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*The following table is an overview of the tradeflow between the European Union and Mauritania*

Section	Year	Import(Euro)	Export(Euro)
Animals & animal products	1996	56,593,720	16,626,040
	1997	72,953,290	21,874,500
	1998	78,898,390	20,726,090
	1999	77,094,810	14,298,470
	2000	91,732,130	15,477,040
	2001	122,089,990	20,296,370
	2002	119,171,200	23,303,240
	2003	105,929,310	18,261,720
Vegetable products	1996	459,520	33,537,130
	1997	313,760	42,420,580
	1998	118,730	43,755,200
	1999	12,970	36,142,090
	2000	175,090	36,253,260
	2001	183,600	41,097,600
	2002	465,650	36,396,470
	2003	411,760	43,991,950
Animal or vegetable fats	1996	14,850	4,903,490
	1997	0	9,574,820
	1998	0	9,096,250
	1999	0	17,291,310
	2000	0	9,100,840
	2001	0	11,879,680
	2002	1,330	22,021,350
	2003	950	10,679,420
Prepared foodstuffs	1996	2,516,830	25,037,450
	1997	803,250	29,747,020
	1998	2,037,790	44,885,680
	1999	1,795,680	39,454,530
	2000	816,080	42,522,950
	2001	68,550	63,138,790
	2002	671,590	43,263,890
	2003	413,370	49,552,840
Mineral products	1996	199,216,790	25,310,370
	1997	238,804,960	21,954,580
	1998	218,073,910	12,808,110
	1999	230,608,740	8,919,090
	2000	248,860,280	46,556,700
	2001	225,337,430	30,777,700
	2002	216,319,370	34,160,930
	2003	176,669,220	39,816,370

<b>Chemical products</b>	1996	5,840	13,989,730
	1997	49,420	17,898,530
	1998	1,190	18,336,330
	1999	80,080	18,735,190
	2000	2,680	20,918,090
	2001	536,560	21,569,610
	2002	269,210	25,033,060
	2003	564,570	23,617,800
<b>Plastics &amp; rubber</b>	1996	40,930	7,637,050
	1997	143,620	8,461,010
	1998	12,680	8,757,290
	1999	9,140	9,343,670
	2000	0	11,322,560
	2001	25,370	10,847,760
	2002	1,620	11,334,810
	2003	68,460	12,483,730
<b>Hides &amp; skins</b>	1996	693,690	473,480
	1997	753,180	557,150
	1998	788,590	477,570
	1999	434,010	597,100
	2000	329,450	707,780
	2001	460,850	773,810
	2002	663,080	686,560
	2003	617,110	868,950
<b>Wood &amp; wood products</b>	1996	24,230	290,440
	1997	23,650	563,230
	1998	3,760	423,350
	1999	54,010	356,950
	2000	65,860	1,353,180
	2001	220	282,370
	2002	2,700	533,130
	2003	9,870	365,950
<b>Wood pulp products</b>	1996	20,760	3,629,260
	1997	250	6,778,490
	1998	10,010	5,146,010
	1999	17,470	4,242,000
	2000	2,520	6,949,490
	2001	24,290	8,016,690
	2002	1,470	10,585,860
	2003	23,820	10,206,420
<b>Textiles &amp; textile articles</b>	1996	820,620	9,070,110
	1997	1,345,420	9,950,070
	1998	321,920	8,020,650
	1999	534,150	8,948,600
	2000	688,830	11,290,700
	2001	1,271,290	10,208,740
	2002	887,040	11,012,700
	2003	542,780	9,599,380
<b>Footwear, headgear</b>	1996	0	2,026,010
	1997	1,850	2,343,490
	1998	0	1,844,740
	1999	2,330	1,705,880
	2000	6,060	1,815,080
	2001	710	2,506,240
	2002	0	1,893,540
	2003	21,820	1,552,530
<b>Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos</b>	1996	0	3,879,150
	1997	0	3,744,160
	1998	0	2,944,860
	1999	16,580	3,111,450
	2000	0	3,263,850

	2001	30,090	4,309,250
	2002	14,870	5,132,820
	2003	293,970	4,747,250
<b>Pearls, (semi-)precious stones, metals</b>	1996	2,800	46,330
	1997	5,000	76,890
	1998	270	141,390
	1999	61,040	300,350
	2000	164,170	357,610
	2001	432,580	233,470
	2002	1,464,590	382,660
	2003	141,100	230,890
<b>Base metals &amp; articles thereof</b>	1996	108,340	11,446,930
	1997	343,590	14,344,480
	1998	601,260	14,120,650
	1999	265,770	15,229,740
	2000	495,710	18,736,540
	2001	944,200	24,395,830
	2002	456,810	18,655,740
	2003	710,560	28,274,200
<b>Machinery &amp; mechanical appliances</b>	1996	392,880	39,644,170
	1997	492,020	43,869,330
	1998	1,324,380	46,931,810
	1999	265,790	55,825,810
	2000	563,730	72,075,040
	2001	932,400	73,078,030
	2002	1,808,650	92,913,580
	2003	1,605,080	68,316,710
<b>Transportation equipment</b>	1996	52,690	18,987,890
	1997	85,040	21,341,540
	1998	990,470	23,395,660
	1999	70,690	14,661,570
	2000	476,320	20,830,520
	2001	157,700	28,373,200
	2002	949,090	36,315,810
	2003	129,170	45,280,150
<b>Instruments - measuring, musical</b>	1996	97,250	3,161,330
	1997	108,940	2,171,870
	1998	1,229,530	3,332,880
	1999	13,020	5,009,670
	2000	280,160	8,842,700
	2001	297,870	8,297,640
	2002	66,840	4,219,410
	2003	686,330	6,837,550
<b>Arms &amp; ammunition</b>	1996	0	4,250
	1997	0	56,580
	1998	0	39,360
	1999	0	215,750
	2000	0	178,240
	2001	0	196,300
	2002	0	199,870
	2003	0	215,420
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	1996	16,860	1,671,210
	1997	9,410	2,880,810
	1998	59,200	2,540,220
	1999	16,950	7,089,480
	2000	43,740	3,329,800
	2001	29,600	6,008,370
	2002	1,730	7,650,360
	2003	143,320	4,351,620
	1996	770	76,360
	1997	120	11,320

<b>Works of art</b>	1998	2,660	0		
	2000	1,540	16,800		
	<b>Other</b>	1996		32,240	286,770
		1997		11,780	677,630
		1998		108,330	861,740
		1999		260,190	711,570
		2000	172,820	877,350	
		2001	99,240	858,590	
		2002	77,570	1,516,750	
	2003	81,980	1,660,110		

**Services -  
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Tourism is a new and promising sector for Mauritania whose potential remains to be fully exploited. It consists mainly of desert tourism, but other activities are emerging, such as fishing, hunting and birdwatching. Mauritania's potential for tourism extends well beyond the desert. The nature reserve of Banc d'Arguin and several ancient cities, such as Chinguetti, Oualata, Ouadane and Tichitt, have been granted the status of world heritage site by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

The Mauritanian Government expressed its intention of developing tourism in its 1994 Declaration on general tourism policy. In 1996, this objective was given material expression with the adoption of Law No. 96.023 organizing tourism activity in Mauritania. At present, tourism is being promoted partly by the Tourism Directorate of the Ministry of Trade, Craft Industries and Tourism.

The tourism sector also benefits from specific provisions of the Investment Code.

Under the 1996 Law, the exercise of any tourism activity is subject to the approval of the ministry responsible for tourism, which must first consult an approvals committee. The obligations on tourism establishments are those relating to the conformity of the services provided with the standing of the establishment; respect for the cultural and religious values of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania; the obligation to communicate information to the Tourism Directorate; the declaration obligation; the new tax obligations (UM 200 per night); and the obligation to have advertising approved by the Ministries of Trade, Craft Industries and Tourism.

During the Uruguay Round, Mauritania undertook specific commitments in the tourism sector. It imposes no limitations either on market access or on national treatment for modes of supply 2 and 3 (consumption abroad and commercial presence). As regards cross-border supply of hotel and restaurant services, and travel agencies and tour operator services, Mauritania did not make any bindings for "technical unfeasibility". Mode 4 (presence of natural persons) was not bound, except for managers, senior executives and specialists who possess knowledge essential to the provision of this service.