

Mauritania Country Guide

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Used Household Goods and Personal Effects

Documents Required

- Copy of passport
- Packing list
- Original bill of lading (OBL) - or express release / air waybill (AWB)
- Original valued inventory in French, dated, and signed by the owner of the goods
- Invoice for all electrical items less than 6 months old
- Resident permit / letter from employer / diplomatic card
- Non-sale certificate (must state that client will not sell personal effects in Mauritania)

Specific Information

- Used household goods may be imported duty free.
- All containers may be checked by Customs (including diplomatic shipments).
- The OBL must be accurate and declare all import items.

Motor Vehicles

Documents Required

- Original registration card
- Insurance certificate
- Change of residence certificate
- Copy of passport

Specific Information

- Vehicles older than 8 years cannot be imported.
- Import taxes depend on the age of the vehicle as outlined:
 - New vehicle: 78% of the car value
 - Used vehicle: 50% of the car value
 - Duty free for diplomatic vehicles or temporary admission.
- Chassis number, engine number, and weight of the vehicle must be stated on the OBL.
- Documents must be received by agent 1 week prior to importation.

Pets

Documents Required

- Rabies vaccination certificate
- Health certificate

Specific Information

- Rabies vaccination certificate and health certificate are required from the country or origin.
- Dogs and cats of less than 3 months old are exempt from sanitary regulation requirements.

Restricted/Dutiable Items

- Sporting guns may be temporarily admitted (authorization from the Home Ministry prior to arrival is required in addition to gun and import licenses).
- The following items may be imported duty free with the limits indicated:
 - Cigarettes (200), cigars (25), tobacco (1 lb.)
 - Perfume (50 grams), eau-de-cologne (1/4 liter)

Prohibited Items

- Alcoholic beverages
- Pork and pork products

Consignment Instructions

Recommended: Contact agent to ensure all requirements have been met prior to import, especially for differences regarding air / sea shipments.

Cultural and Other Information

CIA World Factbook

Wikipedia Entry for Mauritania