

# Air Freight from China to Kiffa

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China → Kiffa · via NKC air / Nouakchott sea · clearance by Direction Générale des Douanes de Mauritanie



Cargo handling on the China-Kiffa lane.

For buyers shipping into Kiffa, the practical question is not the ocean or flight time but what happens after arrival. Kiffa is interior regional center; cargo enters through NKC air / Nouakchott sea, and allow +2 days for the inland leg on top of clearance.

The clearing authority is Direction Générale des Douanes de Mauritanie. Historical dwell on this gateway is around 7-15 days, and it lengthens in Sep-Nov.

## What you will pay on arrival in Mauritania

Direction Générale des Douanes de Mauritanie assesses duty and tax on cargo arriving for Kiffa consignees. Current regime: VAT 16%; duty 0-20%, plus statistical fee, with a de-minimis position of No practical de-minimis for commercial cargo.

Conformity is the part most first-time importers underestimate: Certificate of conformity for regulated goods; import declaration through the customs single window. Getting this wrong is expensive because it usually cannot be fixed after the cargo has landed.

**Restrictions and known friction points for Mauritania:** Transshipment dependency means feeder scheduling drives transit. Mining-sector project cargo may qualify for exemption tied to the concession. Confirm the consignee's import registration.

## Routing and transit on this lane

Nouakchott's Port de l'Amitié handles most general cargo, with Nouadhibou serving the mining and fishing sectors. Asian cargo generally transships through Las Palmas, Algeciras or Casablanca, so feeder frequency rather than mainline transit determines the arrival window.

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| Air gateways used             | NKC (Nouakchott Oumtounsy) |
| Air transit, China to gateway | 6-9 business days          |
| Gateway serving Kiffa         | NKC air / Nouakchott sea   |
| Inland leg to Kiffa           | +2 days from the gateway   |
| Typical clearance / dwell     | 7-15 days                  |
| Peak season to plan around    | Sep-Nov                    |



Handling on the NKC air / Nouakchott sea routing serving Kiffa.

## Pre-shipment checklist for Kiffa

- Photograph carton markings and seal numbers before departure — it makes any claim far easier to settle.
- Put the Kiffa delivery address, contact name and phone number on the invoice, not just the packing list.
- Ask for the HS code in writing from your supplier and verify the Mauritania duty rate against it yourself.
- Book earlier than the transit time suggests during Sep–Nov, when space on this lane tightens.
- Compare gross weight against volumetric weight ( $L \times W \times H \div 6000$ ) — the higher figure is what gets billed on air and express.
- Budget for the inland leg: +2 days beyond gateway clearance to reach Kiffa.

## Frequently asked questions

How long does shipping from China to Kiffa take?

China to the Mauritania gateway is 6–9 business days. On top of that, allow 7–15 days of clearance with Direction Générale des Douanes de Mauritanie and a +2 days inland leg to Kiffa.

What duty and tax will I pay importing into Kiffa?

Direction Générale des Douanes de Mauritanie applies: VAT 16%; duty 0–20%, plus statistical fee. The de-minimis position is No practical de-minimis for commercial cargo. Under a DDP arrangement these are pre-paid, so nothing is collected on arrival in Kiffa.

Which port or airport does cargo for Kiffa clear through?

Cargo for Kiffa is routed via NKC air / Nouakchott sea. Sea gateways for Mauritania are Nouakchott (Port de l'Amitié), Nouadhibou; air gateways are NKC (Nouakchott Oumtounsy). We pick whichever gives the shortest total door time for your address.

What documents does Direction Générale des Douanes de Mauritanie require?

A commercial invoice with HS codes, a packing list, the bill of lading or air waybill, a certificate of origin where it lowers duty, and any product certification (Certificate of conformity for regulated goods; import declaration through the customs single window). We prepare and file these as part of the service.

How is the chargeable weight calculated for Kiffa?

We compare actual gross weight against volumetric weight — length × width × height in centimeters divided by 6000 for air — and bill the greater of the two, rounded up to the next kilogram. Light, bulky cargo is almost always billed on volume.

Can you ship batteries or sensitive cargo to Kiffa?

Yes. Battery cargo by air follows IATA PI 965–970 depending on how the cells are packed, and moves on certified channels via NKC (Nouakchott Oumtounsy). Surcharges apply and the declaration has to be made before booking.

## Other delivery cities in Mauritania

- [China to Nouakchott](#)
- [China to Nouadhibou](#)
- [China to Rosso](#)

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## References & official sources

Duty rates, thresholds and conformity requirements for Mauritania 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 Direction Générale des Douanes de Mauritanie or your broker before you ship.

- [Direction Générale des Douanes](#)
- [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.

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## Checking the Mauritania duty position yourself

Duty and tax figures on this page are planning estimates. The binding assessment is made by Direction Générale des Douanes de Mauritanie against your declared HS code at the time of entry; where the amount is material, verify the current rate through [ITC](#)

[Market Access Map](#) before committing to an order.

Most landed-cost surprises trace back to classification rather than freight. [the WCO Harmonized System](#) defines the heading structure every customs administration builds on, and [ITC Market Access Map](#) will show you the duty a given heading attracts in this destination.

On the air side, anything with a cell or a battery in it, plus liquids, powders, magnets and aerosols, is governed by [the IATA Dangerous Goods Regulations](#). Those articles are not refused outright, but they need to be declared at booking so the shipment is built correctly — declaring them late is the single most common cause of an air consignment being offloaded.

## Watch: the process behind this route

This guide covers routing and clearance for Kiffa. The video below covers the wider shipping process that sits around it.

4 Key Stages to US Customs Clearance — USA Customs Clearance. Published on YouTube by a third party; we link it because it explains the process well, not because we produced it or endorse the provider.

## Get a rate for Kiffa

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 →](#)

## Freight Rates to Mauritania

✚ 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

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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.

China to Kiffa Air Freight: Rates, Transit and Clearance

Moving cargo to Kiffa by air freight — 6–9 business days transit, 7–15 days port dwell, duty assessed by Direction Générale des Douanes de Mauritanie.

## Get a Quote

Send the cargo details and we respond within one business day with a full DDP figure for Kiffa.

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## Customs clearance in Mauritania

Duty and tax position, certification, typical port dwell and what actually holds shipments at this border — plus who files the entry.

[Mauritania clearance requirements](#) →