WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

TFAD Trade Facilitation Agreement Database

Malawi

Ratified Agreement: Yes

Ratification Date: 2017-07-12

Implementation Notifications (Categories A, B, C)			Due date	Status
Notified all category ABC designations			by 22 February 2018	Yes
A - 63.0%	B - 10.1%	C - 26.9%	**Not yet notified** - 0.0%	
Notified indicative dates in Category B			by 22 February 2018	Yes
Notified definitive dates in Category B			by 22 February 2020	Yes
Notified indicative dates in Category C			by 22 February 2021	Yes
Notified definitive dates in Category C			by 22 August 2022	Yes
Notified Technical Assistance requirements			by 22 February 2019	Yes
Notified arrangements on the provision of technical assistance support			by 22 February 2021	Yes
Notified progress in the provision of technical assistance support			by 22 August 2022	Yes

Transparency notifications

Notified Art. 1.4	Category A	Definitive implementation date 22 February 2018	Yes
Notified Art. 10.4.3	Category C	Definitive implementation date 22 February 2025	Yes
Notified Art. 10.6.2	Category A	Definitive implementation date 22 February 2018	Yes
Notified Art. 12.2	Category A	Definitive implementation date 22 February 2018	Yes

Information on Assistance and Capacity Building

Notified Art. 22.3	Yes

Legend: Yes Notification presented | No Notification due | No Notification not yet due

Implementation schedule			Indicative implementation date	Definitive implementation date
1.1	Publication	A		by 22 February 2018
1.2	Information available through internet	A		by 22 February 2018
1.3	Enquiry points	A		by 22 February 2018
1.4	Notification	A		by 22 February 2018
2.1	Comments and information before entry into force	A		by 22 February 2018
2.2	Consultations	A		by 22 February 2018
3	Advance rulings	C	by 22 February 2026	by 22 February 2026
4	Procedures for appeal or review	C	by 22 February 2026	by 22 February 2026
5.1	Notifications for enhanced controls or inspections	A		by 22 February 2018
5.2	Detention	A		by 22 February 2018
5.3	Test procedures	A		by 22 February 2018
6.1	General disciplines on fees and charges	A		by 22 February 2018
6.2	Specific disciplines on fees and charges	A		by 22 February 2018
6.3	Penalty Disciplines	A		by 22 February 2018

Implementation schedule			Indicative implementation date	Definitive implementation date
7.1	Pre-arrival processing	A		by 22 February 2018
7.2	Electronic payment	A		by 22 February 2018
7.3	Separation of release	B	by 22 February 2019	by 22 February 2022
7.4	Risk management	C	by 22 February 2020	by 22 February 2024
7.5	Post-clearance audit	C	by 22 February 2020	by 22 February 2024
7.6	Average release times	C	by 22 February 2020	by 22 February 2026
7.7	Authorized operators	C	by 22 February 2020	by 22 February 2026
7.8	Expedited shipments	B	by 22 February 2019	by 22 February 2024
7.9	Perishable goods	A		by 22 February 2018
8	Border Agency Cooperation	Bp Cp	from 22 February 2019 to 22 February 2020	from 22 February 2024 to 22 February 2026
9	Movement of goods	A		by 22 February 2018
10.1	Formalities	A		by 22 February 2018
10.2	Acceptance of copies	B	by 22 February 2019	by 22 February 2024
10.3	Use of international standards	A		by 22 February 2018

Implementation schedule			Indicative implementation date	Definitive implementation date
10.4	Single window	C	by 22 February 2021	by 22 February 2025
10.5	Preshipment inspection	A		by 22 February 2018
10.6	Use of customs brokers	A		by 22 February 2018
10.7	Common border procedures	A		by 22 February 2018
10.8	Rejected Goods	A		by 22 February 2018
10.9	Temporary admission of goods and inward and outward processing	A		by 22 February 2018
11	Transit	A		by 22 February 2018
12	Customs cooperation	A		by 22 February 2018

Legend

A	Notified in Cat. A	Ap	Partially notified in A		
B	Notified in Cat. B	Bp	Partially notified in B	C»B	Shift from C to B
C	Notified in Cat. C	Cp	Partially notified in C	B»C	Shift from B to C
N	Not yet notified	E	Extension of time requested		

Notifications and other documents

Symbol	Date	Description
G/TFA/W/92	2023-07-05	The role of technology transfer in building resilience: Trade Facilitation

Symbol	Date	Description
G/TFA/N/MWI/4/Rev.1	2023-05-31	Arrangements and progress in the provision of technical assistance - Revision
G/TFA/N/MWI/4	2021-06-30	Arrangements and progress in the provision of technical assistance
G/TFA/N/MWI/1	2019-09-12	Categories B and C notification
G/TFA/N/MWI/3	2019-09-12	Art. 22.3
G/TFA/N/MWI/2	2019-09-12	Articles 1.4, 10.6.2, 10.6.2 and 12.2.2
WT/PCTF/N/MWI/2	2016-05-30	Article 1.4 notification
WT/PCTF/N/MWI/1	2016-05-10	Category A, B and C notification

Experience Sharing

Date	Title
21 March 2023 - 22 March 2023	Malawi trade facilitation project

Technical Assistance detailled information

3 Advance rulings

C

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3.2 (a), (b)
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3.6 (a), (b), (c)
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3.8
3.9 (a) (i), (ii), (i), (ii), (iii), (iv), (c), (d)

Indicative date of implementation
22 February 2026

Definitive date of implementation
22 February 2026

Assistance required for implementation

There is need for support for training and sensitization, review of regulatory framework, set up of institutional framework etc. to objectively deal with the matter.

Tags: *Legislative and regulatory framework, Institutional procedures, Human resources and training*

Donor Agencies: to be determined

Progress reported

To date, Malawi has not received any technical assistance or capacity building support from donors.

Technical Assistance Required:
There is need for support for training and sensitization, review of regulatory framework, set up of institutional framework etc. to objectively deal with the matter.

Donor Agencies: to be determined

Progress reported

To date, Malawi has not received any technical assistance or capacity building support from donors.
Technical Assistance Required:
There is need for support on training and sensitization, set up of institutional framework, review of regulatory framework, etc. to objectively deal with the matter.

4.1 (a), (b)
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4.4 (a), (b), paragraph
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Indicative date of implementation
22 February 2026

Definitive date of implementation
22 February 2026

Assistance required for implementation

The existing system is not sufficient enough to objectively address the issues. There is need to strengthen appeal and review procedures by:
(a) support for review and update of legislation; and
(b) training of specialised Judges, etc.

Tags: *Legislative and regulatory framework, Human resources and training*

Donor Agencies: to be determined

Progress reported

To date, Malawi has not received any technical assistance or capacity building support from donors.

Technical Assistance Required:
The existing system is not sufficient enough to objectively address the issues. There is need to strengthen appeal and review procedures by:
(a) support for review and update of legislation; and
(b) training of specialised Judges, etc.

Donor Agencies: to be determined

Progress reported

Malawi Government has enacted the Tax Administration Act which provides for implementation of the Advance Rulings.
Technical Assistance Required:
• Operationalisation of Revenue Appeals tribunal to complement implementation of advance rulings;
• Training of specialised Judges, etc.

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Indicative date of implementation
22 February 2020

Definitive date of implementation
22 February 2024

Assistance required for implementation

Strengthen Risk Management Unit based on Revised Kyoto Convention and its guidelines. Support for training and mainstreaming of risk management into daily operations.

Tags: *Legislative and regulatory framework, Human resources and training*

Donor Agencies: to be determined

Progress reported

To date, Malawi has not received any technical assistance or capacity building support from donors.

Technical Assistance Required:
Strengthen Risk Management Unit based on Revised Kyoto Convention and its guidelines. Support for training and mainstreaming of risk management into daily operations.

Donor Agencies: to be determined

Progress reported

To date, Malawi has not received any technical assistance or capacity building support from donors.
Technical Assistance Required:
Strengthen Risk Management Unit based on Revised Kyoto Convention and its guidelines. Support for training and mainstreaming of risk management into daily operations.

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7.5.2
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Indicative date of implementation
22 February 2020

Definitive date of implementation
22 February 2024

Assistance required for implementation

Support for mainstreaming of Post Clearance Audit into daily operations and provide training.

Tags: *Human resources and training*

Donor Agencies: to be determined

Progress reported

To date, Malawi has not received any technical assistance or capacity building support from donors.

Technical Assistance Required:
Support for mainstreaming of Post Clearance Audit into daily operations and provide training.

Donor Agencies: Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency, World Customs Organization

Progress reported

A training on Post-Clearance was done from 24 to 28 October, 2022, SIDA -WCO TFCM Programme
Technical Assistance Required:
Capacity building for officers in the mainstreaming of Post Clearance Audit into daily operations.

7.6 Average release times

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7.6.2

Indicative date of implementation
22 February 2020

Definitive date of implementation
22 February 2026

Assistance required for implementation

Capacity building in to enable officials conduct Time Release Studies.

Tags: *Human resources and training*

Donor Agencies: to be determined

Progress reported

To date, Malawi has not received any technical assistance or capacity building support from donors.

Technical Assistance Required:
Capacity building to enable officials conduct Time Release Studies.

Donor Agencies: to be determined

Progress reported

To date, Malawi has not received any technical assistance or capacity building support from donors.
Technical Assistance Required:
Capacity building to enable officials conduct Time Release Studies.

C

7.7.1
7.7.2 (a) (i), (ii), (iii), (iv), (i), (ii)
7.7.3 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g)
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Indicative date of implementation
22 February 2020

Definitive date of implementation
22 February 2026

Assistance required for implementation

Support for design and implementation of appropriate Authorised Operators system.

Tags: *Legislative and regulatory framework, Human resources and training*

Donor Agencies: Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa

Progress reported

Malawi Revenue Authority initiated introduction of Authorised Economic Operator system. COMESA have come on board to assist in establishment of the AEO and connecting with regional initiatives in other countries.

Technical Assistance required:
Support for design and implementation of appropriate Authorised Operators system.

Donor Agencies: World Bank

Progress reported

Design and implementation of appropriate Authorised Operators system done with support from World Bank under ASYCUDA.
Technical Assistance required:
Support for training and sensitisation.

Cp

8.2 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)

Indicative date of implementation
22 February 2020

Definitive date of implementation
22 February 2026

Assistance required for implementation

Support for establishing One Stop Border Post.

Tags: *Legislative and regulatory framework*

Donor Agencies: African Development Bank, World Bank

Progress reported

The Ministry of Trade in an effort to minimise delays at the border started developing border facilities to the OSBP status with the neighbouring countries. The Concept is aimed at reducing the number of stops and processes associated with cross border transactions to ease trade and movement of people. Six Borders - Mwanza/Zobue; Songwe/Kisumulu; Dedza/Colomue Mchinji/Mwami Chiponde/Mandimba; and Muloza/Quelimane were prioritized. One border of Mchinji/Mwami between Malawi and Zambia has so far been completed.
The government of Malawi obtained loans from African Development Bank and the World Bank Group to finance construction of the borders. However, inadequate resources to fully roll out the concept at the selected borders is the challenge.
Technical Assistance required:
Support for establishing One Stop Border Post.

Donor Agencies: to be determined

Progress reported

The Ministry of Trade in an effort to minimise delays at the border started developing border facilities to the OSBP status with the neighbouring countries. The Concept is aimed at reducing the number of stops and processes associated with cross border transactions to ease trade and movement of people. Six Borders - Mwanza/Zobue; Songwe/Kisumulu; Dedza/Colomue Mchinji/Mwami Chiponde/Mandimba; and Muloza/Quelimane were prioritized. One border of Mchinji/Mwami between Malawi and Zambia is operational from 7 December, 2022; Dedza was completed on 26 July, 2022, and Mwanza is at 90 per cent completion level. Songwe construction commenced in March, 2023.
However, inadequate resources to fully roll out the concept at the selected borders is the challenge.
Technical Assistance required:
Training for the border officials, support for ICT and furniture requirements and establishment other One Stop Border Post Projects.

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Indicative date of implementation
22 February 2021

Definitive date of implementation
22 February 2025

Assistance required for implementation

Support for designs, acquisition of IT infrastructure, establishment and trainings.

Tags: *Information and communication technologies (ICT), Infrastructure and equipment, Human resources and training*

Donor Agencies: World Bank

Progress reported

The Ministry of Trade embarked on establishment of the Electronic Single Window system in the country. Feasibility study was completed in 2019 and implementation structures put in place in 2020. The project implementation is in progress amid tight budget. The project is being financed by the Malawi Government through a loan obtained from the World Bank Group.

Technical Assistance required:
Support for designs, acquisition of IT infrastructure, establishment and trainings.

Donor Agencies: to be determined

Progress reported

The Ministry of Trade embarked on establishment of the Electronic Single Window system in the country. Feasibility study was completed in 2019 and implementation structures put in place in 2020. The project implementation is in progress amid tight budget.
Vendor to develop the National Single Window software has been procured.
Technical Assistance required:
Capacity building for officers operating the national single window and acquisition of infrastructure.

C	Notified in Cat. C	Cp	Partially notified in C	E	Extension of time requested
	Donor arrangement notified		Donor arrangement not yet notified		

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