

Global Hardware Rollouts

Customs & Delivery Cheat Sheet

Avoid delays. Plan smarter. Move faster.

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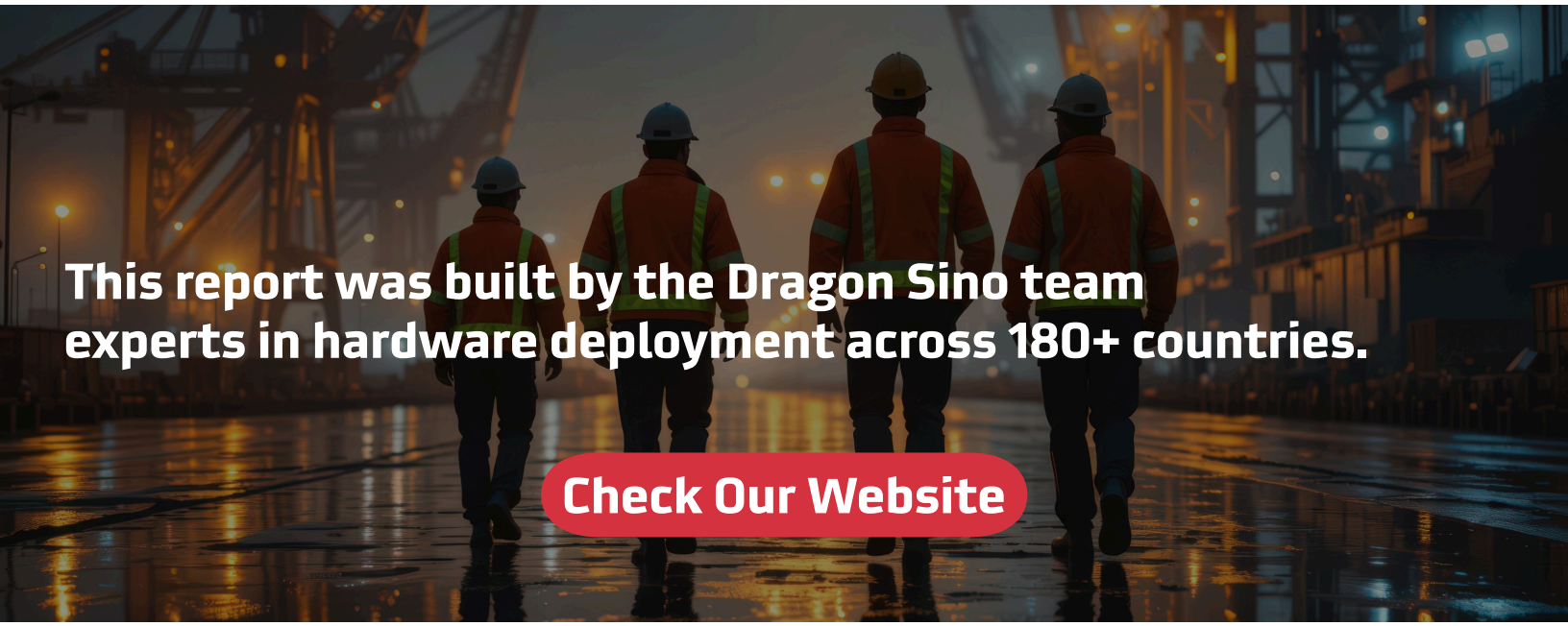
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Delays Stop Your Business in Its Tracks....

Cross-border IT shipping are full of traps. A simple misstep such as a wrong HS code, missing import letter, shipment delay, can kill your entire timeline.

This cheat sheet arms you with practical knowledge on the real customs challenges and delivery timelines across key global regions.

Plan smarter. Move faster. Avoid the painful surprises.



Before you dive in:
Each country summary below includes three key elements:

- **Common Customs Headaches** – The issues that most frequently delay shipments.
- **Insider Tips** – Practical steps to avoid those delays, based on our real-world experience.
- **Typical Delivery Time** – The average time it takes from arrival at the destination airport or port through customs clearance and final mile delivery to your warehouse or install site. This is not just transit time, it is what your team actually waits for once the shipment lands.

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Europe

Country	Customs Headaches	Insider Tip	Typical Delivery Time
UK	Post-Brexit VAT complexity	Use SCDP (Simplified Customs) and pre-register VAT	4–6 days
Germany	Strict labeling/ documentation	Bundle invoices + serial numbers; avoid mixed boxes	5–7 days
Netherlands	Tight port controls	Use AEO-certified logistics to speed up clearance	4–6 days
Belgium	Invoice misalignment delays	Ensure docs match 1:1:1 (invoice, PL, HS code)	4–6 days
France	Language/documentation mismatch	Provide translated documents or EU broker	5–7 days
Spain	Customs undervaluation flags	Be transparent with CIF and attach datasheets	6–8 days
Italy	Random reclassification of goods	Push for binding tariff information (BTI)	6–8 days
Poland	Long port dwell times	Avoid Warsaw for tight deadlines; use road over air	6–9 days
Sweden	Low risk but strict timelines	Use bonded warehousing to preload customs	3–5 days
Switzerland	Border tax disputes	Confirm T1 transit forms are pre-cleared	5–7 days

North America

Country	Customs Headaches	Insider Tip	Typical Delivery Time
USA	High scrutiny on electronics	Register EAR codes if applicable; avoid ambiguous descriptions	5–8 days
Canada	Brokerage bottlenecks	Use courier preclearance and mark low-value goods properly	5–7 days
Mexico	Language + port customs delays	Use in-country broker familiar with import permits	7–10 days

South America

Country	Customs Headaches	Insider Tip	Typical Delivery Time
Brazil	Complex tax structure, port congestion	Use a licensed Importer of Record (IOR); allow buffer for ICMS and IPI taxes	8–14 days
Argentina	High inspection rate for tech goods	Pre-alert invoice and use harmonized labeling; Santiago airport is faster than ports	7–10 days
Chile	Language + port customs delays	Use in-country broker familiar with import permits	7–10 days
Colombia	Frequent valuation disputes	Match declared value to market price and use consistent HS codes	7–12 days
Peru	Sudden changes in import policy	Double-check product category before shipping; expect random inspections	7–11 days

Middle East & Africa

Country	Customs Headaches	Insider Tip	Typical Delivery Time
UAE	High scrutiny on electronics	Register EAR codes if applicable; avoid ambiguous descriptions	5–8 days
Saudi Arabia	Slow IOR processing	Use local agent or distributor as importer	5–8 days
Egypt	Unannounced inspections	Pre-pay duties and use DHL/FedEx for predictable routing	8–12 days
Morocco	Language/document mismatch	Use local customs broker with French/Arabic docs	6–9 days
Kenya	KRA inspection queues	Pre-clear using KEBS & obtain import license early	6–10 days
South Africa	Strikes + customs holdups	Build in 2–3 day buffer and dual-route option	6–9 days
Nigeria	Long clearing & port fees	Always work with bonded terminal + track NAFDAC codes	7–12 days

Asia & Oceania

Country	Customs Headaches	Insider Tip	Typical Delivery Time
India	Red tape + import classification	Get AD code registration and digital IEC in advance	7–12 days
Singapore	Fast but strict declarations	Label shipments as per HS; pre-alert cargo docs	3–4 days

Malaysia	Misdeclared items flagged	List brand/model + declare accurate value	4–6 days
Indonesia	Random inspections	Use TPB warehouse when staging large volumes	6–9 days
Philippines	Delays on partial shipments	Avoid split deliveries; batch and pre-declare	7–10 days
China	Re-export complexity	Use Free Trade Zone (FTZ) + local partner for staging	7–12 days
Japan	English-only docs delay entry	Pre-submit Japanese-translated invoices	4–6 days
Australia	Random inspections	Declare origin + comply with biosecurity controls	4–6 days

The Shortcut: Let Dragon Sino Handle It



You just saw how complex global IT rollouts can get. Customs codes, port delays, import licenses, mis-routing, documentation traps... and that was just 35 countries.

Now imagine not having to think about any of it.

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so you can grow without the chaos.

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