported goods, for assessment and seller, the date and terms of sale, quantity, weight and/or volume, type of packaging besides insurance, shipping and other charges.

## MAKE SURE INVOICES AND PACKING SLIP MATCH

This is a good safeguard against shipping incorrect cargo. Make sure to inform transport enable the importer and others involved to check what has been shipped against the invoice.

## USE THE HARMONIZED SYSTEM TO ASSIGN

Use the **Harmonized System** (<https://www.sino-shipping.com/international-regulations>) to assign codes for each part. Each part has a 6 to 10 digit harmonized code which classifies it from the manufacturer or at Here. (<https://www.export.gov/article?id=eCommerce-Harmonized-System>)

## MARK YOUR GOODS WITH COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

Make sure you do this unless the goods being imported are exempt. To confirm if they

Imports" on the Customs and Border Protection's website Here (<https://www.cbp.gov/trade/publications/marketing-country-origin-us-imports>).

## OBTAIN PERMITS

Permits may be required by customs for specific technology parts, and vary by commodity. Permits can take 7 to 10 days to acquire, depending on the country where the part was made. To assist you with this process.

## FILE AN EEI (FORMERLY SHIPPER'S EXPORT DOCUMENT REQUIRED)

Work with a one-stop-shop logistics provider. The former SED is now called the EEI (Electronic Export Information) and is filed electronically with the U.S. Customs and Border Protection for shipments that exceed \$5000. (<https://www.cbp.gov/trade/basic-import-export/export-docs/electronic-export#wcm=5000>)

## WORK WITH A ONE-STOP-SHOP LOGISTICS

Knowledgeable logistics companies help with customs clearance by taking on power of attorney and handling duties and taxes.

## WHY CHOOSE US ?

# OUR ADVANTAGES

**SINO Shipping**, we understand perfectly the needs of our customers and

*"respect is earned. honesty is appreciated. trust is gained"*

### REACTIVITY

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



### COMPETITIVENESS

We guarantee very competitive price, ask us and compare !



### DEDICATED CUSTOMS SERVICE

Do not hesitate to contact us for customs or administrative information



### MULTILINGUAL TEAM

We speak English, French and Chinese to avoid any communication issues



### 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 SHIP TO THE USA

### WHAT IS THE SHIPPING COST FROM CHINA TO THE USA?

LCL: 70 USD /cbm **FCL: 1300 USD** /20': 1500 /40' Express shipping door to door (10kg)

### HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE TO SHIP FROM CHINA TO THE USA?

Average transit time by sea: 30 days Average transit time by airfreight: 8 days (daily days)

### WHAT ARE THE BEST FREIGHT OPTIONS TO SEND GOOD FROM CHINA TO THE USA?

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 THE USA?

When entering the US territory, the goods are not officially considered as entered a (Customs & Border Protection), and duties haven't been paid. The products have to be declared to the country of before leaving the bonded warehouse. As an importer, you'll have to declare the country of origin (and other documents: please see below). CBP will then be able to process the goods.

### DO CUSTOMS OPEN EVERY PACKAGE?

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

### HOW DO I AVOID CUSTOM CHARGES?

When you make a shipping request, you'll have to declare the value of your shipment. The value that will be declared at customs, so it is important that you declare accurately. If you declare a lower value, you may have to pay more taxes than you want to pay! If you declare too low a value, your declared value will go 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 your shipment  
-Bill customers -Consider hybrid services -Ask about association discounts

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