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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

Revision

The following communication, dated 30 May 2023, 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 on training and sensitization, set up of institutional framework, review of regulatory framework, etc. to objectively deal with the matter.				

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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: Malawi Government has enacted the Tax Administration Act which provides for implementation of the Advance Rulings.				
Technical Assistance Required: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Operationalisation of Revenue Appeals tribunal to complement implementation of advance rulings;Training of specialised Judges, etc.				

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Article 7.4	Risk Management	C	22 February 2020	22 February 2020
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.				

Provision	Heading/Description	Category	Indicative date for implementation	Definitive date for implementation
Article 7.5	Post-Clearance Audit	C	22 February 2020	22 February 2024
Donors: Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency / World Customs Organisation Trade Facilitation and Customs Modernization (Sida -WCO TFCM Programme).				
Progress in the provision of technical assistance and capacity building support: 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.				

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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.				

Provision	Heading/Description	Category	Indicative date for implementation	Definitive date for implementation
Article 7.7	Trade Facilitation Measures for Authorized Operators	C	22 February 2020	22 February 2026
Donors: World Bank				
Progress in the provision of technical assistance and capacity building support: Design and implementation of appropriate Authorised Operators system done with support from World Bank under ASYCUDA.				
Technical Assistance required: Support for training and sensitisation.				

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Article 8.2	Border Agency Cooperation	C	22 February 2020	22 February 2026
Donors: Malawi Government				
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 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.</p> <p>However, inadequate resources to fully roll out the concept at the selected borders is the challenge.</p> <p>Technical Assistance required:</p> <p>Training for the border officials, support for ICT and furniture requirements and establishment other One Stop Border Post Projects.</p>				

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Article 10.4	Single Window	C	22 February 2020	22 February 2026
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.</p> <p>Vendor to develop the National Single Window software has been procured.</p> <p>Technical Assistance required:</p> <p>Capacity building for officers operating the national single window and acquisition of infrastructure.</p>				