7.3. Import/Transit/Export Regulations

7.3.2. Countries Alphabetically Listed

Malawi (MW)
Amounts shown are expressed in United States Dollar (USD)

0. General Information

- IATA Area : 2
- Capital : Lilongwe (LLW)
- Local Time : GMT + 2
- Daylight Saving Time : Malawi does not observe DST.
- ☎ Country Code : + 265
- Local Currency : Kwacha (MWK)
- Bank Information : Closed on Saturdays afternoon, Sundays and Public holidays.
- Public Holidays :

Date
01 Jan 2015
15 Jan 2015
03 Mar 2015
03 Apr 2015
06 Apr 2015
01 May 2015
14 May 2015
06 Jul 2015
18 Jul 2015
15 Oct 2015
25 Dec 2015

Note:
If public holiday falls on a weekend, then the first working day is also a public holiday.

- **Cargo Claims Information**
  The following Protocols / Conventions have been ratified:
  1. Warsaw Convention (1929)
  2. Hague Protocol (1955)

  For further details, explanation and how to apply these Protocols / Conventions see paragraph 2.1.5. (General Rules) including list of countries.

1. Airport Information

1.1. Customs Airports
Chileka Airport (Blantyre) - BLZ,
Kamuzu International Airport (Lilongwe) - LLW.

1.2. Airport Facilities
Lilongwe
1.2.1. Loading/Unloading equipment
Forklift capacity 5000 kg.; conveyor belts; high loader.
1.2.2. Storage
Blantyre
Air Cargo Limited Warehouse under Customs control. Goods not cleared within 10 working days are transferred to Customs warehouse, time limit 3 months, thereafter goods are auctioned at a public auction.
Cold storage: Available.
Safe for Valuables: Available.
Room for radio-active material: Not available.
Animal Hostel: Available for only 24 hours.
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1.2.3. Clearance
At the airport of first entry by the consignee or his broker, from Monday through Friday 07.30 - 16.30 hrs. For special cargo after prior arrangement with customs.
1.2.6. (Re)-Forwarding
Cleared Goods: Forwarding to final Domestic airports of destination possible.

2. Import

2.1. General
2.1.1. Packing
Health Certificate when hay or straw is used.
2.1.2. Marking
All packages in a consignment must show clearly and durably consignee's name and address.
2.1.3. Routing
No restrictions.
2.1.4. Language on Documents
English.
2.1.5. Other requirements
Consolidated consignments must be accompanied by a manifest showing house waybill number, number of pieces, nature of goods and gross weight and must have house waybills for each consignee after "Also Notify".

2.2. Documentary Requirements
2.2.1. Commercial consignments
Commercial Invoices, containing: Transportation, Insurance and other charges, as the import duties are levied on the CIF-amount. Consignment notes and evidence of payment of these charges must be attached.
2.2.2. Sample consignments
See 2.2.1.
Exempt from Import License are:
1. Samples and advertising material of paper not intended or fit for sale;
2. Catalogues and price lists sent in consignments either consisting of not more than one piece of them or not more than 1 kg. in weight. Samples without commercial value are free of duties. In cases when duties are levied, a deposit may be paid which will be refunded upon re- exportation within 12 months.

In all cases a list of details, including value and country of origin must be submitted.
2.2.3. Gift consignments
Detailed list of contents indicating value and origin.
2.2.4. Unaccompanied baggage
Packing list.
2.2.5. Other consignments
- As under 2.2.1.
- Certificate of Origin.
- Import License in certain cases.

2.3. Restrictions
2.3.2. Live animals
Health Certificate and Import License.
2.3.3. Plants and plant material
Health Certificate and Import License from Bvumbwe Agricultural Research Station, P.O. Box 5748, Limbe.
2.3.4. Arms, ammunition and explosives
Import License from Registrar of Firearms, Private Bag 305, Lilongwe 3.
2.3.5. Narcotics and drugs
Dangerous drugs and poisons: Import License from Pharmacy and Poisons Board, Medical Stores, Private Bag 301, Blantyre.
2.3.6. Human remains
Death Certificate stating cause of death.
Embalming certificate.
HUM from Republic of South Africa:
All of the above including the following:
Burial Order
Deceased Passport or copy of passport for next of kin.
Letter from Department of Health.
Letter from Malawi Consular General, P O Box 3881 Rivonia 2128, Johannesburg, RSA. E-mail: malawicons@mweb.co.za
2.3.10. Meat and meat products
Import Permit from Ministry of Trade and Private Sector Development, P.O. Box 30366, Lilongwe 3.

2.4. Prohibitions
For complete list contact nearest Embassy, Consulate or Mission.

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2.5. Charges
Blantyre, Lilongwe

a. Domestic Freight

Freight charge per kg.	0.20
Minimum Charge	4.00
Air Waybill fee	0.50
AWB amendment fee	0.50
Handling per kg.	0.02
Minimum	2.00
Fuel Surcharge per kg.	0.04

b. International Freight - Imports

Handling per kg.	0.07
Minimum per consignment	20.00
Minimum for courier	10.00
Cold storage per kg., per day	0.10
Minimum	15.00
Warehouse storage per kg., per day	0.07
Minimum	15.00
Live Animal Handling per consignment	30.00
Outside Cargo rates:	
Flat rate per 100 kg., per day	0.25

Notes
1. Outside Cargo storage rates cover all items stored outside the cargo warehouse e.g. motor vehicles.
2. Storage charge on import cargo will be levied after a grace period of 48 hours beginning 23.59 hrs. on the day of arrival. The Levy excludes the first Saturday, Sunday and public holiday if they coincide with the grace period.
3. Handling, Screening and Storage charges apply on both cargo and courier.
4. All local charges are subject to 16.5% Government Tax.
5. The USD rates are converted into local currency (MWK) at the Rate of Exchange ruling on day of transacting.

When an import consignment is cleared and delivered in split lots upon request or received as manifested part shipments, storage charges are applied to the appropriate weight. Where a dispute exists that involves parties outside the control of the carrier and such a dispute delays clearance and collection of import consignment, no adjustment of charges will be made in respect of consignments delayed as a result of such dispute.

2.5.10. Others
Blantyre, Lilongwe
Cartage fee
Blantyre

- Cartage fees for cargo delivery and collection:

From Chileka to within the City and v.v.:

1 tonne Van:	
Minimum charge	40.00
4 tonne Truck:	
Minimum charge	80.00
15 tonne Truck:	
Minimum charge	130.00

Lilongwe

- Cartage fees for cargo delivery and collection:

From KIA to within the City and v.v.:

1 tonne Van:	
Minimum charge	50.00
4 tonne Truck:	
Minimum charge	90.00
15 tonne Truck:	
Minimum charge	150.00

Lilongwe/Blantyre and v.v.

1 tonne Van:	
Minimum charge	305.00
4 tonne Truck:	
Minimum charge	435.00
15 tonne Truck:	
Minimum charge	704.00

3. Transhipment/Transit

3.1. General
Security in cash or bond required where mode of transport changes from air to road.

3.2. Documentary Requirements
Customs Form 30 is to be raised.

3.3. Restrictions
None.

3.4. Prohibitions
None.

4. Export

4.1. General
4.1.1. Packing
Good quality packing material to be used.
4.1.2. Marking
Must be clearly specified in English.
4.1.5. Other requirements
Subject to Customs inspection.

4.2. Documentary Requirements
4.2.1. Commercial consignments

- Customs form 38 for minor consignments under USD 10.00.
- Customs form 34 and bank letter or CD1 form for other consignments.

4.3. Restrictions
4.3.1. General
Goods which can not be exported except under Export License:

- Firearms and ammunition.
- Agricultural products: Beans or peas, bean meal, groundnuts, sorghum meal, sorghum malt, maize-dried or crushed, oil seeds, rice in grain, tobacco, tea cassava.
- Radio-active materials: Permit from office of the President and Cabinet.
- Live animals: game trophies and products.
- Export Permit required for:
  a. Wooden Curios
  b. Rough Minerals
  From: Ministry of Natural Resources & Environmental Affairs, P/B 350, Capital City, Lilongwe 3

4.4. Prohibitions
Dangerous drugs e.g. narcotics.

4.5. Charges
Blantyre, Lilongwe
International Freight - Exports

Air Waybill fee	15.00
AWB amendment fee	15.00
Handling per kg.	0.07
Minimum	20.00
Cold storage per kg., per day	0.10
Minimum	15.00
Warehouse storage per kg., per day	0.07
Minimum	15.00
Screening charge per kg.	0.05
Minimum	10.00
Fuel Surcharge per kg.	0.60
War Risk per kg.	0.10
Live Animal Handling per consignment	30.00
Human remains, per coffin	20.00
Dangerous Goods fee	80.00
Precious Cargo fee	80.00

Notes
1. Handling, Screening and Storage charges apply on both cargo and courier.
2. The USD rates are converted into local currency (MWK) at the Rate of Exchange ruling on the day of transacting.

4.5.10. Others
Service Charges:

Forklift (Small) charge, per hour	50.00
Minimum charge	50.00
Forkilift (Large) charge, per hour	100.00
Minimum charge	100.00

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