

Air Freight from China to Hitachinaka

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China → Hitachinaka · via NRT air / Hitachinaka sea · clearance by Japan Customs (関税)



Cargo handling on the China–Hitachinaka lane.

Hitachinaka is Ibaraki port serving the northern Kanto industrial belt, and it is served through NRT air / Hitachinaka sea. That combination is what actually sets your delivery date on this lane — the inland leg is same-day, so the clearance date is effectively the delivery date.

Clearance itself is handled by Japan Customs (関税), and typical dwell at the gateway runs 1–3 days.

Duty, tax and clearance into Hitachinaka

Japan Customs (関税) assesses duty and tax on cargo arriving for Hitachinaka consignees. Current regime: Consumption tax 10%; duty 0–15% on most manufactured goods, higher on leather, footwear and food, with a de-minimis position of JPY 10,000 customs

value (some categories excluded).

Conformity is the part most first-time importers underestimate: PSE mark for electrical appliances; Giteki/MIC certification for radio devices; Food Sanitation Act notification for food-contact items. Getting this wrong is expensive because it usually cannot be fixed after the cargo has landed.

Restrictions and known friction points for Japan: Electrical products without a valid PSE mark cannot be imported. Radio devices need Giteki certification. Amazon FBA Japan requires an Importer of Record that is not Amazon, so confirm who the IOR will be before booking a DDP move.

Routing and transit on this lane

Japan is a fast, high-compliance lane: Shanghai and Qingdao to Tokyo or Osaka is 3–6 days by sea and often next-day by air. Clearance itself is quick, but the standards regime is unforgiving — PSE and Giteki marking must be correct before the goods ship, because there is no way to remediate at the border.

Air gateways used	NRT (Narita), HND (Haneda), KIX (Osaka Kansai)
Air transit, China to gateway	1–3 business days
Gateway serving Hitachinaka	NRT air / Hitachinaka sea
Inland leg to Hitachinaka	Same day from the gateway
Typical clearance / dwell	1–3 days
Peak season to plan around	Sep–Nov



Handling on the NRT air / Hitachinaka sea routing serving Hitachinaka.

Before you book: Hitachinaka checklist

- Book earlier than the transit time suggests during Sep-Nov, when space on this lane tightens.
- Check the de-minimis position (JPY 10,000 customs value (some categories excluded)) against your invoice value before you decide how to split the shipment.
- Get the conformity paperwork moving early: PSE mark for electrical appliances; Giteki/MIC certification for radio devices; Food Sanitation Act notification for food-contact items.
- Plan around the China-side windows too: Chinese New Year and Golden Week both compress capacity on the Japan lane.
- Ask for the HS code in writing from your supplier and verify the Japan duty rate against it yourself.
- 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 Hitachinaka take?

China to the Japan gateway is 1-3 business days. On top of that, allow 1-3 days of clearance with Japan Customs (関税) and a same-day inland leg to Hitachinaka.

What duty and tax will I pay importing into Hitachinaka?

Japan Customs (関税) applies: Consumption tax 10%; duty 0-15% on most manufactured goods, higher on leather, footwear and food. The de-minimis position is JPY 10,000 customs value (some categories excluded). Under a DDP arrangement these are pre-paid, so nothing is collected on arrival in Hitachinaka.

What certification do I need for Japan?

For regulated goods, plan for: PSE mark for electrical appliances; Giteki/MIC certification for radio devices; Food Sanitation Act notification for food-contact items. 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.

Can you ship batteries or sensitive cargo to Hitachinaka?

Yes. Battery cargo by air follows IATA PI 965–970 depending on how the cells are packed, and moves on certified channels via NRT (Narita), HND (Haneda), KIX (Osaka Kansai). Surcharges apply and the declaration has to be made before booking.

Which port or airport does cargo for Hitachinaka clear through?

Cargo for Hitachinaka is routed via NRT air / Hitachinaka sea. Sea gateways for Japan are Tokyo, Yokohama, Osaka; air gateways are NRT (Narita), HND (Haneda), KIX (Osaka Kansai). We pick whichever gives the shortest total door time for your address.

What documents does Japan Customs (関税) 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 (PSE mark for electrical appliances; Giteki/MIC certification for radio devices; Food Sanitation Act notification for food-contact items). We prepare and file these as part of the service.

Other delivery cities in Japan

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References & official sources

Duty rates, thresholds and conformity requirements for Japan 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 Japan Customs (関税) or your broker before you ship.

- [Japan Customs](#)

- [METI — Electrical Appliance and Material Safety Act \(PSE\)](#)
- [MIC — radio equipment certification](#)
- [WTO — Tariff Profiles \(applied MFN duty by country\)](#)
- [IATA — Lithium battery shipping guidance \(PI 965–970\)](#)
- [World Bank — Logistics Performance Index](#)
- [ICC — Incoterms 2020 rules \(DDP, DAP, FOB definitions\)](#)
- [IPPC — ISPM 15 wood packaging standard](#)

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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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FCL Container Rates — China to Hitachinaka

Live port-to-port ocean freight for a full container into Hitachinaka, by origin port. Ocean freight only — origin haulage, customs clearance and destination delivery are quoted separately.

Shekou → Hitachinaka

Container	Rate (USD)
20GP	515
40HQ	900

- Carrier: STIC

[Full route page — Shekou to Hitachinaka →](#)

Spot allocations move week to week — reconfirm the rate against the current sailing before booking.

Price Trend — Hitachinaka

Live rate for the linked route page, shown here for a quick read before you click through.

Get a rate for Hitachinaka

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 Japan route page →](#)

Freight Rates to Japan

Current published rates — USD

☐ SEA

Sea · FCL Port-to-Port (Spot)

20GP **USD 340.00**

40HQ **USD 540.00**

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40HQ **USD 1,050.00**

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☐☐ SEA

Sea · FCL Port-to-Port (Spot)

20GP **USD 280.00**

40HQ **USD 420.00**

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Sea · FCL Port-to-Port (Spot)

20GP **USD 505.00**

40HQ **USD 870.00**

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Sea · FCL Port-to-Port (Spot)

20GP **USD 265.00**

40HQ **USD 390.00**

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Sea · FCL Port-to-Port (Spot)

20GP **USD 550.00**

40HQ **USD 950.00**

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⚖ 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 $\div 6000$

× ×

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.