

Cost to Ship 1KG from China to South Korea

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Asia Pacific ☐ Sea Freight 1 KG

What this shipment size actually costs, and whether consolidating up to the next bracket would be cheaper.

USD 169.7/KG Best Rate Now

2 Channels Available

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Shipping 1KG from China to South Korea costs approximately USD 170 all-in, based on a published rate of USD 169.7 per kilogram. That figure covers freight, duty and tax to the national customs authority, and delivery to your door, with nothing further to pay on arrival.

Estimated total

USD 170 for 1KG

By sea

USD 169.7/kg, 25-45 days

Customs authority

the national customs authority

Rates last updated 2026-08-17. Figures are published channel prices for planning; the final quote depends on chargeable weight, cargo class and HS code.

Current Rates — China to South Korea (1 KG)

☐ Updated 2026-08-17

Service	Mode	Rate (USD/KG)	Total (1 KG)	Details
Best Value Sea · FCL Port-to-Port (Spot)	☐ Sea Freight	USD 169.7	USD 170	View Details →
Sea · FCL Port-to-Port (Spot)	☐ Sea Freight	USD 284.7	USD 285	View Details →



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Full Weight-Tier Rate Cards

Detailed per-weight pricing for every active route from China to South Korea. Each tier reflects the published rate at that exact weight — useful for accurate budgeting at common shipment sizes.

Sea FCL Port-to-Port (Spot)

☐ Sea Freight → Busan

☐ Best Value at 1 KG

☐ Updated 2026-08-17 ☐ 2 weight tiers ☐ USD pricing

Bracket	Rate (USD/KG)	@ 1 KG
20GP	USD 169.72	USD 169.72
40HQ	USD 199.72	USD 199.72

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Sea FCL Port-to-Port (Spot)

☐ Sea Freight → Incheon

☐ Updated 2026-08-17 ☐ 2 weight tiers ☐ USD pricing

Bracket	Rate (USD/KG)	@ 1 KG
20GP	USD 284.72	USD 284.72
40HQ	USD 529.72	USD 529.72

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Sea Freight Options

Sea FCL Port-to-Port (Spot) USD 169.7/KG →

Sea FCL Port-to-Port (Spot) USD 284.7/KG →

Calculate for a different weight:

Freight Rates to South Korea

Current published rates — USD

SEA

Sea · FCL Port-to-Port (Spot)

20GP **USD 169.72**

40HQ **USD 199.72**

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Sea · FCL Port-to-Port (Spot)

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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 ÷ 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.

Trade Terms Explained — Who Pays for What

The rate above is quoted on one specific trade term. Change the term and you change how much of the journey to South Korea is already inside the price. The table below maps the eleven common Incoterms® against the twelve cost stages of a door-to-door shipment, so you can see exactly where our responsibility ends and yours begins.

- **Seller** — Cost and arrangement sit with the seller / shipper.
- **Buyer** — Cost and arrangement sit with the buyer / consignee.
- **Negotiable** — Not fixed by the rule — agree it in the contract.

Responsibility for each shipment stage under each Incoterms rule

Term	1 Loading on truck	2 Export customs declaration	3 Carriage to port of export	4 Unloading at port of export	5 Loading on vessel / aircraft	6 Main carriage	7 Cargo insurance	8 Unloading at port of import	9 Loading on truck at import	10 Carriage to destination
EXW Ex Works	Buyer Buyer — Loading on truck	Buyer Buyer — Export customs declaration	Buyer Buyer — Carriage to port of export	Buyer Buyer — Unloading at port of export	Buyer Buyer — Loading on vessel / aircraft	Buyer Buyer — Main carriage	Buyer Buyer — Cargo insurance	Buyer Buyer — Unloading at port of import	Buyer Buyer — Loading on truck at import	Buyer Buyer — Carriage to destination
FCA Free Carrier	Seller Seller — Loading on truck	Seller Seller — Export customs declaration	Buyer Buyer — Carriage to port of export	Buyer Buyer — Unloading at port of export	Buyer Buyer — Loading on vessel / aircraft	Buyer Buyer — Main carriage	Buyer Buyer — Cargo insurance	Buyer Buyer — Unloading at port of import	Buyer Buyer — Loading on truck at import	Buyer Buyer — Carriage to destination
FAS Free Alongside Ship	Seller Seller — Loading on truck	Seller Seller — Export customs declaration	Seller Seller — Carriage to port of export	Seller Seller — Unloading at port of export	Buyer Buyer — Loading on vessel / aircraft	Buyer Buyer — Main carriage	Buyer Buyer — Cargo insurance	Buyer Buyer — Unloading at port of import	Buyer Buyer — Loading on truck at import	Buyer Buyer — Carriage to destination
FOB Free On Board	Seller Seller — Loading on truck	Seller Seller — Export customs declaration	Seller Seller — Carriage to port of export	Seller Seller — Unloading at port of export	Seller Seller — Loading on vessel / aircraft	Buyer Buyer — Main carriage	Buyer Buyer — Cargo insurance	Buyer Buyer — Unloading at port of import	Buyer Buyer — Loading on truck at import	Buyer Buyer — Carriage to destination
CFR Cost and Freight	Seller Seller — Loading on truck	Seller Seller — Export customs declaration	Seller Seller — Carriage to port of export	Seller Seller — Unloading at port of export	Seller Seller — Loading on vessel / aircraft	Seller Seller — Main carriage	Buyer Buyer — Cargo insurance	Buyer Buyer — Unloading at port of import	Buyer Buyer — Loading on truck at import	Buyer Buyer — Carriage to destination

Term	1 Loading on truck	2 Export customs declaration	3 Carriage to port of export	4 Unloading at port of export	5 Loading on vessel / aircraft	6 Main carriage	7 Cargo insurance	8 Unloading at port of import	9 Loading on truck at import	10 Carriage to destination
CIF Cost, Insurance and Freight	Seller Seller — Loading on truck	Seller Seller — Export customs declaration	Seller Seller — Carriage to port of export	Seller Seller — Unloading at port of export	Seller Seller — Loading on vessel / aircraft	Seller Seller — Main carriage	Seller Seller — Cargo insurance	Buyer Buyer — Unloading at port of import	Buyer Buyer — Loading on truck at import	Buyer Buyer — Carriage to destination
CPT Carriage Paid To	Seller Seller — Loading on truck	Seller Seller — Export customs declaration	Seller Seller — Carriage to port of export	Seller Seller — Unloading at port of export	Seller Seller — Loading on vessel / aircraft	Seller Seller — Main carriage	Negotiable Negotiable — Cargo insurance	Seller Seller — Unloading at port of import	Seller Seller — Loading on truck at import	Seller Seller — Carriage to destination
CIP Carriage and Insurance Paid	Seller Seller — Loading on truck	Seller Seller — Export customs declaration	Seller Seller — Carriage to port of export	Seller Seller — Unloading at port of export	Seller Seller — Loading on vessel / aircraft	Seller Seller — Main carriage	Seller Seller — Cargo insurance	Seller Seller — Unloading at port of import	Seller Seller — Loading on truck at import	Seller Seller — Carriage to destination
DAT Delivered At Terminal (DPU)	Seller Seller — Loading on truck	Seller Seller — Export customs declaration	Seller Seller — Carriage to port of export	Seller Seller — Unloading at port of export	Seller Seller — Loading on vessel / aircraft	Seller Seller — Main carriage	Negotiable Negotiable — Cargo insurance	Seller Seller — Unloading at port of import	Buyer Buyer — Loading on truck at import	Buyer Buyer — Carriage to destination
DAP Delivered At Place	Seller Seller — Loading on truck	Seller Seller — Export customs declaration	Seller Seller — Carriage to port of export	Seller Seller — Unloading at port of export	Seller Seller — Loading on vessel / aircraft	Seller Seller — Main carriage	Negotiable Negotiable — Cargo insurance	Seller Seller — Unloading at port of import	Seller Seller — Loading on truck at import	Seller Seller — Carriage to destination

Term	1 Loading on truck	2 Export customs declaration	3 Carriage to port of export	4 Unloading at port of export	5 Loading on vessel / aircraft	6 Main carriage	7 Cargo insurance	8 Unloading at port of import	9 Loading on truck at import	10 Carriage to destination
DDP Delivered Duty Paid	Seller Seller — Loading on truck	Seller Seller — Export customs declaration	Seller Seller — Carriage to port of export	Seller Seller — Unloading at port of export	Seller Seller — Loading on vessel / aircraft	Seller Seller — Main carriage	Negotiable Negotiable — Cargo insurance	Seller Seller — Unloading at port of import	Seller Seller — Loading on truck at import	Seller Seller — Carriage to destination

EXW Ex Works

Buyer takes over at the seller's door and carries every cost from there. Lowest quoted price, highest buyer workload.

FCA Free Carrier

Seller clears the goods for export and hands them to the carrier the buyer nominated.

FAS Free Alongside Ship

Sea and inland waterway only. Seller delivers alongside the vessel; loading is on the buyer.

FOB Free On Board

Sea and inland waterway only. Risk passes once the goods are on board. The most common buying term.

CFR Cost and Freight

Seller pays the main carriage but carries no insurance obligation; risk still passes on loading.

CIF Cost, Insurance and Freight

As CFR, plus the seller must buy and pay for cargo insurance (minimum cover unless you agree more).

CPT Carriage Paid To

Any mode. Seller pays carriage through to the named destination; insurance is not obligatory.

CIP Carriage and Insurance Paid

As CPT, plus the seller must insure the cargo through to the named destination.

DAT Delivered At Terminal (DPU)

Seller delivers unloaded at the named terminal. Renamed DPU (Delivered at Place Unloaded) in Incoterms® 2020.

DAP Delivered At Place

Seller delivers to your address ready for unloading; import clearance and duty stay with the buyer.

DDP Delivered Duty Paid

Seller carries everything through to your door, duty and tax included. Highest quoted price, least buyer workload.

Two things worth flagging. Under CIF and CIP the seller is obliged to buy cargo insurance and pay the premium; under every other term insurance is optional, and we recommend buyers arrange their own cover so a loss or damage in transit is recoverable. And this table is a working summary for planning purposes — the binding definitions are the ones published by the International Chamber of Commerce in the Incoterms® rules, so confirm the exact term wording in your sales contract before you ship.

Price Trend — South Korea

Historical freight rates from China to South Korea for 1 KG shipments. Data sourced from live carrier price feeds.

China to South Korea — Shipping Reference Data

Key China-to-South Korea import facts buyers should plan around:

Main sea gateways	the main commercial seaport
Destination customs authority	the national customs authority
De-minimis / duty-free threshold	varies by country
Import tax & duty regime	Import duty and local tax apply; rates vary by commodity
Local currency	USD
Typical port/airport dwell time	4-10 days
Peak / busy season	Sep-Nov
Conformity & certification	Confirm local conformity and labelling rules per HS code
Main air gateways	the primary international airport

Thresholds and duty bands are buyer-planning references, not formal customs rulings — confirm the exact HS-code rate for your goods before shipping.

Small Parcel

Who Ships This Weight?

Shipments of 1 KG or under are most commonly used for product samples, quality inspection requests, documents, and single-unit e-commerce orders. At this weight range, express air freight is almost always the most cost-effective option — sea freight minimum charges would make it uneconomical.

- Ideal for Alibaba sample orders before bulk purchasing
- Commonly used by Shopify/WooCommerce stores for test orders
- FedEx, DHL, and UPS express services available at this weight
- Declared value under USD 800 may qualify for de minimis in the US

Free 3D Loading Tools

Shipping to South Korea by air or sea? Plan cartons and container loading in 3D before requesting a quote.



3D Carton Packing Calculator

Optimize cartons before tendering cargo to South Korea: build the packing plan in 3D and download it for your supplier or forwarder.

[Open Packing Tool →](#)



3D Container Loading Planner

Not sure if your South Korea cargo fills a 20GP or needs a 40HQ? Simulate cartons, crates, pallets, and mixed box sizes in the 3D container planner.

[Open Container Planner →](#)

Which Shipping Method is Best for 1 KG?

Recommended



Air Freight

Transit: 5-10 business days

Best at: Under 300 KG, time-sensitive cargo

Recommended



Sea Freight

Transit: 25-45 calendar days

Best at: Over 100 KG, non-urgent cargo

Not cost-effective



Rail Freight

Transit: 18-28 calendar days

Best at: Europe destinations over 50 KG

Europe only

Transit Times — China to South Korea

Method	Transit Time	Notes
Air Freight DDP	5-10 business days	From China warehouse to South Korea door
Express Courier	3-7 business days	DHL/FedEx/UPS door-to-door, good option

What Affects the Shipping Cost to South Korea?

- Actual vs. volumetric weight — carriers charge whichever is higher ($L \times W \times H \div 6000$ for air)
- Cargo type surcharge — batteries, liquids, and branded goods carry additional fees

- Peak season surcharges — Chinese New Year (Jan/Feb) and Golden Week (Oct) add 15–30%
- Destination area — South Korea may have remote area surcharges for certain postal codes
- Declared value — customs duties are calculated on CIF value

Customs & Documentation for South Korea

- De minimis threshold — shipments below local tax threshold may clear duty-free
- Required documents: commercial invoice, packing list, and accurate HS codes
- DDP service includes all import duties — you pay one total price with no surprises
- Battery and liquid goods require additional certification documents

Frequently Asked Questions

How much does it cost to ship from China to South Korea?

Current rates for shipping from China to South Korea start at USD 169.72/KG via Sea FCL Port-to-Port (Spot). For 1 KG, the estimated total is approximately USD 170, duty included. Final landed cost depends on the Import duty and local tax apply; rates vary by commodity applied by the national customs authority.

What duties and taxes apply when importing into South Korea?

Imports into South Korea are assessed by the national customs authority. The applicable regime is: Import duty and local tax apply; rates vary by commodity. The duty-free / de-minimis position is varies by country. Under our DDP service these charges are pre-paid and included in the per-KG price, so there is nothing to settle on arrival.

Can I track my shipment from China to South Korea?

Yes. Air shipments to South Korea get an air waybill (AWB) trackable within 24 hours of departure; sea shipments are tracked by bill-of-lading through the carrier portal. We push status at key milestones: departure, arrival at the gateway, clearance by the national customs authority, and final delivery.

What is the best way to ship 1 KG from China to South Korea?

For 1 KG to South Korea, Air Freight is recommended — it gives the best speed/cost balance (5–10 business days) at this size, clearing via the primary international airport. Sea-freight minimums make ocean uneconomical under ~50 KG.

What documents are required for customs clearance in South Korea?

the national customs authority typically requires: (1) commercial invoice with HS codes and declared value; (2) packing list with weights and dimensions; (3) bill of lading or air waybill; (4) certificate of origin (may lower duty); and (5) any product-specific certification (Confirm local conformity and labelling rules per HS code). Under DDP we prepare and file these for you.

How is chargeable weight calculated for South Korea shipments?

We compare actual gross weight against volumetric weight ($L \times W \times H \div 6000$ for air) and charge whichever is greater, rounded up to the next kilogram. For 1 KG this matters most when cargo is light but bulky — consolidating cartons can drop you into a cheaper bracket.

What certifications are required to import into South Korea?

For regulated goods entering South Korea, plan for: Confirm local conformity and labelling rules per HS code. Missing conformity paperwork is the most common cause of clearance holds with the national customs authority, so confirm requirements for your HS code before the cargo leaves China.

Which ports and airports handle China shipments to South Korea?

Sea freight to South Korea typically routes through the main commercial seaport, while air freight clears via the primary international airport. We pick the gateway with the best onward delivery time to your final address and price it into the DDP rate.

Inland Delivery Coverage — South Korea

We deliver beyond the arrival gateway. Each city below has its own destination guide covering the gateway it clears through, typical inland transit time and the local customs picture.

Note — these are reference guides, not quotes. The city pages describe routing, gateways and clearance for each destination. They do not carry rate tables. For pricing to any city listed here, use the rate table on this page or ask us for a quote.

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Shipping to South Korea by industry

Rates above are lane rates and apply to general cargo. Packing specification, HS classification and the clearance step that matters are all commodity-specific — these guides cover them industry by industry.

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