

Air Freight from China to Bintulu

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China → Bintulu · via BTU air / Bintulu sea · clearance by Royal Malaysian Customs Department (JKDM)



Cargo handling on the China-Bintulu lane.

Freight from China into Bintulu clears through BTU air / Bintulu sea. Bintulu is Sarawak LNG and industrial port, and the inland leg is same-day, so the clearance date is effectively the delivery date.

Clearance itself is handled by Royal Malaysian Customs Department (JKDM), and typical dwell at the gateway runs 2–4 days.

Duty, tax and clearance into Bintulu

Imports into Malaysia are cleared by Royal Malaysian Customs Department (JKDM). The headline position is: Sales tax 5–10% plus 10% low-value-goods tax on online orders under MYR 500; duty 0–30%, largely 0% under ACFTA. The de-minimis threshold is MYR 500 (low-value goods sold online are taxed regardless).

Conformity is the part most first-time importers underestimate: SIRIM certification and MCMC label for electrical and radio products; halal certification for food ingredients. Getting this wrong is expensive because it usually cannot be fixed after the cargo has landed.

Restrictions and known friction points for Malaysia: Electrical goods without a SIRIM label are routinely detained. Alcohol, e-cigarettes and vape liquid are restricted. Direct-to-consumer parcels are subject to the low-value goods tax collected at the point of sale.

Routing and transit on this lane

Peninsular Malaysia is served through Port Klang and Tanjung Pelepas with very frequent South China sailings. East Malaysia (Sarawak and Sabah) is a separate customs territory in practice — cargo transships at Klang or Singapore and adds 5-8 days plus a second clearance step, so quote Kuching and Kota Kinabalu separately.

Air gateways used	KUL (Kuala Lumpur), PEN (Penang), BKI (Kota Kinabalu)
Air transit, China to gateway	3-5 business days
Gateway serving Bintulu	BTU air / Bintulu sea
Inland leg to Bintulu	Same day from the gateway
Typical clearance / dwell	2-4 days
Peak season to plan around	Sep-Nov



Handling on the BTU air / Bintulu sea routing serving Bintulu.

Pre-shipment checklist for Bintulu

- Book earlier than the transit time suggests during Sep–Nov, when space on this lane tightens.
- Ask for the HS code in writing from your supplier and verify the Malaysia duty rate against it yourself.
- Confirm the consignee in Bintulu can act as importer of record — Royal Malaysian Customs Department (JKDM) will not release cargo to an unregistered party.
- Put the Bintulu delivery address, contact name and phone number on the invoice, not just the packing list.
- Get the conformity paperwork moving early: SIRIM certification and MCMC label for electrical and radio products; halal certification for food ingredients.
- Check the de-minimis position (MYR 500 (low-value goods sold online are taxed regardless)) against your invoice value before you decide how to split the shipment.

Frequently asked questions

How long does shipping from China to Bintulu take?

China to the Malaysia gateway is 3–5 business days. On top of that, allow 2–4 days of clearance with Royal Malaysian Customs Department (JKDM) and a same-day inland leg to Bintulu.

What duty and tax will I pay importing into Bintulu?

Royal Malaysian Customs Department (JKDM) applies: Sales tax 5–10% plus 10% low-value-goods tax on online orders under MYR 500; duty 0–30%, largely 0% under ACFTA. The de-minimis position is MYR 500 (low-value goods sold online are taxed regardless). Under a DDP arrangement these are pre-paid, so nothing is collected on arrival in Bintulu.

What certification do I need for Malaysia?

For regulated goods, plan for: SIRIM certification and MCMC label for electrical and radio products; halal certification for food ingredients. 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 deliver door-to-door in Bintulu?

Yes. Delivery to a Bintulu address is quoted as one figure covering freight, duty and tax owed to Royal Malaysian Customs Department (JKDM), and the same-day inland leg. Confirm whether your consignee wants the goods at a warehouse, a marketplace fulfilment centre or a shop front, because the last-mile requirement differs.

Can you ship batteries or sensitive cargo to Bintulu?

Yes. Battery cargo by air follows IATA PI 965–970 depending on how the cells are packed, and moves on certified channels via KUL (Kuala Lumpur), PEN (Penang), BKL (Kota Kinabalu). Surcharges apply and the declaration has to be made before booking.

Is sea freight cheaper than air freight into Bintulu?

Per kilo, yes — usually by a wide margin. The trade-off is time: 5–9 calendar days by sea versus 3–5 business days by air to the Malaysia gateway, before clearance and the same-day inland leg. The crossover point is normally somewhere between 100 and 300 kg depending on the density of your cargo.

Other delivery cities in Malaysia

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- [China to Lahad Datu](#)
- [China to Sibu](#)
- [China to Sandakan](#)
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- [China to Klang](#)
- [China to Johor Bahru](#)
- [China to Penang](#)
- [China to Ipoh](#)
- [China to Melaka](#)

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References & official sources

Duty rates, thresholds and conformity requirements for Malaysia 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 Royal Malaysian Customs Department (JKDM) or your broker before you ship.

- [Royal Malaysian Customs Department](#)
- [SIRIM QAS International](#)
- [Port Klang Authority](#)
- [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 \(DDP, DAP, FOB definitions\)](#)

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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.

- [Kitchen Appliances Home Appliances, HVAC & Commercial](#)

- [Home Decor Furniture & Home Products](#)
- [Technical Textiles Textiles, Apparel, Footwear & Leather](#)
- [Wigs & Hair Products Textiles, Apparel, Footwear & Leather](#)
- [Fire Alarm Equipment Fire, Safety & Traffic Products](#)
- [Restaurant Furniture Retail, Display & Commercial Fixtures](#)
- [Amusement Equipment Toys, Sports, Outdoor & Leisure](#)
- [Gifts Consumer Goods & Gifts](#)
- [Amazon FBA E-commerce & Retail Channels](#)
- [Metal Fabrication Metal Products & Industrial Components](#)
- [Cutting Tools Metal Products & Industrial Components](#)
- [Compressors General Machinery & Industrial Equipment](#)

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FCL Container Rates — China to Bintulu

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

Shekou → Bintulu

Container	Rate (USD)
20GP	1,200
40HQ	2,250

- Carrier: STIC

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

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

Price Trend — Bintulu

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

Get a rate for Bintulu

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 Malaysia route page](#) →

Freight Rates to Malaysia

Current published rates — USD

☐☐ SEA

Sea · FCL Port-to-Port (Spot)

20GP **USD 1,199.72**

40HQ **USD 2,249.72**

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Sea · FCL Port-to-Port (Spot)

20GP **USD 1,249.72**

40HQ **USD 2,349.72**

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Sea · FCL Port-to-Port (Spot)

20GP **USD 949.72**

40HQ **USD 1,749.72**

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Sea · FCL Port-to-Port (Spot)

20GP **USD 1,249.72**

40HQ **USD 2,349.72**

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Sea · FCL Port-to-Port (Spot)

20GP **USD 1,349.72**

40HQ **USD 2,549.72**

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Sea · FCL Port-to-Port (Spot)

20GP **USD 1,499.72**

40HQ **USD 2,849.72**

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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 $\div 6000$

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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.