

GOVERNMENT NOTICE No. 42

**FORESTRY ACT
(CAP. 63:01)**

FORESTRY REGULATIONS, 2026

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IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred by section 86 of the Forestry Act, I, PATRICIA WISKES, Minister of Natural Resources, make the following Regulations—

PART I—PRELIMINARY

Citation	1. These Regulations may be cited as the Forestry Regulations, 2026.
Interpretation	2. In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires— “closed season” means a period from 1st November to 31st March of each calendar year in which harvesting of forest resources is prohibited, unless under special licence; “council” has the same meaning ascribed thereto under the Local Government Act; “firewood” means all straight parts of a tree which do not exceed two metres in length and includes all crooked and unsound parts of any size; “log” means all sound, straight parts of a tree which are more than two metres long and more than twenty centimetres mean diameter; “pole” means all sound, straight parts of a tree which are more than two metres long but not more than twenty centimetres mean diameter; “protected trees” means tree species listed in the <i>First Schedule</i> ; “public road” has the same meaning ascribed thereto under the Public Roads Act; “special licence” means a licence issued by the Director of Forestry to harvest forestry resources during the closed season; and “stacked cubic metre” means a stack of firewood one metre in length, in width and in height.
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PART II—PROTECTION OF FOREST RESERVES

Acts prohibited without a licence	3. A person shall not, without a licence issued under the Act, make use of forest land or utilize or make use of forest produce on customary land, public land, forest reserve or protected forest area.
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4. The Director of Forestry may require, in writing, the owner or occupier of any land contiguous to a forest reserve to take reasonable precautions, as specified in the notice, to prevent fire spreading from that person’s land into a forest reserve.

Precautions by a person contiguous with a reserve
5. The Director of Forestry shall cause boundaries of a forest reserve to be indicated in a clear manner, as he or she considers reasonable in all the circumstances.

Boundaries to be indicated in a clear manner

PART III—VILLAGE FOREST AREAS

6. A person shall not—
(a) squat, reside or erect any building, hut or livestock enclosure;
(b) graze or pasture livestock or permit livestock to trespass;
(c) clear, cultivate or break up land for cultivation;
(d) alter or remove any beacon, boundary mark or fence;
(e) fell, cut, take, work, burn, injure or remove any tree or forest produce;
(f) set fire to any grass or undergrowth; or
(g) keep bees or collect honey or beeswax,

Prohibited acts in a village forest area
- in a village forest area without a written permit of the village natural resources management committee in whose name the village forest area is registered.
7. A person who is permitted to set a fire to any grass or undergrowth in a village forest area, pursuant to regulation 6, shall take all reasonable and proper precautions and any other precautions as may be determined by the village natural resources committee to prevent damage to forest produce within the village forest area.

Kindling of fire within a village forest area

PART IV—LICENCES

8. Subject to section 46 of the Act, a person shall not harvest a protected tree specified in the *First Schedule*.

Protected trees
- 9.—(1) The Director of Forestry may endorse special conditions on a licence issued under the Act.

Special conditions on licences
- (2) The special conditions referred to in subregulation (1), may relate to one or more of the following—
(a) the provision by the licensee of a deposit, guarantee, surety, security, liquidated damages or sum of money to be drawn upon or confiscated for non-fulfilment or breach of the conditions of the licence;
(b) information to be submitted periodically by the licensee, concerning his or her operations, including transportation, manufacturing, production, output, sale, use or export of the forest produce taken under the licence and the records to be kept and the returns to be submitted by the licensee;

(c) the liability of the licensee for damage to trees or other forest produce due to his or her negligence or to the negligence of his or her officers, agents or employees;

(d) the methods by which, and the order in which, operations of exploitation, fire protection and firefighting are to be carried out;

(e) the measuring, computing or recording of forest produce by methods other than those specified in these Regulations; or

(f) the construction, layout and operation of tramway, waterways and roads for the extraction of forest produce, and the transport of such produce to depots or along specified routes or for any other purpose whatsoever.

Possession or dealing with licensed forest produce

10. A person shall not take, purchase or be in possession of any forest produce to which a licence relates, except with the authority of the licensee.

Produce derived from operations of licence

11.—(1) The forest produce derived from the operations of a licensee, except the produce which the licensee is authorized to take under the terms of his licence, shall remain the property of the Government.

(2) The Director of Forestry may dispose of felled trees or forest produce derived from forest reserves, public plantations or public land.

Royalties and fees

12.—(1) A licensee shall pay to the Director of Forestry, for cutting or taking forest produce, the royalties set out in the *Second Schedule*.

(2) The fees to be paid to the Director of Forestry, in respect of—

- (a) camping;
- (b) camping or accommodation in a guesthouse or lodge;
- (c) operating a business;
- (d) import or export of forest produce;
- (e) scientific collection of forest produce;
- (f) grazing livestock; or
- (g) keeping bees,

in a forest reserve, shall be those set out in the *Third Schedule*.

Cutting of trees

13.—(1) A licence to cut forest produce shall not, in the absence of an express provision to that effect, be deemed to authorize the cutting of a protected tree or a tree situated within—

- (a) a strip of land situated within or on either side of a watercourse;
- (b) a protected hill slope; or
- (c) eight metres of a public road.

(2) A strip of land shall be treated as being situated on either side of a watercourse, if it is situated within eight metres from the banks of the watercourse.

(3) The Minister may increase or decrease the eight metres distance by notice published in the *Gazette*.

PART V—FELLING CONDITIONS

14. A person shall not cut a tree higher than forty-five centimeters from the ground, unless otherwise authorized in the licence.

Height of cutting point
15. A licensee shall carry out any operations permitted under the licence in such manner as to cause the least possible waste of, or damage to, forest produce and stump.

Manner of cutting
16. A licensee shall, within one month of felling a tree, cut up and clear all branch wood, slash and waste from the felled tree, left in a forest reserve, for a distance of not less than five metres from a growing tree and fresh stump.

Disposal of waste

PART VI—MEASUREMENT AND REMOVAL OF FOREST PRODUCE

17. Unless otherwise prescribed in a licence—
(a) the volume of timber in a log shall be calculated by multiplying the length from end to end, by the mean cross-sectional area, as determined from the mean diameter measured under bark;
(b) the volume of a stand shall be calculated by multiplying the stand area by the stocking and the mean tree volume; and
(c) the diameter of a pole shall be the diameter measured at the butt end over bark.

Volume of timber
18. A person granted a licence to harvest or collect firewood shall assemble the firewood in stacked cubic metres before removal or conversion, unless the licence is endorsed to permit the stacking in any other manner.

Stacking of firewood
19. A licensee shall not remove sawn timber, logs or poles until such produce has been measured or checked by a forestry officer, unless permission to the contrary is endorsed on the licence.

Removal of produce
- 20.—(1) A licensee shall remove forest produce cut under licence within one month of the date of the expiration of the licence.
(2) The Director of Forestry may, under a special application by the licensee, extend the period under subregulation (1) once, by a period not exceeding one month.

Time for removal of produce
21. A forest produce licensed to be cut and removed shall remain the property of the Government, until the prescribed fees have been paid in full and may not be charged, hypothecated, mortgaged, sold, ceded, assigned, or have any lien created thereon.

Produce is Government property until fees paid
22. The fees and royalties for animals, amphibians, reptiles, mammals and birds shall be based on prices prescribed under the National Parks and Wildlife Act.

Fees and royalties for taking, killing, taking sample of fauna
Cap.66:07

PART VII—OFFENCES AND PENALTIES

Offences and penalties	23. A person who contravenes a provision of these Regulations shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable to a fine of K5,000,000, and to imprisonment for ten years.
Revocation Cap.63:01 sub.leg p.27	24. The Forestry Rules are hereby revoked.

FIRST SCHEDULE (regs. 2 and 8)

PROTECTED TREES

Botanical names			Vernacular name
<i>Adina microcephala</i>	..	..	Mwenya, Chonya, Mgweya, Mung’ona, Mwina, Mungwina, Mluona
<i>Azelia quanzensis</i>	..	..	Mkongomwa, Msokosa, Mnangaliondo, Ipapa, Mpapa, Mpapadende
<i>Borassus aethiopum</i>	..	..	Mvumo, Mdikwa, Makoma, Mulala
<i>Bridelia micrantha</i>	..	..	Msopa, Chisopa, Mpasa, Mlewezi, Msongamino, Mwisya
<i>Burkea Africana</i>	..	..	Mkalati, Kalinguti, Kawidzi, Kawidzu, Nakapanga
<i>Colophospermum mopane</i>	..	..	Tsanya, Sanya, Ntsano, Mopani, Mpani
<i>Cordyla africana</i>	..	..	Mtondo
<i>Hyphaene crinita</i>	..	..	Mgwalangwa, Mkomkoma, Makoma, Mulala
<i>Khaya anthotheca/nyasika</i>	..	..	M’bawa, Muwawa, Bulamwiko
<i>Pterocarpus angolensis</i>	..	..	Mlombwa, Mtumbati, Mbira, Namazi
<i>Terminalia sericea</i>	..	..	Naphini, Nyapini, Mpini, Nalinsi, Mkodoni, Mpululu, Njoyi
<i>Widdringtonia whytei</i>	..	..	Mulanje cedar
<i>Widdringtonia nordiflora</i>	..	..	Mulanje cedar
<i>Dalbergia melanoxylon</i>	..	..	Phingo, Nanyula, Kasalusalu, Kasarusaru
<i>Percopsis angolensis</i>	..	..	Muwanga, mubanga, mbanga, mwanga
<i>Cycadophyta</i>	..	..	cycards
<i>cyatheales</i>	..	..	ferns
<i>cactaceae/caryophyllales</i>	..	..	cacti
<i>Orchidaceae</i>	..	..	orchids
<i>Diospyros Crassiflora</i>	..	..	Phingo

SECOND SCHEDULE

(reg. 12(1))

ROYALTIES

1. INDIGENOUS TREES

Class	Botanical names	Vernacular name	Price per cubic metre	
			K	T
I	<i>Entandrophragma excelsum</i>	Mukarikari, Mululiu	210,000.00	
	<i>Chlorophora excelsa</i>	Mgunda, Mvule	210,000.00	
	<i>Combretum imberbe</i>	Msimbiti	210,000.00	
	<i>Trichilia enetica</i>	Msikidzi, Msyunguti	210,000.00	
II	<i>Ocotea usambarensis</i>	Bokoto	115,000.00	
	<i>Strombosia scheffleri</i>	Mvivi	115,000.00	
	<i>Entandrophragma caudatum</i>	Nayalai, Naplalali, Gundang'ona ..	115,000.00	
	<i>Apodytes dimidiata</i>	Mzaza, Katole, Mchima, Msuwi, Mtibulo, Mnyembedwe	115,000.00	
	<i>Burttodavia nyasica</i>	Mbule	115,000.00	
	<i>Albizia gummifera</i>	Mtangatanga, Bua, Chikwani, Chikololo, Mpepe, Nsenjere, Mkalankha, Skapyia	115,000.00	
	<i>Newtonia buchananii</i>	Mkweranyani	115,000.00	
	<i>Podocarpus species</i>	Nanjula, Mwenye, Mkachi, Mkanguni, Mkute	115,000.00	
	<i>Bombax stoltzii</i>	Mtonjeranga, Thonjemanga	115,000.00	
	<i>Swartzia madagascarensis</i>	Chinyenye, Kampango	115,000.00	
	<i>Chrysophyllum species</i>	Mutu, Chifira, Mufu, Njundo, Njale, Namazuwa, Mlombeya	115,000.00	
	<i>Sterculia species</i>	Msetanyani, Njale, Mgoza, Mcheska, Mpepe, Chitondo, Muyamba	115,000.00	
	<i>Diospyros mesopiliiformis</i>	Msukwa, Mchenje, Mchenya, Njerenje	120,000.00	
	<i>Dialiopsis africana</i>	Mtalala, Mlimbauta, Masakala, Mtutumuko, Chiwangalanya	115,000.00	
III	<i>Faurea species</i>	Musese, Chise, Chiere	115,000.00	
	<i>Mitragyna rubrostipulata</i>	Mufwafwada	115,000.00	
	<i>Polyscias fulva</i>	Mpembati, Mukwajo, Mwaja, Mwaza	115,000.00	
	<i>Ficalhoa laurifolia</i>	Ndopa, Mlunganya, Muuse	115,000.00	
	<i>Hagenia anthelmintica</i>	Mkwerete, Mkhwale, Mthethe, Chigolongolo	115,000.00	
	<i>Acacia Polycantha</i>	Mgomba	115,000.00	

Class	Botanical names	Vernacular name	Price per cubic metre	
			K	T
IV	<i>Rauvolfia caffra</i>	Mwembi, Mvumbamvula, Nanyungu, Muimbi, Munyezani, Nyesani	..	115,000.00
	<i>Parkia Filicoida</i>	Mkundi, Musyepwa, Mgundi	..	115,000.00
	<i>Xymalosa nomospora</i>	Mulaka, Mpelekeso, Mpekeso, Nakaswaga, Chikakalaka	..	115,000.00
	<i>Fagara species</i>	Popwe, Mkurungu, Mlunguchulu	..	115,000.00
	<i>Borassus Aethiopium</i>	Mvumo, Makoma	..	48,000.00
	All other non-planted species		..	120,000.00
	indigenous fuelwood cut, and stacked by the purchaser			
	per m ³ —			
	(a) domestic use		..	15,000.00
	(b) industrial use		..	40,000.00
	Exotic fuelwood per headload	..	..	1,000.00
	Indigenous fuel wood per headload	..	..	2,000.00
	Exotic fuel wood per bicycle load	..	..	3,000.00
	Indigenous fuel wood per bicycle load	..	..	9,000.00

2. BAMBOO

Butt diameter (in centimetre)		Per pole	
		K	T
less than 5..	..	..	1,000.00
5 but less than 10	..	..	4,000.00
10 and above	..	..	7,000.00

3. PALMS

Botanical names	Vernacular name	Price per tree	
		K	T
<i>Phoenix raclinata</i>	Kanjedza, Kamchinda, Kanjesa	..	40,000.00
<i>Borassus aethiopium</i>	Mvumo, Makoma	..	40,000.00

4. PLANTS

Botanical names	Vernacular name	Price per plant	
		K	T
<i>Phoenix raclinata</i>	Kanjedza, Kamchinda, Kanjesa..	..	40,000.00
<i>Borassus aethiopium</i>	Mvumo, Makoma		40,000.00
<i>Wild Cycads and succulents</i>			40,000.00

5. NON-WOOD FOREST PRODUCTS

Type		Use/purpose			Price	
					K	T
Fruits, vegetables, mushroom, caterpillars, insects, tubes, tubers, thatch grass—						
		(a) domestic use	..	..	70,000.00	
		(b) commercial use	..	..	150,000.00	
Class	Botanical names	Vernacular name			Price per cubic metre	
					K	T
	<i>Vitex Doniana</i>	Mpindumbi, Mfiru, Msimpysa, Mpyuambya, Mpsyimpsya			..	115,000.00
V	<i>All other non-Planted species</i>	..	..	..	..	115,000.00
VI	<i>Widdringitonia,</i>	Mkungusa, Mkungudza, Mulanje Cedar			..	285,000.00
	<i>Cuppresoides, Juniperus Procera</i>	Changalume			..	285,000.00

6. EXOTIC TREES

Botanical names	Vernacular Name	K	T
<i>Cypress species</i>	Mkungudza	..	50,000.00
<i>Eucalyptus Species</i>	Bulugamu	..	145,000.00
<i>Gmelina arborea</i>	Malayina	..	145,000.00
<i>Pinus species</i>	Payini	..	145,000.00

7. POLES

Species	Butt diameter over bark (In meters)	Price per pole
		K T
<i>Eucalyptus and other exotic species not specified elsewhere in this schedule—</i>		
	Less than 6	1,000.00
	6 but less than 8	1,000.00
	8 but less than 10	2,000.00
	10 but less than 12	3,000.00
	12 but less than 14	4,000.00

<i>Species</i>	<i>Butt diameter over bark (In meters)</i>		<i>Price per pole</i>	
			<i>K</i>	<i>T</i>
	14 but less than 16	..	..	4,000.00
	16 but less than 18	..	..	5,000.00
	18 but less than 20	..	..	5,000.00
	20 and over	..	..	by volume
<i>Indigenous species—</i>				
	less than 6	..	..	3,000.00
	6 but less than 8	..	..	5,000.00
	8 but less than 10	..	..	6,000.00
	10 but less than 12	..	..	7,000.00
	12 but less than 14	..	..	9,000.00
	14 but less than 16	..	..	10,000.00
	16 but less than 18	..	..	11,000.00
	18 but less than 20	..	..	11,000.00
	20 and over	..	..	by volume

8. FUELWOOD

			<i>K</i>	<i>T</i>
<i>Exotic fuel wood, cut and stacked by purchaser—</i>				
	(a) domestic use	..	..	10,000.00
	(b) industrial use	..	..	15,000.00
	(c) transfer/conveyance certificate	..	..	50,000.00

THIRD SCHEDULE

(reg. 12(2))

FEES

		<i>Per person per night</i>	
		<i>K</i>	<i>T</i>
1.	CAMPING		
	<i>Camping Site/Area</i>		
	Camping on rest-house grounds with access to refrigeration	..	150,000.00
	Camping on rest house grounds without access to refrigeration	..	70,000.00
	Camping at any other place in a forest reserve	..	70,000.00
	Hut occupation, other than a permanent Campsite	..	150,000.00

2. REST-HOUSE OCCUPATION

Guesthouses Lodges	Facilities	Per person per night	
		K	T
Kazela Guest House—			
	(a) executive room, self-contained		50,000.00
	(b) executive room, self-contained double	..	70,000.00
	(c) ordinary room, sharing toilet and shower room—		
	(i) single	..	50,000.00
	(ii) double	..	70,000.00
Kasito Lodge I—			
	(a) per bed	..	70,000.00
	(b) exclusive use of room	..	145,000.00
Kasito Lodge II—			
	(a) per bed	..	70,000.00
	(b) exclusive use of rooms	..	70,000.00
Mangochi Forestry Guest House	per bed	..	70,000.00
Chintheche Forestry Guest House—			
	(a) per room	..	70,000.00
	(b) children under 5 years of age	..	30,000.00
	(c) children 5 to 12 years	..	70,000.00
Rent for Malawi Government Houses		to based on the prevailing rentals as imposed by the Malawi Housing Corporation	
Hall hiring (per day)		..	210,000.00

3. BUSINESS ACTIVITIES

(a) Mobile sawmill—

(i) application fee (non-refundable)	..	150,000.00
(ii) operational fee, per sawmill, per sawing season	..	665,000.00
(iii) yards/site fee	..	145,000.00
(iv) residential fee, as per 6m ² , per hut		145,000.00

<i>Guesthouses Lodges</i>	<i>Facilities</i>	<i>Per person</i>	
		<i>per night</i>	
		<i>K</i>	<i>T</i>
(b) Permanent sawmill—	(i) application fee per sawmill (non-refundable)	150,000.00	
	(ii) per annum	65,000.00	
	(iii) residential fee, per m ² , per annum	30,000.00	
(c) Logging—	(i) application fee (non-refundable) ..	150,000.00	
	(ii) operational logging fee ..	665,000.00	
	(iii) residential fee, per m ² , per annum	30,000.00	
	(iv) price per cubic metre ..	150,000.00	
(d) Construction of lodges, camps, rest houses or huts—	(i) application fee (non-refundable) ..	150,000.00	
	(ii) operational fee, per annum ..	665,000.00	
	(iii) residential fee, per m ² , per annum	30,000.00	
(e) Bee-keeping—	(i) application fee (non-refundable) ..	150,000.00	
	(ii) operational fee per beehive ..	70,000.00	
(f) Abstraction of water from a forest reserve—	(i) application fee (non-refundable) ..	150,000.00	
	(ii) forest management fee	to be negotiated	
	(iii) permanent structure fee, per m ² , per annum ..	30,000.00	
(g) Abstraction of water from a forest reserve for generating electric power—	(i) application fee (non-refundable) ..	150,000.00	
	(ii) operational fee, per annum ..	665,000.00	
	(iii) residential fee per m ² ..	30,000.00	
(h) Water tank construction in reserve—	(i) application fee (non-refundable) ..	150,000.00	
	(ii) operational fee, per annum ..	665,000.00	
	(iii) residential fee per m ² ..	30,000.00	

<i>Guesthouses Lodges</i>	<i>Facilities</i>	<i>Per person per night</i>	
		<i>K</i>	<i>T</i>
(i) Dam construction—	(i) application fee (non-refundable) ..	150,000.00	
	(ii) operational fee, per annum ..	665,000.00	
	(iii) residential fee, per m ² , per annum	30,000.00	
(j) Grocery store—	(i) application fee per building (non-refundable) ..	150,000.00	
	(ii) operational fee, per building per annum ..	665,000.00	
	(iii) residential fee per m ² , per annum	30,000.00	
(k) Maize mill—	(i) application fee (non-refundable) ..	150,000.00	
	(ii) operational fee, per annum ..	665,000.00	
	(iii) residential fee, per m ² ..	30,000.00	
(l) Private school—	(i) application fee (non-refundable) ..	150,000.00	
	(ii) operation fee ..	665,000.00	
	(iii) residential fee ..	30,000.00	
(m) Church or mosque building—	(i) application fee (non-refundable) ..	150,000.00	
	(ii) operation fee ..	665,000.00	
	(iii) residential fee, per m ² ..	30,000.00	
(n) Regular religious ceremonies in forest reserve—	(i) application fee (non-refundable) ..	150,000.00	
	(ii) operation fee ..	665,000.00	
	(iii) residential fee ..	30,000.00	
(o) Installation of telecommunication equipment—	(i) application fee (non-refundable) ..	150,000.00	
	(ii) operation fee ..	665,000.00	
	(iii) residential fee ..	30,000.00	

<i>Guesthouses Lodges</i>	<i>Facilities</i>	<i>Per person per night</i>	
		<i>K</i>	<i>T</i>
(p) Installation of electricity grid—	(i) application fee (non-refundable) . .	150,000.00	
	(ii) operational fee per km, per annum	70,000.00	
	(iii) residential fee per m ² , per annum	30,000.00	
(q) Installation of telephone lines—	(i) application fee (non-refundable) . .	150,000.00	
	(ii) operation fee per km . .	70,000.00	
	(iii) residential fee per m ² , per annum . .	30,000.00	
(r) Tour operations in forest reserve—	(i) application fee (non-refundable) . .	150,000.00	
	(ii) operation fee per annum . .	665,000.00	
	(iii) residential fee per m ² , per annum	30,000.00	
(s) Picnic, sight-seeing or trekking—	(i) students and pupils of Malawi origin	30,000.00	
	(ii) other entry fee per head . .	3,000.00	
	(iii) vehicle fee per vehicle . .	30,000.00	
(t) Hunting (sports)—	(i) application fee (non-refundable) . .	150,000.00	
	(ii) operational fee, per annum . .	665,000.00	
(u) Ranching—	(i) application fee (non-refundable) . .	150,000.00	
	(ii) operation fee per m ² , per annum . .	150,000.00	
	(iii) residential fees per m ² , per annum. .	30,000.00	
(v) Grazing, adjacent communities fee per head—	(i) application fee (non-refundable) . .	30,000.00	
	(ii) operation fee per year . .	150,000.00	
(w) Road construction in a forest reserve—	(i) application fee (non-refundable) . .	150,000.00	
	(ii) environmental rehabilitation fee . .	based on number of trees felled	
	(iii) operational fee . .	665,000.00	

<i>Guesthouses Lodges</i>	<i>Facilities</i>	<i>Per person per night</i>	
		<i>K</i>	<i>T</i>
(x) Collection of forest biodiversity resources for scientific purposes—			
	(i) application fee (non-refundable) ..	150,000.00	
	(ii) operational fee, per collection ..	665,000.00	
(y) Ornamental tree collection—			
	(i) application fee per collection (non-refundable) ..	150,000.00	
	(ii) operational fee, per annum ..	665,000.00	
(z) Gemstone, mining, or quarry operation—			
	(i) application fee (non-refundable) ..	150,000.00	
	(ii) operational fee per annum ..	665,000.00	
	(iii) residential fee per 6m ² hut ..	145,000.00	
	(iv) fee per tonne ..	30,000.00	
(aa) Arts and craft in forest reserve or curio making—			
	(i) application fee (non-refundable) ..	150,000.00	
	(ii) operational fee per annum ..	285,000.00	
	(iii) residential or structure per 6m ² hut ..	145,000.00	
(bb) Fishing (sport)	entry fee	150,000.00	
(cc) Aquaculture fish farming—			
	(i) application fee (non-refundable) ..	150,000.00	
	(ii) operational fee, per hectare, per annum ..	285,000.00	
	(iii) operation fee per m ² , per annum ..	3,000.00	
(dd) Course fees (per student)		60,000.00	

EXPORT OF FOREST PRODUCE (LOCAL)

				<i>Price</i>	
				<i>K</i>	<i>T</i>
(i)	Application (non-refundable)	..	..	..	150,000.00
(ii)	licence fee	..	..	..	665,000.00
(iii)	export fee (permit)	..	..	..	150,000.00
(iv)	transfer certificate fee per consignment		..	..	50,000.00

EXPORT OF FOREST PRODUCE (INTERNATIONAL)

					<i>Price USD</i>
(i)	Application (non-refundable)	..	..	..	500.00
(ii)	export licence		..	..	5,000.00
(iii)	export permit per consignment		..	..	100.00

IMPORT OF FOREST PRODUCE (LOCAL)

					<i>Price K T</i>
(i)	Application (non-refundable)	..	..	..	150,000.00
(ii)	licence fee	..	..	..	665,000.00
(iii)	import fee (permit)	..	..	..	150,000.00
(iv)	transfer certificate fee per consignment		..	..	50,000.00

IMPORT OF FOREST PRODUCE (INTERNATIONAL)

					<i>Price USD</i>
(i)	Application (non-refundable)	..	..	..	500.00
(ii)	licence fee		..	..	5,000.00
(iii)	import permit per consignment		..	..	100.00

OTHER FEES

					<i>K T</i>
(a)	Charcoal licence—				
	(i) application fee (non-refundable)		..	..	150,000.00
	(ii) operational fee, per hectare, per annum		..	..	665,000.00
	(iii) operation fee per bag		..	..	1,500.00
(b)	Gravel collection—				
	(i) application fee (non-refundable)	..	..	..	150,000.00
	(ii) operational fee per annum		..	..	665,000.00
	(iii) area fee per m ²	..	..	..	3,000.00
	(iv) fee per ton	..	..	..	30,000.00
(c)	Concessional fees for plantations—				
					USD
	(i) application fee (non-refundable)	..	..	..	100.00
	(ii) concession fee	..	..	..	40.00

Note: All confiscated forest produce under these Regulations shall be sold at their prevailing market prices

Made this 13th day of May, 2026.

(FILE NO. 14/14/13)

P. WISKES
Minister of Natural Resources

GOVERNMENT NOTICE No. 43

TOBACCO INDUSTRY ACT, 2024
(No. 5 OF 2024)

TOBACCO INDUSTRY (MINIMUM TOBACCO PRICES) (AMENDMENT)
(NO. 2) ORDER, 2026

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred by section 69 (1) of the Tobacco Industry Act, 2024, I, ROZA FACHI MBILIZI, Minister of Agriculture, Irrigation and Water Development, make the following Order—

1. This Order may be cited as the Tobacco Industry (Minimum Tobacco Prices) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order, 2026.

Citation
2. Tobacco Industry (Minimum Tobacco Prices) Order, is amended, by deleting Part A of the *Schedule* and substituting therefor, a new Part A as follows—

Amendment of G.N. 35 of 2026

“PART—A

BURLEY TOBACCO

No.	LEAF POSITION	GRADE	PRICE (US\$/KG)
1	Leaf	L1R	3.25
2	Leaf	L1O	3.20
3	Leaf	L2R	3.15
4	Leaf	L2O	3.10
5	Leaf	L3R	3.05
6	Leaf	L3O	3.00
7	Leaf	L3MD	2.70
8	Leaf	L3OK	2.60
9	Leaf	L3LD	2.50
10	Leaf	L4R	2.60

<i>No.</i>	<i>LEAF POSITION</i>	<i>GRADE</i>	<i>PRICE (US\$/KG)</i>
11	Leaf	L4O	2.55
12	Leaf	L4MD	2.35
13	Leaf	L4OJ	2.15
14	Leaf	L4OK	2.05
15	Leaf	L4LD	1.70
16	Leaf	L5O	1.90
17	Leaf	L5MD	1.80
18	Leaf	L5OJ	1.75
19	Leaf	L5OK	1.60
20	Leaf	L5LD	1.55
21	Leaf	L5OG	1.40
22	Thin Leaf	M1O	3.05
23	Thin Leaf	M2O	2.95
24	Thin Leaf	M3O	2.85
25	Thin Leaf	M4O	2.50
26	Cutters	C1LF	2.90
27	Cutters	C1L	2.85
28	Cutters	C2LF	2.80
29	Cutters	C2L	2.70
30	Cutters	C3L	2.60
31	Cutters	C3MD	2.50
32	Cutters	C3LJ	2.45
33	Cutters	C3LK	2.40
34	Cutters	C4MD	2.15
35	Cutters	C4LJ	1.95
36	Cutters	C4LK	1.90
37	Cutters	C4LD	1.70
38	Cutters	C4LG	1.50
39	Lugs	X1LF	2.85
40	Lugs	X1L	2.75
41	Lugs	X2LF	2.70
42	Lugs	X2L	2.65
43	Lugs	X3L	2.55
44	Lugs	X3MD	2.40
45	Lugs	X3LJ	2.25
46	Lugs	X3LK	2.10

No.	LEAF POSITION	GRADE	PRICE (US\$/KG)
47	Lugs	X3LD	1.90
48	Lugs	X4L	2.20
49	Lugs	X4MD	2.05
50	Lugs	X4LJ	1.95
51	Lugs	X4LK	1.85
52	Lugs	X4LD	1.60
53	Lugs	X5L	1.55
54	Lugs	X5MD	1.50
55	Lugs	X5LJ	1.45
56	Lugs	X5LK	1.35
57	Lugs	X5LD	1.30
58	Lugs	X5LG	1.15
59	Non-descript	NG	1.00
60	Scraps	NGA	1.00.”.

Made this 15th day of May, 2026.

(FILE NO. 1/01/26)

R. F. MBILIZI

Minister of Agriculture, Irrigation and Water Development

GOVERNMENT NOTICE No. 44

EMPLOYMENT ACT

(CAP. 55:01)

EMPLOYMENT (MINIMUM WAGES) (AMENDMENT) ORDER, 2026

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred by section 54 of the Employment Act, I, JOEL SALVATORE CHIGONA, Minister of Labour, Skills and Innovation, in consultation with the employers’ and employees’ organizations, make the following Order—

1. This Order may be cited as the Employment (Minimum Wages) (Amendment) Order, 2026, and shall come into force on 1st June, 2026.

Citation and commencement

2. The Employment (Minimum Wages) Order (hereinafter referred to as the “principal Order”) is amended, in paragraph 2 by deleting sub-paragraph (1) and substituting therefor, a new sub-paragraph (1) as follows—

Amendment to Cap. 55:01 sub. leg. p.34

“(1) The minimum daily wages to be paid to an employee shall not be calculated at a rate less favourable than that specified, in relation to the area of employment, below—

(a) in the case of Blantyre City, Lilongwe City, Mzuzu City, Zomba City, Lunchenza Municipality, Mangochi Municipality and Kasungu Municipality, K6,057.70; and

(b) in all Townships and all other areas, K6,057.70.”.

Amendment
of para. 3 of
the principal
Order

3. The principal Order is amended by deleting paragraph 3 and substituting therefor a new paragraph 3 as follows—

“Wages for
domestic
workers

3.—(1) The minimum daily wages for domestic workers shall be K3,220.00.

(2) For purposes of this paragraph “domestic worker” means a person engaged in providing household services within an employment relationship for a private household or households.”.

Amendment
of para. 4 of
the principal
Order

4. The principal Order is amended by deleting paragraph 4 and substituting therefor a new paragraph 4 as follows—

“Wages for
employees in
micro, small
or medium-
sized
enterprise and
shop

4.—(1) Notwithstanding paragraph 2, the minimum wage for an employee employed in a micro-sized enterprise, small-sized enterprise or medium-sized enterprise shall be as follows—

(a) in the case of an employee employed in a micro-sized enterprise or small-sized enterprise, K5,048.09 per day;

(b) in the case of an employee employed in a medium-sized enterprise, K6,057.70 per day;

(c) in the case of an employee employed in a shop, K7,211.54 per day; and

(d) in the case of an employee employed in the manufacturing industry, K7,692.31 per day.

(2) For purposes of this paragraph—

“employee employed in a shop” means an employee who, under a contract of employment, is or may be required to engage in shop work which may involve interfacing with customers in the following manner—

(a) customer service;

(b) managing cash points;

(c) stocking shelves;

(d) stock inventories; or

(e) organizing storage areas;

“medium-sized enterprise” means an enterprise that—

(a) employs twenty-one or more employees but not exceeding ninety-nine;

(b) has a minimum annual turnover of K50,000,000.00, but not exceeding K500,000,000.00; and

(c) in case of manufacturing firm, has assets of not more than K250,000,000.00, excluding land and buildings;

“micro-sized enterprise” means an enterprise that—

(a) employs one or more employees but not exceeding four;

(b) has a minimum annual turnover of K5,000,000.00; and

(c) in case of manufacturing firm, has assets of not more than K5,000,000.00, excluding land and buildings;

“shop” includes any commercial establishment or premises where any retail trade or wholesale business is carried on and includes stores and supermarkets; and

“small-sized enterprise” means an enterprise that—

(a) employs five or more employees but not exceeding twenty;

(b) has a minimum annual turnover of K5,000,000.00 but not exceeding K50,000,000.00; and

(c) in case of manufacturing firm, has assets of not more than K20,000,000.00, excluding land and buildings.

(3) An enterprise shall be classified as a micro-sized enterprise, small-sized enterprise or medium-sized enterprise, as the case may be, if it meets at least two of the three criteria specified for each class in sub-paragraph (2).

(4) Where premises are used mainly for purposes other than those of retail or wholesale trade and would not be regarded as a shop, only such part of the premises as—

(a) is used wholly or mainly for the purposes of retail trade or wholesale trade; or

(b) is used both for the purposes of retail trade or wholesale trade and is used wholly or mainly for those two purposes considered together.”.

Made this 14th day of May, 2026.

GOVERNMENT NOTICE NO. 45

EMPLOYMENT ACT
(CAP. 55:01)

EMPLOYMENT (MINIMUM WAGES) (WET CARGO AND DRY CARGO TRUCK DRIVERS) (AMENDMENT) ORDER, 2026

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred by section 54 of the Employment Act, I, JOEL SALVATORE CHIGONA, Minister of Labour, Skills and Innovations in consultation with the employers’ and employees’ organizations, make the following Order—

- Citation and
commence-
ment
1. This Order may be cited as the Employment Act (Minimum Wages) (Wet Cargo and Dry Cargo Truck Drivers) (Amendment) Order, 2026 and shall come into operation on 1st June, 2026.
- Amendment
of G.N. 99 of
2020
2. Employment Act (Minimum Wages) (Wet Cargo and Dry Cargo Truck Drivers) Order is amended, by deleting the *Schedule* and substituting therefor, a new *Schedule* as follows—

“SCHEDULE

MINIMUM WAGES FOR WET CARGO AND DRY CARGO TRUCK DRIVERS

<i>Category of truck driver</i>				<i>Minimum wage per month</i>	
				<i>K</i>	<i>t</i>
(a)	30 tonnes and above, international truck driver	..	..	..	410,375.00
(b)	30 tonnes and above local truck driver	..	..	..	293,125.00
(c)	below 30 tonnes truck driver	..	..	..	175,875.00.”.

Made this 14th day of May, 2026.

(FILE NO. MOL/DLS/1/2/25B2)

J.S. CHIGONA
Minister of Labour, Skills and Innovation

GOVERNMENT NOTICE NO. 46

CUSTOMS AND EXCISE ACT
(CAP. 42:01)

CUSTOMS AND EXCISE (TARIFFS) (AMENDMENT) (NO. 3) ORDER, 2026

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred by section 83(1) of the Customs and Excise Act, I, JOSEPH MATHYOLA MWANAMVEKHA, Minister of Finance, Economic Planning and Decentralization, make the following Order—

1. This Order may be cited as the Customs and Excise (Tariffs) (Amendment) (No. 3) Order, 2026.

2. The Customs and Excise (Tariffs) Order is amended, in the *Fifth Schedule*—

(a) under tariff heading 02.07, by deleting the entry “30%” and substituting therefor the entry “15%”;

(b) under chapter 07, by deleting the entry “40%” and substituting therefor the entry “15%”; and

(c) by inserting, in the correct numerical order, new tariff headings and subheadings with corresponding entries as shown hereunder—

Citation

Amendment of the *Fifth Schedule* to Cap. 42:01 sub. leg. p.144c
- | HS Code | Description | Rate |
|------------|---|------|
| 1209 | Seed | 20% |
| 3004.10.00 | Amoxicillin 250mg, Amoxicillin 125mg Dry Suspension, | 25% |
| 3004.90.90 | Artemether and Lumefantrine (20/120 and 80/480), Aspirin (75mg & 300mg), Paracetamol (80mg, 325mg, 500mg), Paracetamol 120mg/5ml, Ibuprofen (200mg) | 25% |
- Made this 27th day of April, 2026.
- (FILE NO. C/RPD/6/3/3/21)

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