



# Importing Personal Property Into

## Mauritania

### IMPORTING HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS

#### **DUTY-FREE ENTRY IS PERMITTED IF THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS ARE MET:**

- Household goods are used
- Items are accompanied by a Duty Free Exemption Certificate (when applicable)

#### **REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:**

- ✓ Packing list
- ✓ Copy of Valid Passport
- ✓ Original rated Bill of Lading/AWB (no express release accepted)
- ✓ Invoices for the electrical and hi fi appliances and for all items bought less than 6 months before the shipment's arrival
- ✓ Resident or working permit or letter from the employer explaining that the client is starting a new contract
- ✓ Non sale certificate (declaration on the honor that the client will not sell the household goods)

#### **Notes:**

- All containers are subject to a search by customs officials. Be very careful when listing the number of parcels on the OBL to insure an accurate count. Otherwise the customs will assume the shipper has made a fake declaration and will fine him or her.

#### **RESTRICTED/PROHIBITED ITEMS:**

- Firearms and ammunition
- Illegal Drugs
- Alcohol

#### **IMPORTING MOTOR VEHICLES:**

- Import taxes depend on the age of the vehicle
- Customs may decide the value of the vehicle themselves if they believe the listed value is fake (they tend to give higher than average values to old vehicles).
- Diplomats may import vehicles duty free
- All documents should be submitted to the destination agent at least 1 month prior to shipment's arrival to avoid long delays and demurrage and storage charges.

#### **REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:**

- Original Registration Card
- Copy of Passport
- Original Invoice (new car)
- Original OBL/Original AWB
- Resident or working permit or letter from the employer explaining that the client is starting a new contract
- Non Sale Certificate

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