

Country Snapshot

The Economic Department



Malawi

General Information

Capital:	Lilongwe	Global Competitiveness Index Ranking (Out of 140):	129
Population (m):	20	Corruption Perceptions Index Ranking: (Out of 180):	122
Local Currency:	Malawian kwacha	Ease of Doing Business Ranking (Out of 190):	111
Exchange Rate (LCU:US\$):	730.3	Economic Freedom Ranking (Out of 180):	148
Head of State:	President – Peter Mutharika	Enabling Trade Ranking (Out of 136):	101

Recent Economic Indicators

	2016	2017	2018	2019
Real GDP Growth (% change YOY)	2.3	4.0	3.3	4.7
GDP (Bn\$) (market prices)	5	6	7	7
GDP per capita (\$) (PPP)	1,135	1,170	1,202	1,249
Export of Goods (Bn\$)	1.0	0.9	1.2	1.3
Import of Goods (Bn\$)	2.1	2.4	2.5	2.5
Inflation (Av)	20	7	9	8

Principal Export Destinations

Zimbabwe 13.1%, Mozambique 11.8%, Belgium 10.7%, South Africa 6.3%, Netherlands 5%, UK 4.7%, Germany 4.3%, US 4.2%

Principal Export Commodities

tobacco (55%), dried legumes (8.8%), sugar (6.7%), tea (5.7%), cotton (2%)

Principal Import Destinations

South Africa 20.7%, China 14.2%, India 11.6%, UAE 7%, Netherlands 4.4%

Principal Import Commodities

food, petroleum products, semi-manufactures, consumer goods, transportation equipment

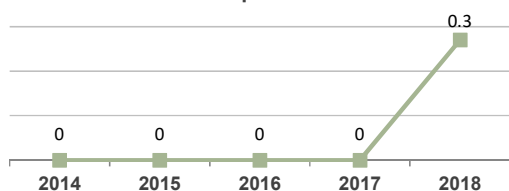
The most problematic factors for exporting to Malawi *

- 1 Tariffs and non-tariff barriers
- 2 Burdensome import procedures
- 3 High cost or delays caused by international transportation
- 4 Corruption at the border
- 5 High cost or delays caused by domestic transportation

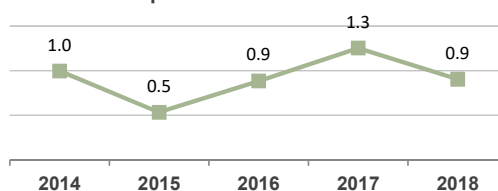
Israel's Goods Trade Relations with Malawi **

	M\$	% Change
Export	0.3	
Import	0.9	-28%
Total trade (export + import)	1.2	
Trade Balance (export - import)	-0.6	

Israel's Export to Malawi



Israel's Import from Malawi



The Main Sectors of Goods Trade between Israel and Malawi **

Sector	Export			Sector	Import		
	M\$	% Share	% Change		M\$	% Share	% Change
Machinery, Electrical equipment	0.17	61%		Fruits & Nuts	0.54	60%	-31%
Machinery, Mechanic equipment	0.10	39%		Tobacco	0.30	33%	-35%
				Coffee & Tea	0.04	4%	0%
				Vegetables	0.03	3%	0%

* World Economic Forum, Executive Opinion Survey

** Excluding Diamonds

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