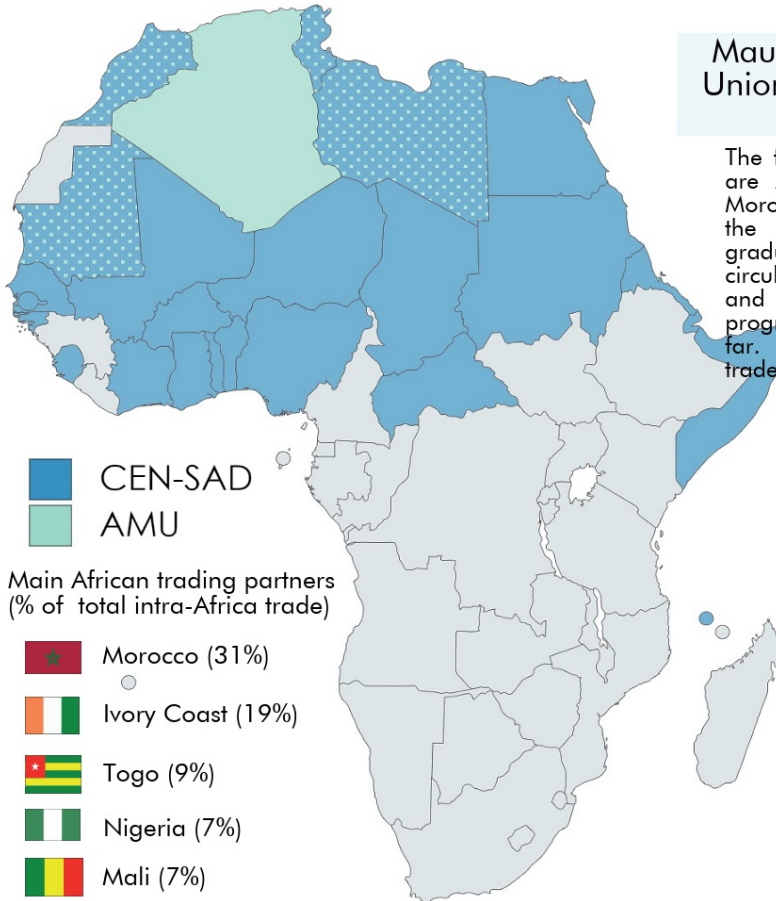
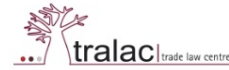


Mauritania



Intra-Africa trade and tariff profile 2018



Mauritania is a member of both the Arab Maghreb Union (AMU) and The Community of Sahel-Saharan States (CEN-SAD).

The five member states of AMU are Algeria, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco and Tunisia. Although the AMU Treaty calls for a gradual move toward free circulation of goods, services, and factors of production no progress has been made thus far. Currently there is no free trade agreement in place.

CEN-SAD currently has 24 member states. In 2013 a revised CEN-SAD Treaty was approved, but is yet to be ratified by the prerequisite quorum required for entry into force. Consequently there is currently no free trade agreement in place.

10% of total trade is intra-Africa

Intra-Africa exports: 11% of world exports

Ivory Coast (40%)	Togo (19%)
Nigeria (15%)	Mali (5%)

Intra-Africa imports: 9% of world imports

Morocco (56%)	Senegal (9%)
Algeria (9%)	Mali (8%)

Although Mauritania is part of two RECS, AMU and CEN-SAD, neither of these RECs currently have free trade arrangements in place.

- Seven of Mauritania's main African destination markets are also members of CEN-SAD. Main destination markets outside CEN-SAD are Cameroon (4% of intra-Africa trade), South Africa (2%) and Equatorial Guinea (2%).
- Eight of the main African source markets are either members of CEN-SAD (Senegal, Mali, Egypt, Togo and Ivory Coast), AMU (Algeria) or both (Morocco and Tunisia). South Africa (4% of intra-Africa imports) and eSwatini (2%) are the only two main source markets outside AMU and CEN-SAD.

94% of intra-Africa exports are **FROZEN SALMONIDAE**. 42% of which are to Ivory Coast, 20% to Togo and 15% to Nigeria.

Frozen Salmonidae exports as a % of total exports to specific destination markets



71% of exports to  are frozen sardines

Main export products

Frozen fish (97%)

Fish flours and meals (1%)

Gypsum and anhydrite (1%)

Fish, fresh or chilled (0.4%)

Live animals (0.3%)

Other (1%)



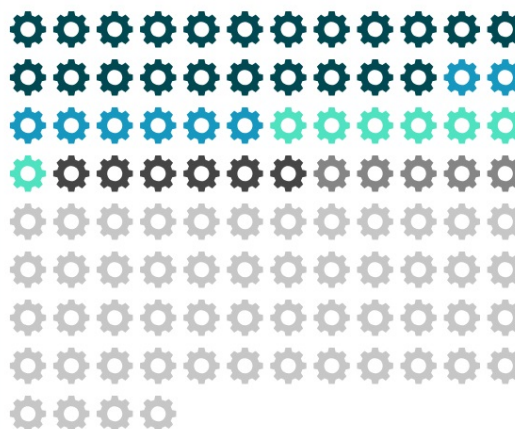
Intra-Africa tariffs

All goods imported into Mauritania from other African countries are levied the MFN applied tariff which has four tariff bands – duty-free, 5%, 13% and 20%. At national tariff line level (HS10) Mauritania has 5499 tariff lines; the majority of which are 20% tariffs (40% of the tariff lines). 39% of the tariff lines have 5% import duties, while 17% of the tariff lines have 13% import duties. Only 4% of the tariff lines are duty-free.

Of the top 20 import products only 5 tariff lines are duty-free. These products are diesel for the fishing or bunkering industry, medicaments, oilcake, cereal residues and containers made from iron or steel used for compressed or liquefied gas.

- Of the products mainly imported by Mauritania from other African countries, most are levied a 5% tariff, including other vegetables, cement clinkers, helicopters, prepared explosives, certain diesel goods vehicles, dates and refined sugar in granules or powder.
- A limited number of the top import products are levied a 13% import duty.
- A 20% tariff is applicable to certain refined sugars, medium oils and preparations and diesel goods vehicles; plastic tanks with a capacity greater than 300 litres; insulated coaxial cable and milk and cream with a fat content greater than 1%, but less than 6%.

Main import products








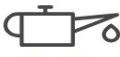




African imports are levied MFN applied duties












Builders' ware of plastics, n.e.s. (22%) | Other vegetables (8%)

Sugar in solid form (7%) | Medicaments (6%) | Cement (5%) | Other (52%)

Highest MFN applied duties

-  Lamp oil (20%)
-  Other refined sugar (20%)
-  Diesel vans with gross weight of greater or equal to 5 tons (20%)
-  Plastic tanks with a capacity greater than 300 litres (20%)
-  Insulated coaxial cable (20%)
-  Milk and cream of a fat content by weight of > 1% but <= 6% (20%)
-  Hydraulic brake fluids (13%)
-  Soya bean oil (13%)
-  Animal feed preparations (13%)
-  Data-processing machines (13%)

Lowest MFN applied duties

-  Refined sugar granules, powder or crystallised (5%)
-  New diesel vehicles with load capacity < 5 tons (5%)
-  Fresh or chilled vegetables n.e.s. (5%)
-  Cement clinkers (5%)
-  Prepared explosives (5%)
-  Medicaments (duty-free)
-  Bran, sharps and other residues of cereals (duty-free)
-  Oilcake (duty-free)
-  Diesel for the bunkering or fishing industry (duty-free)
-  Active yeasts (duty-free)
-  Containers of iron or steel for compressed or liquefied gas (duty-free)