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NOTIFICATION OF ARRANGEMENTS AND PROGRESS IN THE PROVISION OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND CAPACITY BUILDING SUPPORT OF CATEGORY C DESIGNATIONS

COMMUNICATION FROM MALAWI

The following communication, dated 29 June 2021, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Malawi.

Malawi hereby notifies information on the arrangements concluded and progress made in the provision of technical assistance and capacity building support of the following category C designations, in response to Article 16 of the Trade Facilitation Agreement.

Provision	Heading/Description	Category	Indicative date for implementation	Definitive date for implementation
Article 3	Advance Rulings	C	22 February 2026	22 February 2026
Donors: To be determined				
Progress in the provision of technical assistance and capacity building support: 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.				

Provision	Heading/Description	Category	Indicative date for implementation	Definitive date for implementation
Article 4	Procedures for Appeal and Review	C	22 February 2026	22 February 2026
Donors: To be determined				
Progress in the provision of technical assistance and capacity building support: 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.				

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Article 7.4	Risk Management	C	22 February 2020	22 February 2024
Donors: To be determined				
Progress in the provision of technical assistance and capacity building support:				
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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Article 7.5	Post-clearance Audit	C	22 February 2020	22 February 2024
Donors: To be determined				
Progress in the provision of technical assistance and capacity building support:				
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.				

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Article 7.6	Establishment and Publication of Average Release Times	C	22 February 2020	22 February 2026
Donors: To be determined				
Progress in the provision of technical assistance and capacity building support:				
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.				

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Article 7.7	Trade Facilitation Measures for Authorized Operators	C	22 February 2020	22 February 2026
Donors: Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA)				
Progress in the provision of technical assistance and capacity building support:				
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.				

Provision	Heading/Description	Category	Indicative date for implementation	Definitive date for implementation
Article 8.2	Border Agency Cooperation	C	22 February 2020	22 February 2026
Donors: None but funded by the Malawi Government with loans from AfDB and WB				
Progress in the provision of technical assistance and capacity building support:				
<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>				
Technical Assistance required:				
Support for establishing One Stop Border Post.				

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Article 10.4	Single Window	C	22 February 2021	22 February 2025
Donors: Malawi Government				
Progress in the provision of technical assistance and capacity building support:				
<p>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.</p>				
Technical Assistance required:				
Support for designs, acquisition of IT infrastructure, establishment and trainings.				