



MALAWI BUREAU OF STANDARDS

Promoting Standardization and Quality Assurance in Malawi

GENERAL NOTICE

2024-2025 MBS QUALITY CERTIFICATION AWARDS

Malawi Bureau of Standards (MBS) is a statutory organization established in 1972 by an Act of Parliament, Cap 51:02 (revised as Act No. 14 of 2012), with a mandate to promote metrology, standardization, and quality assurance of commodities and of the manufacture, production, processing or treatment thereof; and further to provide for matters incidental to, or connected with standardization. The MBS as part of advancing its mandate provided in the Certification Marks Regulations (2016), implements the Product certification scheme targeting locally manufactured products and services. The implementation of this scheme promotes consumer protection and further instill confidence in locally manufactured tangible products and services such as catering and meat handling. The MBS Product certification scheme further support fair trade by ensuring that business operators compete at the same level through the implementation of the relevant Malawi standards.

In the MBS Product certification scheme, the local business operators are granted permit and designation certificates, respectively, following consistent compliance with the relevant Malawi standards during the surveillance period. Following the review of our certification records, the MBS would like to inform the general public that it has awarded a total of 886 permit and designation certificates where 558 are new entrants and 328 are the renewals.

The functions for awarding certificates to the representatives of the deserving Business Operators will be held as follows;

1. Lilongwe on 18th September, 2024 at Sunbird, Capital Hotel from 13h30
2. Mzuzu on 20th September, 2024 at Sunbird, Mzuzu Hotel from 09h30
3. Blantyre on 27th September, 2024 at Protea, Ryalls Hotel from 09h30

The MBS hereby encourages consumers to patronise only products that are certified by the MBS, and should always check for the MBS Quality Marks for locally manufactured products on the market including designation certificates and pre-certification approvals for catering and meat handling services. The MBS hereby encourages consumers to patronise only products that are certified by the MBS, and should always check for the MBS Quality Marks for locally manufactured products on the market including designation certificates and pre-certification approvals for catering and meat handling services. In addition to the implementation of the Product

certification scheme, the MBS is also providing Management systems certification and currently we are accredited in the scopes of Quality Management Systems based on ISO 9001: 2015 and Food Safety Management System (FSMS) based on ISO 22000:2018. The Management system certification is key towards the penetration of the international market.

The MBS further wishes to encourage the general public to continue reporting to the MBS on its **Toll-free number 462** on both Malawi Telecommunication Network (TNM) and Airtel Malawi lines if they encounter any suspected substandard product on the market and when production facilities are operating below minimum requirements.

For more information on this, or any other issue related to standards and quality, please contact us through the following contacts:

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