

Shipping 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 the routing looks like in practice

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.

Air gateways used	NKC (Nouakchott Oumtounsy)
Air transit, China to gateway	6–9 business days
Sea gateways used	Nouakchott (Port de l'Amitié), Nouadhibou
Sea transit, China to gateway	28–38 calendar 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

Duty, tax and clearance into Kiffa

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.



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

Air, sea or overland into Kiffa?

Mode	Transit to gateway	Best suited to
→ Air Freight	6–9 business days	time-critical, high-value and low-volume cargo
☐ Sea Freight	28–38 calendar days	volume cargo where cost per kilo matters more than speed

Transit shown is China departure to the Mauritania gateway and excludes the +2 days inland leg to Kiffa and 7–15 days of clearance.

What to sort out before the cargo leaves China

- Photograph carton markings and seal numbers before departure — it makes any claim far easier to settle.
- Compare gross weight against volumetric weight ($L \times W \times H \div 6000$) — the higher figure is what gets billed on air and express.
- Check the de-minimis position (No practical de-minimis for commercial cargo) against your invoice value before you decide how to split the shipment.
- Use ISPM-15 treated pallets. Untreated wood is the most common reason otherwise-clean cargo gets held.
- Get the conformity paperwork moving early: Certificate of conformity for regulated goods; import declaration through the customs single window.
- Confirm the consignee in Kiffa can act as importer of record — Direction Générale des Douanes de Mauritanie will not release cargo to an unregistered party.

Mode guides for Kiffa

- [➔ Air Freight to Kiffa](#)
- [🚢 Sea Freight to Kiffa](#)

Frequently asked questions

How long does shipping from China to Kiffa take?

China to the Mauritania gateway is 6–9 business days by air, 28–38 calendar days by sea. 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.

Can you deliver door-to-door in Kiffa?

Yes. Delivery to a Kiffa address is quoted as one figure covering freight, duty and tax owed to Direction Générale des Douanes de Mauritanie, and the +2 days inland leg. Confirm whether your consignee wants the goods at a warehouse, a marketplace fulfillment center or a shop front, because the last-mile requirement differs.

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.

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.

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.

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.

For ocean cargo, restricted commodities move under [the IMO's IMDG Code](#), and the container has to be declared and stowed accordingly. Batteries, flammables and corrosives all have a compliant ocean path; what causes rolled bookings is finding out about them after the container is packed.

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.

Sea Freight Shipping Process for Beginners: Complete Factory-to-Door Guide (Every Step Explained) — Vixnk - English. 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.

Shipping from China to Kiffa, Mauritania: Cost & Transit

Shipping to Kiffa: gateway NKC air / Nouakchott sea, +2 days inland after release, duty assessed by Direction Générale des Douanes de Mauritanie. Transit, documents and restrictions.

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 →](#)