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OFFICIAL LAUNCH OF THE MALAWI TRADE PORTAL

The Government of Malawi through the Ministry of Industry, Trade and Tourism is pleased to announce the official launch of the **Malawi Trade Portal**—a one-stop website for all trade-related regulatory information pertaining to the import, export and transit of commercial goods.

Government has embarked on a drive to facilitate trade, aligned to the vision of turning Malawi into a producing and exporting country. Towards this end, the Malawi Trade Portal is aimed at providing easy access to trade-related regulatory information in order to enhance transparency and accountability; and reduce the time traders of all levels and sizes have been spending to get their documentation in order. It is expected that the end result will be a reduction in trade costs.

Information that can be found on the Portal includes: all commercial laws and regulations governing import, export and transit of commercial goods, procedures and requirements for processing licenses and various permits, and the samples of these application forms that are downloadable. The Portal also contains information on which goods are prohibited, restricted, and other non-tariff measures; the entire catalogue of applicable tariffs linked to commodity classification is also available.

If you are a trader, the Portal will allow you to know the legal requirements you are supposed to meet as you either import and/or export your respective commodities. It will also alert you as to the duties, and other fees, or exemptions that are applicable to your commodity. All this from the comfort of your office or place of business.

The Ministry, therefore, wishes to extend an invitation to the private sector and all key stakeholders, the media and the public to the official launch of the **Malawi Trade Portal** which will take place as follows:

Venue: Sunbird Mount Soche Hotel
Date: Thursday 14th July, 2016
Time: 9:00 am

The launch will be presided over by **the Minister of Industry, Trade and Tourism**, Honourable Joseph Mwanamvekha, MP.

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