

Air Freight from China to Nouadhibou

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



Cargo handling on the China–Nouadhibou lane.

We move air freight cargo from South China into Nouadhibou through NKC air / Nouadhibou sea. Nouadhibou is northern mining and fishing port, which shapes the kind of cargo that moves on this lane and how it should be packed.

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.

Import duty and tax position for Nouadhibou

Imports into Mauritania are cleared by Direction Générale des Douanes de Mauritanie. The headline position is: VAT 16%; duty 0–20%, plus statistical fee. The de-minimis threshold is 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.

Air gateways used	NKC (Nouakchott Oumtounsy)
Air transit, China to gateway	6-9 business days
Gateway serving Nouadhibou	NKC air / Nouadhibou sea
Inland leg to Nouadhibou	+1 day from the gateway
Typical clearance / dwell	7-15 days
Peak season to plan around	Sep-Nov



Handling on the NKC air / Nouadhibou sea routing serving Nouadhibou.

Before you book: Nouadhibou checklist

- Confirm the consignee in Nouadhibou can act as importer of record — Direction Générale des Douanes de Mauritanie will not release cargo to an unregistered party.
- Get the conformity paperwork moving early: Certificate of conformity for regulated goods; import declaration through the customs single window.
- Check the de-minimis position (No practical de-minimis for commercial cargo) against your invoice value before you decide how to split the shipment.
- Book earlier than the transit time suggests during Sep–Nov, when space on this lane tightens.
- Photograph carton markings and seal numbers before departure — it makes any claim far easier to settle.
- Put the Nouadhibou delivery address, contact name and phone number on the invoice, not just the packing list.

Frequently asked questions

How long does shipping from China to Nouadhibou 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 +1 day inland leg to Nouadhibou.

What duty and tax will I pay importing into Nouadhibou?

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 Nouadhibou.

Can you ship batteries or sensitive cargo to Nouadhibou?

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.

Can you deliver door-to-door in Nouadhibou?

Yes. Delivery to a Nouadhibou address is quoted as one figure covering freight, duty and tax owed to Direction Générale des Douanes de Mauritanie, and the +1 day 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.

Which port or airport does cargo for Nouadhibou clear through?

Cargo for Nouadhibou is routed via NKC air / Nouadhibou 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.

Other delivery cities in Mauritania

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

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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.

Classification drives everything downstream: the same carton can attract very different duty depending on the heading it lands in, and the structure those headings come from is [the World Customs Organization Harmonized System](#). If your product sits near a boundary between two headings, resolve it before shipping rather than at the border.

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 Nouadhibou. The video below covers the wider shipping process that sits around it.

How to Check Import Tariffs for Any Country | HS Code Lookup Tutorial 2026 — 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 Nouadhibou

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.

Nouadhibou Air Freight, Mauritania: Cost, Transit & Customs

Air Freight to Nouadhibou: 6–9 business days in transit, cleared by Direction Générale des Douanes de Mauritanie, +1 day to the door. What the rate covers and what it does not.

Get a Quote

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

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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.

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