MANDATORY IMPORT AND EXPORT DOCUMENTS

The Malawi Revenue Authority (MRA) is pleased to advise importers and exporters that with immediate effect, the following are the only mandatory documents that importers and exporters require to present to Customs when clearing imports or exports.

Imports:

(i) Customs Declaration Form 12  
(ii) Supplier’s Commercial invoice  
(iii) Declaration of value Form 19  
(iv) Bill of lading/cargo manifest for sea and land cargo or air way bill for air cargo  
(v) Shippers’ or freight invoice  
(vi) Certificate of origin (optional)

Exports:

(i) Customs Declaration Form 12  
(ii) Supplier’s Commercial invoice  
(iii) Currency Declaration Form CD1 (For foreign currency repatriation for goods whose value is above USD 5, 000)  
(iv) Carrier’s Cargo Manifest  
(v) Certificate of origin (optional)

The Authority further wishes to advise all importers and exporters that the only documents that MRA will stamp are those that have been mentioned above. However, when a shipment requires an import or export permit or certificate, these should always be available.