

**OBJECTIVE**

This document provides a situational update on airport status and Customs entry points during the COVID-19 pandemic.

**NUMBER OF COVID-19 CASES AT THE GHRP'S DATE****0****NUMBER OF COVID-19 CASES ON 14 JUNE 2020****529****COUNTRY BRIEF**

On 23 March, the President of Malawi Peter Mutharika declared a State of Disaster. The following measures have been adopted:

- Restriction of public gatherings to less than 50 people;
- Suspension of all formal meetings, gatherings and conferences;
- Reduction of fuel prices;
- Call upon all offices to work in shifts except those working in essential services.

(Information updated 15 June: WFP and UN Malawi)

**AIRPORT STATUS****1. Airport / Flight restrictions**

International flights are suspended until further notice. Exemption will be made for:

- Flights carrying medical personnel and emergency relief items;
- Repatriation flights (handled on a case-by-case basis).

(Information dated 25 May: WFP, Logistics Cluster)

WFP has established a Passenger Service to support UN agencies, NGOs, WB and Diplomatic/Donor community, by providing air transport services within a network of strategically located hubs. Schedules:

- On Tuesdays: Johannesburg – Lilongwe – Maputo – Johannesburg (as of 16 June)
- On Thursdays: Johannesburg – Maputo - Lilongwe – Johannesburg (as of 18 June)

Booking Deadlines: No booking accepted for flights scheduled to depart within 72 working hours.

More details on the [Humanitarian Booking Hub](#).

(Information dated 12 June: WFP)

**2. Passengers / Quarantine**

Passengers are not allowed to enter Malawi.

- This does not apply to nationals of Malawi;
- This does not apply to passengers who reside in Malawi.

Nationals and residents of Malawi are required to self-isolate. They will be monitored by health personnel.

(Information dated 28 April: IATA)



The Government of Malawi cancelled visas issued prior to 20 March 2020 and has suspended issuance of visas on arrival.

Returning residents who are symptomatic and have a travel history to Australia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, mainland China, Congo, (DRC), Ecuador, Iran, Israel, Japan, Malaysia, Norway, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, South Korea, Switzerland, Thailand, Turkey, the UK, the US, or any of the countries in the European Union in the preceding 14 days are taken to an isolation room at the airport for further medical investigation.

(Information dated 25 May: WFP)

### **IMPORTATION AND CUSTOMS**

#### **3. Customs, land, sea**

Land cargo is allowed.

(Information dated 18 May: Logistics Cluster)

Land border status with neighboring countries:

- Mozambique: Cargo movement is allowed. Certain borders are operating normally; others are only allowing specific commodities. Foreign truckers are subjected to transshipment.
- Tanzania: Cargo movement is allowed.
- Zambia: Truck drivers with cross-border consignments undergo extensive screening at border entries.

(Information updated 15 June: Logistics Cluster)

#### **4. Customs, importation procedure**

##### Measures in place in order to prevent the spread of COVID-19

The Malawi Government has waived duty on the importation of goods for the prevention and treatment of COVID-19 to fight the further spread of the pandemic in Malawi. These good include:

- Ventilators;
- Oxygen concentrators;
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPEs);
- Hand sanitizers, soaps, water treatment chemicals and such other goods as the Commissioner General may approve.

The new CPCs that provide for waiver of duty on the importation of these essential goods are as follow:

- 4000.405 for direct imports;
- 4071.405 for goods from bonded warehouses.



Importers of these essential goods must apply for duty waiver to the Commissioner General and they should specify list of items they are importing, their costs and quantities.

#### Regular measures in place

##### Imports by NGOs:

Certain types of goods when imported directly or from bonded warehouses by registered Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), are allowed duty free entry or at reduced duty rates. This is possible through the use of various Customs Procedure Codes (CPCs) which specify the types of goods under a particular CPC. This may also apply to Trusts and other charitable organizations.

- CPC 4000.431/4071.431: Under this CPC, registered NGOs by Council for Non-Governmental Organization in Malawi (CONGOMA) are allowed to import duty free the following items; Foodstuffs, used clothing, used footwear, blankets, soap and toiletries approved by the Commissioner General for free distribution to or for the use of persons in need or distress when imported by charitable organization recognized by the responsible Minister.
- CPC 4000.438 (d)/4071.438(d): Under this CPC NGOs are allowed to import, at concessionary duty rates of 10% import duty and 16.5% VAT, two goods carrying motor vehicles of tariff heading 87.04 in every five years.
- CPC 4000.439/4071.439: Under this CPC NGOs are allowed to import, at concessionary duty rate of 10% import duty and 16.5% VAT, one passenger carrying motor vehicle of tariff heading 87.02 in every five years.

(Information dated 17 January 2018, Malawi Revenue Authority)

The list of prohibited and restricted imports is available [here](#).

**5. Annex J-5 of the Revised Kyoto Convention:** Accepted.

**6. Annex B.9 of the Istanbul Convention:** Not ratified.

**7. ASYCUDA user:** Yes.

**8. ASYREC user:** No.

#### **USEFUL LINKS / LIENS UTILES**

**CIQP Bulletins for other countries are available [here](#).**

*Country-specific:*

*Customs and Excise, [Duty Waiver on COVID-19 essential items](#)*



**IMPACCT**

IMPortation And Customs Clearance Together !

# COVID-19 [Malawi]

**Bulletin n° 1 - CIQP : 15 June 2020**

(Bulletin on Customs, Immigration and Quarantine Procedures)

Government of Malawi and Logistics Cluster, [Malawi National Logistics Preparedness Action Plan](#)

Malawi Government, [Official website](#)

Malawi Revenue Authority, [Official website](#)

United Nations Malawi, [Declaration of State of Disaster by Malawi President Peter Mutharika](#)

## OTHER LINKS

International Air Transport Association (IATA), [Government Measures Related to Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)

International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), [COVID-19 airport status](#)

International Organization for Migration (IOM), [Points of entry status](#)

International SOS, [Travel Restrictions, Flight Operations and Screening](#)

Logistics Cluster, [COVID-19 cargo entry points updates](#)

United Nations, [Global Humanitarian Response Plan: COVID-19](#)

United Nations, [Global Humanitarian Response Plan: COVID-19, May Update](#)

United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, [Observatory on Border Crossings Status due to COVID-19](#)

Wilhemnsen, [COVID-19 Global Port Restrictions Map](#)

World Customs Organization (WCO), [HS classification reference list for COVID-19 medical supplies \(3.0. edition\)](#)

World Customs Organization (WCO), [List of national legislation of countries that adopted temporary export restrictions on certain categories of critical medical supplies in response to COVID-19](#)

World Health Organization (WCO), [Coronavirus disease \(COVID-2019\) situation reports](#)

World Health Organization (WCO), [Handbook for public health capacity-building at ground crossings and cross-border collaboration](#)

[If you have any questions / comments / additions, please contact](#)

**Virginie Bohl**  
UNOCHA, Geneva  
[bohl at un.org](mailto:bohl@un.org)

**Éléonore de Malézieux**  
UNOCHA, Geneva  
[eleonore.demalezieuxduhamel at un.org](mailto:eleonore.demalezieuxduhamel@un.org)