

Shipping from China to Peru: A Comprehensive Logistics Guide for Importers

Customers exporting goods from China to Peru typically focus on several key logistics aspects. Here's a detailed breakdown:

I. Shipping Methods & Transit Times

1. Sea Freight vs. Air Freight: How to Choose?

- **Sea Freight:**

- **Main Ports:** China (Shanghai/Ningbo/Shenzhen) → Peru (Port of Callao).
- **Transit Time:** Approximately 25-35 days (direct Pacific routes); transshipment routes may extend to 40-50 days.
- **Cost:** Approx. 1500-3,500 per 20GP container (varies by cargo volume & peak season).

- **Air Freight** (Ideal for **air shipping from China**):

- **Main Airports:** China (PVG/CAN) → Peru (Lima Jorge Chávez International Airport - LIM).
- **Transit Time:** 3-7 days (direct flights or via USA/Europe). Goods are typically loaded into specialized **air cargo containers** (ULDs - Unit Load Devices) for efficient handling in **air international shipping**.
- **Cost:** Approx. 5-8kg (for general cargo); volumetric weight needs careful calculation.

- **Recommendation:** Choose sea freight for bulk shipments; opt for air freight for urgent or high-value goods.

2. Is Rail or Land Transport Feasible?

- Peru and China have no direct land connections. Shipments require sea or air transport.
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II. Customs Clearance & Documentation Requirements

1. Essential Document Checklist:

- Commercial Invoice (must be in Spanish)
- Packing List
- Bill of Lading (for sea freight) or Air Waybill (for air freight)
- **Certificate of Origin (COO):** For China-Peru FTA preferential tariffs, a Form RCEP or China-Peru Free Trade Agreement Certificate is required.
- **Special Documents:**
 - Food/Cosmetics: Sanitary Certificate (SANIPES certification).
 - Electronic Products: Peruvian Telecommunications Certification (MTC).
 - Machinery: INACAL Safety Certification.

2. Goods Under Strict Peruvian Customs Scrutiny:

- Electronics, textiles, food products, pharmaceuticals, used equipment.
 - **Anti-Dumping Duties:** Certain Chinese-made footwear and textiles may face additional taxes.
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III. Customs Duties & Tax Calculation

1. Customs Duty Rates:

- Use the Peruvian Tariff Code (Nomenclatura Arancelaria / NANDINA based on HS Code) to check rates. Average duty is 0%-11% (the China-Peru FTA covers 90% of products

with duty-free access).

- **Value Added Tax (IGV):** 18% (calculated on CIF value + Customs Duty).
- **Surcharges:** Some goods (e.g., luxury items) are subject to Excise Tax (ISC).

2. Leveraging the Free Trade Agreement (FTA):

- Providing a valid Certificate of Origin (Form China-Peru FTA) can grant zero-duty access.
 - **Example:** A machinery product with a standard 10% duty can be reduced to 0% with an FTA certificate.
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IV. Selecting Logistics Partners

1. Key Capability Requirements:

- Familiarity with Latin American shipping routes, especially Peruvian port/airport operations.
- Ability to provide DDP (Delivered Duty Paid) services, including assistance with SANIPES and other certifications.
- Established local customs brokerage network to handle random Peruvian customs inspections (approx. 5% probability).

2. Recommended Service Provider Types:

- **Sea Freight:** Freight forwarders specializing in Latin America with partnerships with carriers like MSC, CMA CGM, COSCO.
 - **Air Freight:** Agents with access to LATAM Cargo, Avianca Cargo, and other key airlines facilitating **air international shipping**.
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V. Packaging & Labeling Requirements

1. Mandatory Labels:

- Product labels in Spanish (ingredients, usage, country of origin).
- Importer's information (Name, Tax ID - RUC).
- Food/Pharmaceuticals: Expiry date, storage conditions.

2. Special Packaging Requirements:

- Wooden packaging requires IPPC fumigation mark.
 - Fragile items need a "FRÁGIL" label and appropriate insurance (rate approx. 0.3% of cargo value).
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VI. Risks & Mitigation Strategies

1. Common Risks:

- **Customs Detention:** Due to incomplete documentation or under-declaration (declared value should be 80%-120% of FOB value).
- **Strike Delays:** Peruvian port unions frequently strike (average 2-3 times a year); a 10-day buffer is advisable.
- **Cargo Damage:** Pacific routes can experience rough seas; "All Risks" insurance is recommended.

2. Mitigation Strategies:

- Opt for logistics solutions that include a Strike Clause.
- For cargo valued over \$100,000, consider splitting Bills of Lading to reduce the risk associated with single-batch inspections.

VII. Sample Logistics Solutions & Costs

Cargo Type	Recommended Solution	Transit Time	Estimated Cost
500kg Apparel	Air Freight (DDP, duties paid)	5 days	\$6/kg + 18% IGV
20 tons Machinery	FCL Sea Freight + Local Customs Clearance	30 days	\$3,200/container + 0% Duty (FTA)
2 tons Foodstuff	LCL Sea Freight + SANIPES Certification	35 days	\$180/CBM + \$500 Certification Fee

Note: Costs for **air shipping from China** and other modes are indicative and subject to change.

VIII. Contact & Resources