

Shipping from China to Rosso

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



Cargo handling on the China-Rosso lane.

We move freight cargo from South China into Rosso through NKC air / Nouakchott sea. Rosso is southern river border town, which shapes the kind of cargo that moves on this lane and how it should be packed.

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 Rosso

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.

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.

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 Rosso	NKC air / Nouakchott sea
Inland leg to Rosso	+1 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 Rosso.

Before you book: Rosso checklist

- 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 Rosso delivery address, contact name and phone number on the invoice, not just the packing list.
- 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.
- 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 Rosso?

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 Rosso and 7-15 days of clearance.

Mode guides for Rosso

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

Frequently asked questions

How long does shipping from China to Rosso 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 Rosso.

What duty and tax will I pay importing into Rosso?

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 Rosso.

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.

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 ship batteries or sensitive cargo to Rosso?

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 Rosso?

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.

Other delivery cities in Mauritania

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

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

Sea Freight from China: How to import from China to your country via Ocean Shipping — SINO Shipping. 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 Rosso

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.

Rosso, Mauritania Freight from China: Transit & Customs

Cargo from China to Rosso, Mauritania clears through NKC air / Nouakchott sea. Direction Générale des Douanes de Mauritanie assesses duty and tax; the inland leg adds +1 day.

Get a Quote

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

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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 →](#)