

Shipping from China to Nouadhibou

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Cargo handling on the China–Nouadhibou lane.

Freight from China into Nouadhibou clears through NKC air / Nouadhibou sea. Nouadhibou is northern mining and fishing port, and allow +1 day 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.

Duty, tax and clearance into 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
Sea gateways used	Nouakchott (Port de l'Amitié), Nouadhibou
Sea transit, China to gateway	28-38 calendar 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.

Pre-shipment checklist for Nouadhibou

- 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.
- Put the Nouadhibou delivery address, contact name and phone number on the invoice, not just the packing list.
- Get the conformity paperwork moving early: Certificate of conformity for regulated goods; import declaration through the customs single window.
- Budget for the inland leg: +1 day beyond gateway clearance to reach Nouadhibou.
- Compare gross weight against volumetric weight (L×W×H ÷ 6000) — the higher figure is what gets billed on air and express.
- Plan around the China-side windows too: Chinese New Year and Golden Week both compress capacity on the Mauritania lane.

Air, sea or overland into Nouadhibou?

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 +1 day inland leg to Nouadhibou and 7-15 days of clearance.

Mode guides for Nouadhibou

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

Frequently asked questions

How long does shipping from China to Nouadhibou 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 +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.

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.

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.

When is the busiest time on the China–Mauritania lane?

Space and rates tighten around Sep–Nov, plus the China-side windows of Chinese New Year in January or February and Golden Week in early October. Book one to two weeks earlier in those periods.

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.

Other delivery cities in Mauritania

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

[All Mauritania freight information →](#)

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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- [Garden Products Furniture & Home Products](#)
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- [E-commerce Fulfilment E-commerce & Retail Channels](#)
- [Bearings Metal Products & Industrial Components](#)

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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.

If you want to sanity-check a duty figure yourself, start from the heading rather than the product name — [the WCO Harmonized System](#) is the underlying nomenclature, and [the WTO Tariff & Trade Data portal](#) holds the applied rates by country pair.

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.

On the origin side, export declaration and any commodity inspection requirement fall under [China Customs \(GACC\)](#); we handle that filing as part of the service, but the requirement is theirs, not ours.

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.

Marine Insurance Explained - Understand the Cargo Insurance You're Getting — ABTS®. 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, Mauritania Import Freight: Gateway, Duty & Time

What it takes to land cargo in Nouadhibou, Mauritania — NKC air / Nouadhibou sea gateway, Direction Générale des Douanes de Mauritanie clearance, +1 day onward. Sea and air both covered.

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.

[Mauritania clearance requirements →](#)