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Emerging Opportunities in Tianjin

Half an hour's train ride from China's capital Beijing, Tianjin is an emerging city of choice for many business and investment activities.

Tianjin's thriving economic zones are well served by a distribution network for goods and materials in North China that is also connected to the hinterlands and the world. Tianjin Harbor boasts 56 docks, 30 international sea routes and trading links to over 300 harbours across 150 countries.

A new airport capable of handling 500,000 tons of cargo will leverage on Tianjin's efficient transport infrastructure to present opportunities for Singapore businesses to tap into.

Goods are allowed to move freely between Tianjin Port Free Trade Zone (FTZ) and foreign countries without limitations on cargo storage time. Tianjin Port FTZ offers round-the-clock customs clearance services and efficient inspection and quarantine processes.

Cargo movement between the seaport, airport and Tianjin Port FTZ have direct delivery connections and clearance rights. The FTZ also allows cargo to enter in bulk and exit in smaller batches or lots.

Customs Regulations

The Chinese government introduced a safety license certification system in 2003 requiring manufacturers, sales outlets, and Chinese importers to obtain the China Compulsory Certification (CCC) mark before importing into or selling in the Chinese market.

Commodities listed in the official commodity catalog cannot leave the factory for sale, be imported into China, or be used in any business operational activities in China without obtaining the CCC mark.

Chinese Customs may hold products failing CCC requirements and impose penalties on the importers or consignees.

There are also special conditions governing certain goods being imported into China.

- Import of animal products and cosmetics must furnish an Animal Quarantine Certification from the official quarantine body of the origin country and are subject to compulsory quarantine inspection.
- All books or publications are to go through either China National Publications Import and Export Corporation or China International Book Trading Corporation for entrustment and Customs clearance processing. There is a fee for this service.
- Films and tapes must be accompanied by an audio/video production importation approval from the ministry of culture.
- All food items must be accompanied by a sanitation certificate from the country of origin's quarantine agency and are subject to quarantine inspection.
- Uncoated paper and paperboard are subject to a Compulsory Quarantine Inspection.
- All wood packaging materials (WPM) should be treated and be stamped with an International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) mark.

Need further information? UPS can advise you on any restrictions or special requirements for shipping to Tianjin.

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UPS has direct flights six times a week from Singapore to Beijing and free bonded truck services from Beijing to Tianjin to serve customers who must clear their shipments in Tianjin.

UPS's free bonded truck service also serves logistical needs between Tianjin Airport and the Tianjin Development Zones and Free Trade Zones.

CCC Scope

Below is an abbreviated list of the 135 types of commodities that need certification:

- Household and similar electrical appliances
- Audio and video equipment
- IT products
- Electric tools
- Motor vehicles and tyres
- Agricultural machine products
- Medical Devices
- Security and Protection Products
- Wireless Local area network
- Toy products
- Cable and wire
- Decoration materials

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