

Country Snapshot

The Economic Department



Mauritania

General Information

Capital:	Nouakchott	Global Competitiveness Index Ranking (Out of 140):	131
Population (m):	4	Corruption Perceptions Index Ranking: (Out of 180):	143
Local Currency:	Mauritanian ouguiya	Ease of Doing Business Ranking (Out of 190):	148
Exchange Rate (LCU:US\$) :	35.8	Economic Freedom Ranking (Out of 180):	134
Head of State:	President – Mohamed Ould Abdel Azi:	Enabling Trade Ranking (Out of 136):	131
	Prime Minister – Mohamed Salem Ould Béchirb		

Recent Economic Indicators	2016	2017	2018	2019
Real GDP Growth (% change YOY)	1.8	3.5	2.5	5.2
GDP (Bn\$) (market prices)	5	5	5	5
GDP per capita (\$) (PPP)	4,320	4,452	4,564	4,798
Export of Goods (Bn\$)	1.4	1.7	1.9	1.9
Import of Goods (Bn\$)	1.9	2.1	2.4	2.5
Inflation (Av)	2.8	1.2	4.1	3.9

Principal Export Destinations

China 31.2%, Switzerland 14.4%, Spain 10.1%, Germany 8.2%, Japan 8.1%

Principal Import Destinations

Belgium 11.5%, UAE 11.3%, US 9.2%, China 7.5%, France 7.4%, Netherlands 6.1%, Morocco 6%, Slovenia 4.8%, Vanuatu 4.7%, Spain 4.7%

Principal Export Commodities

iron ore, fish and fish products, livestock, gold, copper, crude oil

Principal Import Commodities

machinery and equipment, petroleum products, capital goods, foodstuffs, consumer goods

The most problematic factors for exporting to Mauritania *

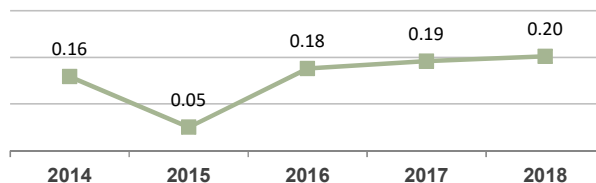
- 1 Tariffs and non-tariff barriers
- 2 High cost or delays caused by domestic transportation
- 3 Corruption at the border
- 4 High cost or delays caused by international transportation
- 5 Burdensome import procedures

Israel's Goods Trade Relations with Mauritania **

	M\$	% Change
Export	-	
Import	0.20	5%

No export to Mauritania

Israel's Import from Mauritania



The Main Sectors of Goods Trade between Israel and Mauritania **

No export to Mauritania

Sector	Import		
	M\$	% Share	% Change
Fish	0.171	85%	111%
Apparel, Knit Or Crochet	0.013	7%	-41%
Animal Or Vegetable Fats	0.007	3%	0%
Apparel, Not Knit	0.006	2%	-88%

* World Economic Forum, Executive Opinion Survey

** Excluding Diamonds

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