



**Cross-Border Road Transport
Operator Handbook for
Mozambique**



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1. INTRODUCTION

The publication provides you (transport operators) with information that is useful for decision making in the course of doing cross-border business operations between South Africa and Mozambique. Other than providing you with information on key requirements for conducting cross-border operations, it also provides business opportunities that exist in the market. It is therefore recommended that you use this publication to advance business interests as information captured in this publication can be used for purposes of making informed decision making and identifying opportunities that exist for cross-border operators and traders conducting business in Mozambique.

2. GOODS MOSTLY EXPORTED TO AND FROM MOZAMBIQUE

Table 1 and Table 2 show the goods that are mostly traded between South Africa and Mozambique in either direction. Cross-border operators should tap into this market, targeting the major manufacturers and producers of the goods.

Table 1: Types of commodities exported to Mozambique

Commodity	SHARE OF TOTAL EXPORTS FROM SOUTH AFRICA TO MOZAMBIQUE				
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Live animals, animal products	3.10%	2.86%	3.13%	3.60%	4.33%
Vegetable products	3.75%	3.72%	4.17%	3.60%	3.16%
Animal or vegetable fats & oils	0.42%	0.38%	0.40%	0.36%	0.43%
Prepared foodstuffs; beverages & tobacco	10.10%	7.33%	7.37%	8.88%	9.80%
Mineral products	19.58%	28.74%	23.56%	27.76%	19.11%
Products of the chemical or allied industries	6.08%	7.47%	7.93%	7.44%	6.66%
Plastics & articles thereof; rubber & articles thereof	3.80%	3.69%	4.01%	3.31%	3.48%
Raw hides & skins, leather, fur skins & articles thereof	0.07%	0.07%	0.08%	0.06%	0.08%
Wood & articles of wood	0.96%	0.79%	0.89%	0.88%	0.96%
Paper products	2.45%	2.42%	2.22%	2.07%	2.44%
Textiles & textile articles	1.06%	1.00%	1.28%	1.22%	1.30%
Footwear, headgear, umbrellas	0.22%	0.20%	0.28%	0.25%	0.30%
Stone, cement and glass products	1.44%	1.36%	1.24%	1.13%	1.16%
Pearls and precious stones	0.01%	0.02%	0.01%	0.01%	0.01%
Base metals & articles of base metal	14.82%	10.61%	11.72%	9.35%	14.93%
Machinery & mechanical appliances	21.54%	19.06%	19.64%	17.22%	18.79%
Vehicles, aircraft, vessels	7.70%	7.15%	8.98%	10.28%	9.96%
Photographic, medical & musical instruments, clocks	1.12%	1.27%	1.27%	1.04%	1.23%
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1.75%	1.77%	1.75%	1.49%	1.75%
Works of art, collectors' pieces & antiques	0.005%	0.002%	0.002%	0.003%	0.002%
Other unclassified goods	0.013%	0.081%	0.060%	0.056%	0.111%
Special classification of original equipment components/parts for motor vehicles	0.021%	0.000%	0.000%	0.005%	0.001%

Table 2: Types of commodities imported from Mozambique

Product	SHARE OF TOTAL IMPORTS FROM MOZAMBIQUE TO SOUTH AFRICA				
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Live animals, animal products	0.69%	0.50%	0.53%	0.67%	0.53%
Vegetable products	2.51%	2.07%	2.58%	3.45%	3.24%
Animal or vegetable fats & oils	0.00%	0.05%	0.08%	0.05%	0.06%
Prepared foodstuffs; beverages & tobacco	3.16%	2.44%	2.41%	2.10%	2.65%
Mineral products	88.05%	86.68%	87.82%	87.87%	87.36%
Products of the chemical or allied industries	0.05%	0.09%	0.05%	0.18%	0.11%
Plastics & articles thereof; rubber & articles thereof	0.03%	0.01%	0.03%	0.01%	0.04%
Raw hides & skins, leather, fur skins & articles thereof	0.00%	0.00%	0.06%	0.04%	0.06%
Wood & articles of wood	0.23%	0.15%	0.10%	0.09%	0.11%
Paper products	0.02%	0.01%	0.02%	0.00%	0.01%
Textiles & textile articles	0.26%	0.15%	0.09%	0.51%	0.31%
Footwear, headgear, umbrellas	1.48%	0.83%	1.52%	1.25%	2.01%
Stone, cement and glass products	0.19%	0.05%	0.03%	0.03%	0.02%
Pearls and precious stones	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.02%
Base metals & articles of base metal	2.78%	2.90%	3.50%	2.46%	2.53%
Machinery & mechanical appliances	0.36%	3.59%	0.92%	0.96%	0.76%
Vehicles, aircraft, vessels	0.05%	0.39%	0.20%	0.06%	0.06%
Photographic, medical & musical instruments, clocks	0.10%	0.07%	0.05%	0.23%	0.11%
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	0.01%	0.01%	0.01%	0.01%	0.00%
Works of art, collectors' pieces & antiques	0.01%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Other unclassified goods	0.00%	0.00%	0.01%	0.02%	0.03%
Special classification of original equipment components/parts for motor vehicles	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

3. RESTRICTIONS AND ASSOCIATED LEGISLATION

The following is a list of prohibited imports into Mozambique:

- Merchandise with fabrication labels of false commerce or origin, books and works of art when they are counterfeit editions;
- Objects, photographs, albums, recordings of sound or images and film of a pornographic nature or other materials judged as offensive to public morals and dignity;
- Imitations of formulas of postal franchise used in the country;
- Medication and food products harmful to public health;
- Food products that are harmful to public health that cannot be used for other purposes;

- Distilled alcoholic drinks that contain essences or chemical products recognised as harmful such as: Aldeido Benzoico, Badia, Eteres silicitos, Hissopo e Tulinana;
- Hallucinatory and psychiatric substances except when imported for hospital use;
- Certain gases as specified below:
 - Chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs);
 - Halogens (Halon 1211, Halon 1301 and Halon 2402); and
 - Carbon Tetrachloride of Carbon (CCL4).
- Left-hand drive vehicles used for commercial purposes. (Intertek International Ltd: 2014).

4. DOCUMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR IMPORTATION AND EXPORTATION

4.1 Importation process and document

Importers in Mozambique follow the following procedure.

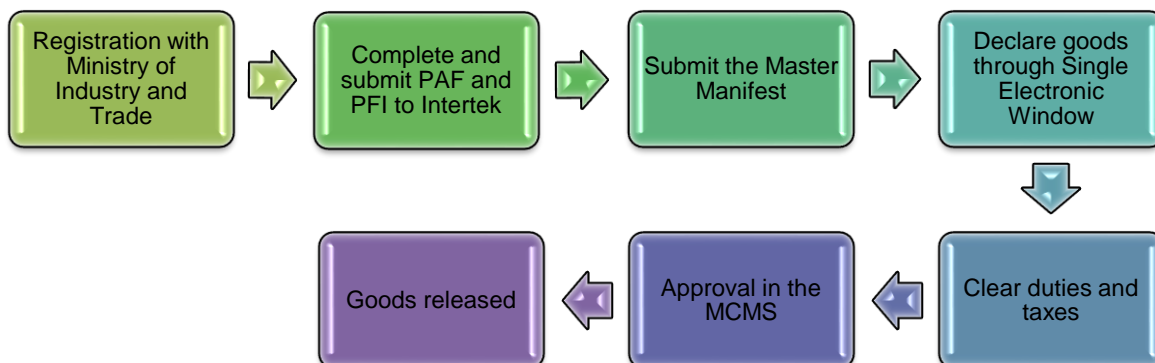


Figure 1 Import Process

The following are the documents that are required for importation:

- a) Import license/ permit (DA341);
- b) Commercial invoice;
- c) Customs import declaration;
- d) Third party insurance (Serguro);
- e) Packing list;
- f) Bill of Entry;

- g) Certificate of Origin;
- h) Transport document (road manifest, AWB or Bill of Lading);
- i) Cargo release order;
- j) Equipment registration certificate;
- k) Delivery order;
- l) Inspection report; and
- m) Payment receipts.

4.2 Route Certification Process

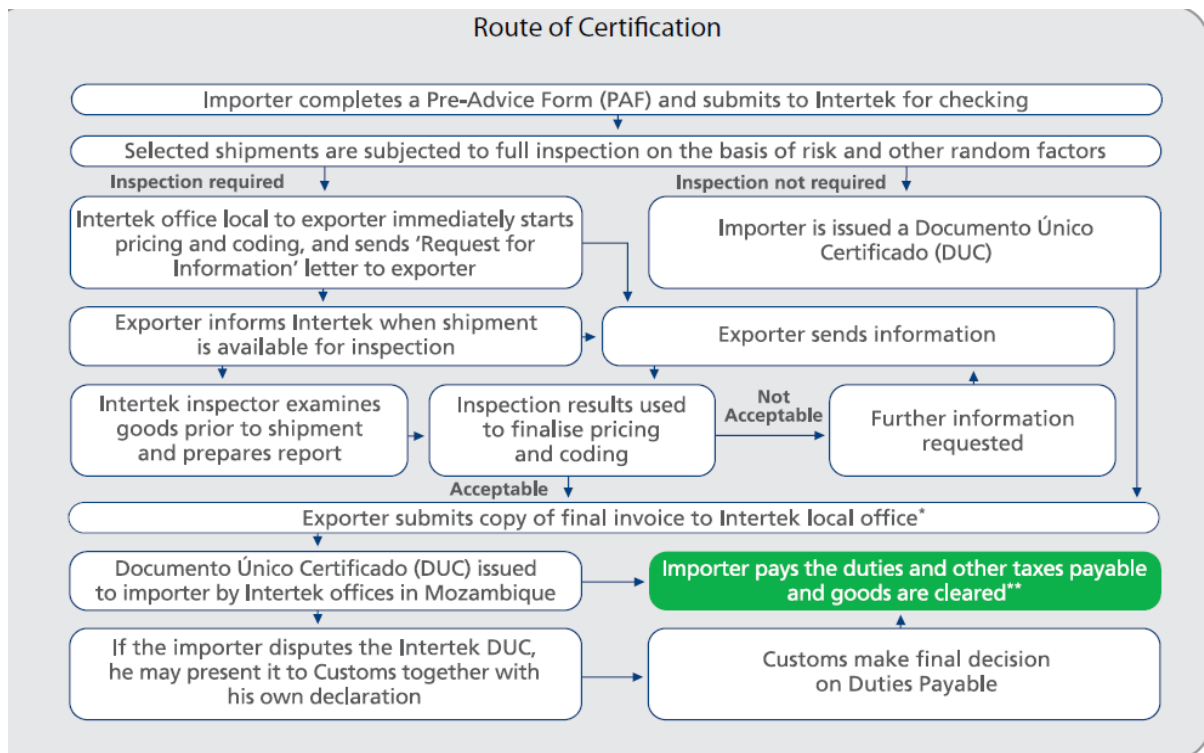


Figure 2 Route Certification Process

Importers (including seasonal importers) in Mozambique are required to register with the Ministry of Industry and Trade and submit the application for registration as an importer accompanied with identification documents, business registration certificate and trading licenses. If documents are approved, the Ministry will issue an identification card authorising permission to carry out foreign trading activities, known as the import license. If the goods to be imported require pre-shipping inspection, the importer must complete a Pre-Advice Form (PAF) and submit it with a PFI (Pro-Forma Invoice) to the Intertek office in Mozambique. At the port of entry, the transporter electronically submits the Master Manifest to custom. This is followed by completion and submission of a declaration form (DU – Single Document, DUA – Unique Abridged Document or DS – Simplified Document) to customs authority through the Single Electronic Window (SEW). The declaration will be validated using the Tradenet system.

After verification of the declaration, a declaration number is generated and assigned to the declared imports. Thereafter, duties and taxes associated with the imports must be cleared and an approval is made on the Customs Management System (MCMS). Finally, the goods are released.

4.3 Border Operating Hours

Table 3: Border crossings and operating hours

MOZAMBIQUE	SOUTH AFRICA	OPERATING HOURS	DISTANCE
Pafuri	Pafuri	08H00 – 16H00	532kms from Johannesburg
Giriyondo	Giriyondo	08H00 – 16H00 Only open for 4x4 vehicles, not open to commercial traffic.	595kms from Johannesburg
Ressano Garcia	Lebombo	06H00 – 24H00	451kms from Johannesburg
Ponta do Ouro	Kosi Bay	08H00 – 17H00 7 days a week	630kms from Johannesburg and 460kms from Durban

5. PASSENGER VOLUMES AND MOVEMENTS

Traveller data recorded by DHA is from travel documents scanned at the land ports of entry/exit. The data collected does not reflect country of final destination, duration of stay and the purpose of the visit. Unfortunately the data does not distinguish between travellers using privately owned vehicles and those using taxis and buses.

The table below shows monthly data of arrivals into and departures from South Africa, of both South African residents and foreign nationals by road for 2013 and 2014.

Table 4: Passenger movement between South Africa and Mozambique

	2013		2014	
	Arrivals	Departures	Arrivals	Departures
South African	619 755	630 264	710 700	725 802
Foreign nationals	1 797 005	1 567 328	2 056 122	1 861 050
Total	2 416 760	2 197 592	2 766 822	2 586 852

Source: StatsSA Tourism

- The number of passengers arriving into South Africa from Mozambique increased by 12.65% from 2013 to 2014; and

- Those travelling to Mozambique from South Africa increased by 15.05% in the same period.

Table 5: Passenger operator permits

	2007/2008	2011/2012	2012/2013	2013/2014	2014/2015
Taxi permits	2 526	5 177	4 332	4 390	4 907
Bus permits	1 347	339	631	542	319

Source: the CBRTA

- South Africa currently has twenty-seven taxi and eleven bus operators; and
- Mozambique has eleven taxi and six bus operators conducting business between South Africa and Mozambique.

6. ROAD TRANSPORT LEGISLATION

Road transport in Mozambique is regulated by the Road Decree (Law 1/2011). The provisions of this decree are applicable to both State owned roads and privately owned roads.

6.1 General rules

The general rules and regulations for road transport in Mozambique are:

- Drivers are not allowed to drive with part of their body outside of the vehicle;
- Vehicles are to be driven on the left side of the road;
- Drivers are to always carry their identity and car documents;
- Drivers should not use any headphones or television devices while the vehicle is in motion;
- Drivers and passengers are to use seatbelts;
- Children under the age of 12 have to be secured with a retention system designed for and adapted to their measurements and weight;
- Sound signals have to be brief, and used moderately
- In the case of an accident, the driver involved has to provide:
 - His identification
 - Identification of the vehicle owner (if not owned by the driver)
 - Vehicle insurer, including insurance policy number. The driver might be requested to documentation in proof

6.2 Speed Limits

The maximum speed in Mozambique is 120km/h. The permissible speed changes when entering towns and villages. It is advised to keep to speeds of 60km/h until the driver has cleared the inhabited area. The acceptable speed limits specifically for passenger and goods vehicles are:

Table 6: Speed limits

TYPE OF VEHICLE	SPEED IN KM/H	
	Inside of towns	Outside of towns
Passenger	60	100
Goods and mixed use	60	100

Any person exceeding the maximum speed limits will be punished by way of a fine, in terms of the following table:

Table 7: Fines issued for exceeding speed limits

	SPEED	FINE (IN MT)	CONTRAVENTION
Within towns	Exceeded by up to 10km/h	1,000 Mt	Minor
	From 10 to 20 km/h	2,000 Mt	Medium
	From 20 to 40km/h	4,000 Mt	Serious
	More than 40km/h	8,000 Mt	Serious
Outside of towns	Exceeded by up to 20km/h	1,000 Mt	Minor
	From 20 to 40 km/h	2,000 Mt	Medium
	From 40 to 60 km/h	4,000 Mt	Serious
	More than 60km/h	8,000 Mt	Serious

(Rand/Metical exchange rate is R1 = Mt 5.34)

Drivers may not drive at a speed of less than 40km/h on freeways. Drivers, who have been qualified to drive vehicles of a determined class for less than one year, may not exceed a speed of 90km/h when driving those vehicles.

6.3 Vehicle Dimensions and Weights Restrictions

Legal load limitations are imposed in order to protect the roads from the excessive damage caused by heavy loads. The load limitations are based on the engine power of the vehicle and

limitations specified by the vehicle; tyre manufacturers; the damage or wear caused by an axle load to the road; and the load concentration applied by a group of axles or axle units to bridge structures. Mozambique's axle load regulations compares favourably with most SADC countries.

Table 8: Load Limits

LEGAL LOAD LIMITS ON GOODS VEHICLES					
COUNTRY	STEERING AXLE	SINGLE AXLE	TANDEM AXLE	TRIDEM AXLE	COMBINATION AXLE
Angola	7 700 kg	10 000 kg	16 000 kg	24 000 kg	38 000 kg
Botswana	7 700 kg	8 200 kg	16 000 kg	24 600 kg	50 200 kg
Lesotho		8 200 kg	16 400 kg	21 000 kg	49 000 kg
Malawi	7 700 kg	8 200 kg	16 400 kg	24 600 kg	55 000 kg
Mozambique	7 700 kg	10 000 kg	16 000 kg	22 000 kg	38 000 kg
Namibia	7 700 kg	8 200 kg	16 400 kg	21 000 kg	48 400 kg
South Africa	7 700 kg	8 000 kg	16 000 kg	24 000 kg	56 000 kg
		(2 wheels)	(2 wheels)		
South Africa		9 000 kg	18 000 kg		
		(4 wheels)	(4 wheels)		
Swaziland	7 700 kg	8 200 kg	16 400 kg	21 000 kg	50 200 kg
Tanzania	7 700 kg	10 000 kg	18 000 kg	24 000 kg	52 000 kg
Zimbabwe		8 000 kg	18 000 kg	24 000 kg	56 000 kg

Table 9: Dimensional Limits

LEGAL DIMENSIONAL LIMITS ON GOODS VEHICLES					
COUNTRY	OVERALL WIDTH	OVERALL HEIGHT	LENGTH OF RIGID	LENGTH OF ARTICULATED	LENGTH OF COMBINATION
Angola	2,5 m	4,0 m	15,0 m	18,0 m	20,0 m
Botswana	2,5 m	4,1 m	12,5 m	17,0 m	22,0 m
Lesotho	2,6 m	4,1 m	12,5 m	17,0 m	22,0 m
Malawi	2,5 m	4,6 m	12,5 m	17,0 m	22,0 m
Mozambique	2,5 m	4,0 m	12,0 m		18,0 m*
Namibia	2,5 m	4,1 m	12,5 m	17,0 m	22,0m
South Africa	2,5 m	4,3 m	12,5 m	18,5 m	22,0 m
	(medium)				
South Africa	2,6 m				
	(heavy)				
Swaziland	2,5 m	4,1 m	12,5 m	17,0 m	20,0 m
Tanzania	2,6 m	4,4 m	12,5 m	17,0 m	22,0 m
Zimbabwe	2,5 m	4,6 m	12,5 m	18,5 m	22,0 m

* Special Permission can be obtained for combination lengths up to 22 metres

7. REQUIREMENTS FOR CROSS-BORDER TRANSPORT

There are certain requirements that passenger and freight operators need to comply with when travelling to Mozambique. These include:

- A valid passport of the driver, no visa is required for South African residents;

- A valid driver's license – international and South African driver licenses are recognised;
- A certified copy of vehicle registration papers in the name of the driver; and if the vehicle is not owned by the driver, a letter of authorisation from the registered owner;
- A letter of authority from the bank, if the vehicle is still being financed (must include dates of travel), together with the vehicle license papers;
- A compulsory temporary import permit for the vehicle (DA341), available at the border post (approximately R15 payable in Meticals);
- A compulsory Third-Party Insurance and road tax for foreign registered vehicles;
- Comprehensive vehicle insurance that is valid in Mozambique and that covers cross-border travel;
- Two Red Warning Triangles (they do not need to be displayed on car):
 - An Emergency Triangle must be carried in all vehicles. Each side of the triangle must be 500mm long and 50mm wide, with a thickness of about 5mm. It must be uniformly covered in red reflective material, with the back of the triangle being either white or have a 5mm wide white border. The edge of the triangle must be yellow. The reflective surface must be well-maintained and looked after; it must be visible from 100m away in the presence of light;
- A reflective jacket - two jackets are required if more than two people are travelling in the vehicle (to be used when changing a tyre, at car accident scene, or if reloading cargo that has fallen from the vehicle onto the road); and
 - the vest must be made from polyester and must be equipped with polyvinyl reflective strips in yellow or green in the front to the sides, as well as on the back of the vest. These strips must not be less than 40mm wide.
- Reflective markings must be used on all vehicles and trailers over 10,000kg in weight or more than 6m long:
 - Reflective markings should be placed of on the sides and the back or back edges of your vehicle as well as trailers in continuous or contiguous (in close proximity) lines. Markings must be between 0.25m and 1.5m from the ground, and may be extended up to 2.1m. Reflective markings must be made of yellow reflective material, and be at least 50mm wide. If a marking is not continuous, than the distance separating markings must be no more than 80% of the length of each marking.
- Immigration Fees: R17.50 per person;
- Declaration Form for Vehicle: cost is approximately R50;
- If towing a trailer, two towing stickers - yellow warning triangle on a blue background - one in the front of the vehicle (on the bumper) and one on the rear of the trailer;

- A 'ZA' Sticker; and
- Yellow fever, Hepatitis A & B, Typhoid, Polio, Tetanus, Malaria Risk vaccination.

8. CROSS-BORDER CHARGES

Cross-border charges for freight and passenger transport

Tables 10, 11 and 12 show estimate cross border charges that are levied on foreign cross-border road operators in Mozambique, including South African operators.

Table 10: Freight transport

Cross Border Charges		Amount (R)	Validity
Northern Border posts			
Toll Fee	Nampula	R 6,775.00	Return trip
	Beira	R 4,065.00	
Escort		R 1,355.00	Single trip
Transit Import Permit (TIP)		R 677.50	Return trip
Zambezi bridge toll		R 1,000.00	Return trip
Bluebook		R 600.00	Return trip
Third Party Insurance		R 480.00	30 days
Lebombo Border post			
Toll Fee		R 1,200.00	Return trip
Escort		R 600.00	Single trip
Road Fund		R 288.00	30 days
Third Party Insurance		R 480.00	30 days

Note: US\$1 = R11.03

Table 11: Passenger transport - Bus

Cross Border Charges	Amount (R)	Validity
Northern Border posts		
Toll Fee (Beira)/ Access	R 600.00	Return trip
Zambezi bridge toll	R 350.00	Return trip
Bluebook	R 600.00	Return trip
Third Party Insurance	R 550.00	30 days
Lebombo Border post		
Toll Fee /Access	R 1,200.00	Return trip
Road Fund/Access	R 288.00	30 days
Third Party Insurance	R 550.00	30 days

Note: US\$1.00 = R11.03

Table 12: Passenger transport - Taxi

Cross Border Charges	Amount (R)	Validity
Road Fund/Access	R 288.00	30 days
Third Party Insurance (Taxi)	R 406.00	30 days
Third Party Insurance (Trailer)	R 240.00	30 days

Note: US\$1.00 = R11.03

The Rand value of the charges were established at the time when the Rand/US\$ exchange rate was at US\$1 to R11.03

9. CONTACT DETAILS OF RELEVANT AUTHORITIES

Should cross-border operators or any other part conducting trade between South Africa and Mozambique face challenges at border posts and or in the corridor, they should contact the following key stakeholders for speedy resolution of challenges and assistance,

Table 13: Contact Details

South Africa	Cross-border Road Transport Agency	012 471 2000
	Port coordinator	013 793 7626
	SARS Customs	013 793 7458 083 555 3357
	BCOCC Provincial	013 793 7626 082 573 7871
	DHA	013 793 0102 079 519 3099
	DHA – Inspectorate	013 793 0101 072 147 2335
	SAPS	013 793 7311 072 062 4988
	Agriculture	013 793 8534 082 213 6304
	Port Health	013 793 7183 071 103 9112
	State Security	082 804 5878
	Mozambique	Ministry of Transport and Communication
Mozambique Revenue Authority (MRA)		(00258) 84549970
PRM Policia Transport		(00258) 84728004 (00258) 828550120

NB Contact details correct as at time of completing the publication.