

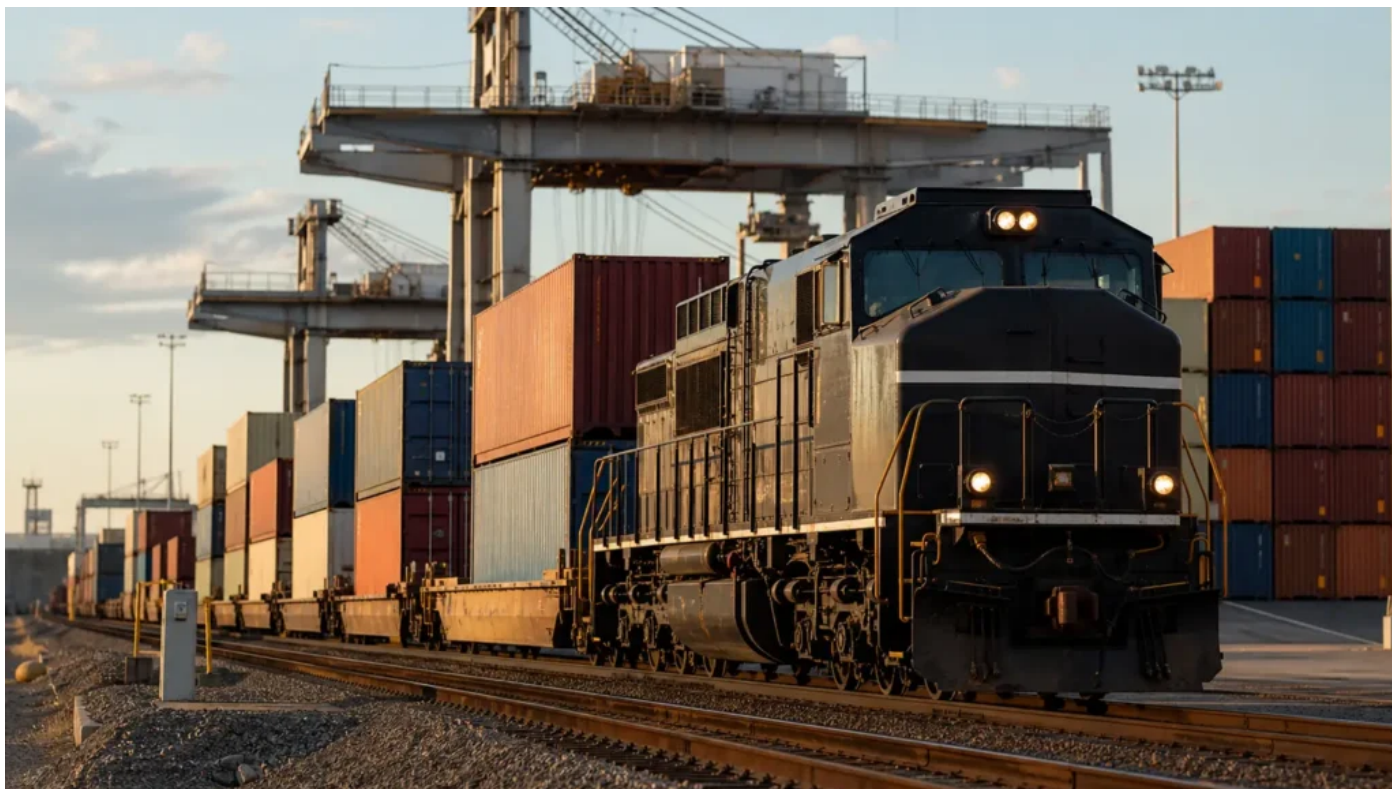
Sea Freight from China to Nouakchott

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



Cargo handling on the China-Nouakchott lane.

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

Nouakchott is capital and the main port; cargo enters through NKC air / Nouakchott sea, and the inland leg is same-day, so the clearance date is effectively the delivery date.

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

Duty, tax and clearance into Nouakchott

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

How this lane actually runs

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 Nouakchott	NKC air / Nouakchott sea
Inland leg to Nouakchott	Same day 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 Nouakchott.

Before you book: Nouakchott checklist

- Confirm the consignee in Nouakchott can act as importer of record — Direction Générale des Douanes de Mauritanie will not release cargo to an unregistered party.
- 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.
- Photograph carton markings and seal numbers before departure — it makes any claim far easier to settle.
- Put the Nouakchott delivery address, contact name and phone number on the invoice, not just the packing list.
- Compare gross weight against volumetric weight ($L \times W \times H \div 6000$) — the higher figure is what gets billed on air and express.

Frequently asked questions

How long does shipping from China to Nouakchott 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 same-day inland leg to Nouakchott.

What duty and tax will I pay importing into Nouakchott?

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 Nouakchott.

Which port or airport does cargo for Nouakchott clear through?

Cargo for Nouakchott 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.

Can you ship batteries or sensitive cargo to Nouakchott?

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.

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.

Can you deliver door-to-door in Nouakchott?

Yes. Delivery to a Nouakchott address is quoted as one figure covering freight, duty and tax owed to Direction Générale des Douanes de Mauritanie, and the same-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 Nouadhibou](#)
- [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.

- [Medical Consumables Medical, Laboratory & Precision Instruments](#)
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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.

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 Nouakchott. 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 Nouakchott

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 Nouakchott, Mauritania: Transit Time, Duty & Clearance

Sea Freight from China to Nouakchott, Mauritania. Transit 28–38 calendar days to the gateway, 7–15 days dwell, same 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 Nouakchott.

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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](#) →