



Ministry of Trade and Industry

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BILATERAL FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT OF THE SIMPLIFIED TRADE REGIME BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF MALAWI AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF MOZAMBIQUE

The Ministry of Trade and Industry wishes to notify the business community and the general public that the Government of the Republic of Malawi and the Government of the Republic of Mozambique signed a bilateral framework Agreement on the Simplified Trade Regime on the 18th of October, 2024 in Lilongwe.

This is the first Simplified Trade Regime Bilateral Framework Agreement that has been signed under the Southern African Development Community (SADC) Protocol on Trade. The Agreement means that Small-Scale Cross Border Traders plying their trade between Malawi and Mozambique will benefit as follows:

- (a) be able to clear goods using simplified set of rules, processes, procedures, and documentary requirements for goods appearing in the bilateral common list;

- (b) increase in economic activities around the border districts with Mozambique will contribute to wealth creation and employment generation;
- (c) enhanced collection of official trade statistics will guide Government in policy decisions for small scale cross border traders;
- (d) provide incentives for small-scale cross-border traders to transition from informal to formal business activities; and
- (e) ensure the safety of small-scale cross-border traders and their consignments.

However, a small-scale cross-border trader in order to qualify for the STR, shall satisfy the following conditions:

- (a) the consignment be within the agreed threshold of US\$1,000 per day;
- (b) the products be on the common list; and
- (c) the consignment originates from within the Parties' territorial jurisdictions, and should meet the SADC and the Bilateral Preferential Trade Agreement rules of origin.

Again, notwithstanding the conditions listed to qualify for the STR, in certain circumstances, a trader may be required to comply with national regulatory requirements including but not limited to permits, licenses and certificates.

**COMMON LIST OF PRODUCTS UNDER THE SIMPLIFIED TRADE
REGIME (STR) BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF MALAWI AND THE
REPUBLIC OF MOZAMBIQUE**

Products	Produtos	HS Code
1. Malambe (Fruit)	1. Malambe	0813.40
2. Malambe powder	2. Malambe em pó	1106.30
3. Spaghetti	3. Esparguete	1902.30
4. Fish	4. Peixe	0302.71
4.1. Tilapia Fish	4.1. Peixe tilápia	0302.72
4.2. Inland fish (All species occurring in rivers, lakes and lagoons, excluding Kapenta)	4.2. Peixe águas interiores (Todas as espécies que ocorrem nos rios, lagos e lagoas, excluindo a Kapenta)	0302.73
4.3. Marine fish (only small dry pelagic species)	4.3. Peixes de águas marinhas (apenas pequenos pelágicos secos)	0303.23
		0303.24
		0303.25
		0304.31
		0304.32
		0304.51
		0304.61
		0304.62
		0304.93
		0305.31
		0305.44
		0305.52
		0305.64
		0305.54
5. Cottonseed	5. Sementes de algodão	1207.21
6. Salt	6. Sal	2501.00
7. Cement	7. Cimento	2523.29
8. Banana fruit	8. Bananas	0803.90
9. Banana flour	9. Farinha de banana	1106.30
10. Plastic kitchenware (i.e., buckets, cups, dishes, spoons and plates)	10. Artigos plásticos de cozinha (i.e., baldes, copos, bacias, colheres e pratos)	3924.10
11. Pineapple fruit	11. Ananas	0804.30
12. Coconut fruit	12. Coco	0801.19
13. Maize (corn)	14. Milho	1005.10
		1005.90
14. Maize (corn) flour	15. Farinha de milho	1102.20
15. Fresh chilli	16. Piri-piri fresco	0709.99

16. Processed chilli	17. Piripiri processado	0904.11 0904.12
17. Groundnuts (Peanuts)	18. Amendoim	1202.41 1202.42
18. Mangoes	19. Manga	0804.50
19. Cashew nuts	20. Castanha de caju	0801.31 0801.32
20. Irish potatoes	21. Batata reno	0701.90
21. Cabbage	22. Repolho	0704.90
22. Cassava	23. Mandioca	0714.10
23. Cassava flour	24. Farinha de mandioca	1106.20
24. Soybean	25. Soja	1201.90
25. Frozy/Fizzy	26. Frozy/Fizzy	2202.99
26. Rice	27. Arroz	1006.30
27. Hoes	28. Enxadas	8201.30
28. Biscuits	29. Biscoitos	1905.31
29. Plastic shoes	30. Sapatos plásticos	6402.99
30. Spirits (liqueurs)	31. Bebidas espirituosas	2208.20 2208.30 2208.40 2208.50
31. Corn grinder	32. Máquina de moer milho	8437.80
32. Rice mill	33. Máquina de descasque de arroz	8437.80
33. Sweet potatoes	34. Batata doce	0714.20
34. Popcorn	35. Pipocas	1005.90
35. Garlic	36. Alho	0703.20
36. Carrots	37. Cenoura	0706.10
37. Kale	38. Couve	0704.90
38. Onions	39. Cebola	0703.10
39. Tomatoes	40. Tomate	0702.00
40. Plastic chairs	41. Cadeiras plásticas	9403.70
41. Tamarind fruit	42. Tamarinho	0810.90
42. Catarina beans	43. Feijão catarina	0713.33
43. Laying hens	44. Aves poedeiras	0105.94.10
44. Strawberries	45. Morango	0810.10
45. Litchi	46. Litchi	0810.90
46. Fresh ginger	47. Gengibre fresco	0910.11
47. Ginger powder	48. Gengibre em pó	0910.12

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