

Sea 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.

For buyers shipping into Nouadhibou, the practical question is not the ocean or flight time but what happens after arrival.

Nouadhibou is northern mining and fishing port; cargo enters through NKC air / Nouadhibou sea, and allow +1 day for the inland leg on top of clearance.

On the destination side, Direction Générale des Douanes de Mauritanie handles clearance; budget 7–15 days of dwell before the cargo is released.

Import duty and tax position for Nouadhibou

Direction Générale des Douanes de Mauritanie assesses duty and tax on cargo arriving for Nouadhibou 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.

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.

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.

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.
- 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.
- Ask for the HS code in writing from your supplier and verify the Mauritania duty rate against it yourself.
- 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.

Frequently asked questions

How long does shipping from China to Nouadhibou take?

China to the Mauritania gateway is 28–38 calendar 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.

What certification do I need for Mauritania?

For regulated goods, plan for: Certificate of conformity for regulated goods; import declaration through the customs single window. Missing conformity paperwork is the single most common cause of a hold, and in most cases it cannot be remedied once the cargo has arrived.

How is the chargeable weight calculated for Nouadhibou?

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.

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 sea moves under UN3480/UN3481 with an MSDS, and the dangerous-goods documentation is prepared as part of the booking into Nouakchott (Port de l'Amitié), Nouadhibou. Surcharges apply and space is more limited than for general cargo.

Other delivery cities in Mauritania

- [China to Nouakchott](#)
- [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.

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.

[LCL vs FCL | Difference Between Full Container Load & Less than Container Load | Which is better ? — 10 Min For Supply Chain.](#)

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.

Sea Freight to Nouadhibou, Mauritania: Transit Time, Duty & Clearance

Sea Freight from China to Nouadhibou, Mauritania. Transit 28-38 calendar days to the gateway, 7-15 days dwell, +1 day inland.

Duty, documents and packing.

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](#) →