



GUIDELINES ON MINERAL EXPORTS

1. **Verification of Minerals by Geological Survey Department (GSD):**

Prior to issuance of an export permit, mineral consignments are examined by GSD to **certify the mass, value, and grade/quality** of the minerals. The consignments are sealed with a unique serial number to ensure traceability and prevent tampering or under declaration.

2. **Approval by Honorable Minister:** Application for export from the exporter accompanied by **Certificate of Inspection** from GSD (containing among others quantity and quality) should be sent to Hon. Minister for consideration and approval.

3. **Royalty Collection and Assessment:**

Royalties are **paid to Malawi Revenue Authority (MRA)** based on **gross value** as follows:

- i. **5%** for industrial minerals
- ii. **10%** for precious and semi-precious stones

Export is **prohibited** unless royalties due are fully paid or secured, as empowered under Section 297(a).

4. **Issuance of Export Permit and Inter-Agency Notification:** Once all requirements are satisfied, an export permit is issued under Section 296. Immediately thereafter, MMRA **notifies the security agencies**, including the Malawi Defence Force (MDF), Malawi National Service, and Military Intelligence, to support enforcement and escort measures at border points.

5. **Border Surveillance and Compliance:**

At the point of exit, security agencies and Customs conduct verification of:

- i. Export permit authenticity
- ii. GSD seal integrity

6. Consistency of parcel contents with declared information. Exports with discrepancies are withheld pending investigation.

7. **Post-Export Audit and Laboratory Results Submission:** Where minerals are exported for **laboratory analysis**, results must be submitted to MMRA for validation of mineral grade and any necessary royalty adjustment based on final realised value.