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Registering as an Exporter in Mozambique



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1 Who must register as an exporter when exporting from Mozambique?



Basic exporter requirements:

Prospective traders from Mozambique are required to fulfil a number of criteria to be able to export.

1 The business must be registered

A business wishing to export or import must register as a trader with the Ministry of Industry and Commerce (MIC). Exempt from this requirement are low value shipments (<\$500), or importers of personal effects (forming a part of travel luggage) below a certain monetary value threshold.

2 Export permit ('foreign trade operator')

The MIC issues an identification card to the trader, confirming authorisation to carry out international trade activities.

3 Single Electronic Window (SEW)

A legal entity may register as 'authorised economic operator' to benefit from additional advantages in the customs process.

Registering as an exporter

A person or business planning to export goods valued at over \$500 from Mozambique is required to obtain an export license from the Ministry of Industry and Commerce (MIC). The basic steps involve:

- Complete a 'Foreign Trade Operator' form (F1) .
- Make a available a copy of the business license, including the company's tax number.
- Provide proof of payment of the required fee (if paid by EFT) or payment by card at time of application (the application fee is currently 2,117 Mt, but this changes from time to time).
- Submit application to the Single Service Desk of the MIC. If the application form is in order and no further information is required, the exporter license is issued (usually on the same day).
- The export license must be renewed every 5 years.

Special or additional registration requirements for different export categories

A number of product categories require special or additional permits. These include exports of medication (for human and veterinary use) and agro-chemicals.

Sanitary and phyto-sanitary certificates

Exporters of fish and aquatic products, animals and animal products as well as vegetable products, are required to obtain a sanitary / phytosanitary certificate, from the National Institute for Seafood Inspection, or Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security (Veterinary Directorate, or Department of Plant Health) respectively.

- View more information on export certification and procedures: bit.ly/Mozambique-Trade-Portal

2 Important aspects to exporting from Mozambique



Customs procedures for exports by land 1

- ▶ The required customs procedures involve document verification, and physical inspection.
- ▶ Documentary requirements include a commercial invoice, insurance certificate, certificate of origin (if exporting to another country under a preference scheme), any sometimes special certificates (health or sanitary / phyto-sanitary certificate).
- ▶ Submission of documentation can be by an appointed customs broker into the Single Electronic Window (SEW) facility, operated by MCNET, which automatically distributes the information to the relevant government agencies.

Exporting by sea or by air 2

- ▶ The basic requirements for exporting by sea, air or rail are similar to those when exporting by land, albeit with some differences in the final stages of the export process.
- ▶ Following submission of the documentation into the SEW facility, a payment notification will be generated.
- ▶ Customs officials verify the exporter's declaration and supporting documentation.
- ▶ The exporter makes further arrangements with the shipping agent or airline, and customs authorises the movement of the goods to be exported into the port facilities or airport.

Further resources, guidelines and forms

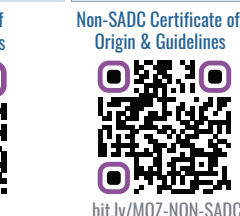
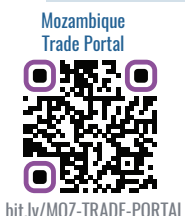
- ▶ Registering as Foreign Trade Operator.
Overview: bit.ly/MOZ-TRADER
Download Form: bit.ly/MOZ-TRADE-FORM
- ▶ Registering as 'User' of the Single Electronic Window (SEW) facility.
Overview: bit.ly/MOZ-SEW
- ▶ Application to become a recognised Authorised Economic Operator (AEO).
Overview and Form: bit.ly/MOZ-AEO
- ▶ Packing assistance: Measure whereby customs officials attend the packing of export products, and sealing of the container.
Overview and Form: bit.ly/MOZ-PACKING

Mozambique: Exporting under preferential trade regimes

Exporters from Mozambique enjoy preferential market access to many countries, either on a non-reciprocal basis (for example, to the United States using the AGOA preference scheme), or to countries with which Mozambique has a trade agreement, such as the United Kingdom, the European Union, or regionally with the Member States of the SADC Free Trade Area. Preferential market access means that importers of Mozambique-made goods normally do not need to pay import duties, making them more competitive. Such preferences are only available when the product *originates* in Mozambique. The **Rules of Origin** as stipulated in each agreement specify the minimum local working and processing (or content) that is considered sufficient to confer 'Made in Mozambique' origin status.

3 Paperwork: Links to exporter registration forms and related resources

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