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**TO : The Director General,  
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**Copy : The Inspector General of Police  
: Secretary for Foreign Affairs  
: Secretary for Homeland Security  
: District Commissioners (In all Border Districts)  
: Directors of Health and Social services (In all Border Districts)  
: Secretary to the President and Cabinet**

Dear Sir,

### **COVID-19 CONTROL MEASURES AT POINTS OF ENTRY**

The Government with support from partners continues to implement COVID-19 prevention and control measures in the country. While reported COVID-19 cases are low in the country, reports from the World Health Organization indicate that some of our neighbouring countries are reporting high COVID-19 cases which could be the beginning of the third wave in those countries. It is therefore important that we intensify our COVID-19 control efforts at all levels in the country.

I am therefore writing to remind you that according to the *Regulations of Entry* in the Rules issued by the Minister of Health in Exercise of the powers conferred to her by Section 31 as read with Section 29 of the Public Health Act,

1) In furtherance of Section 38, a person who\_\_

- (a) Is not a citizen of Malawi;
- (b) Does not hold a resident permit for Malawi;
- (c) Is not domiciled or ordinarily resident in Malawi;
- (d) Is not part of a team of medical personnel that is required to provide medical services in Malawi;
- (e) is not a member of the diplomatic or consular staff of a country that is accredited to Malawi or in transit to another country; or
- (f) Is not a spouse, child or dependent of a person referred in paragraphs (a) and (e),

shall be refused entry into Malawi, except as otherwise provided for under subrule (2)

- 2) A person who \_\_\_
- a) Is a member of an organization intending to support, supporting or implementing any Covid -19 related intervention;
  - b) Is a driver of a vehicle, cabin crew of an aircraft or vessel transporting essential goods

Please intensify COVID-19 control measures in all border posts in line with our COVID-19 Prevention , Containment and Management Rules 2020.

All travellers are required to produce a negative PCR COVID-19 test done not more than 72 hours before arrival except for truck drivers and their assistants whose negative PCR test is valid for up to 14 days as per the COMESA-ECSA-SADC Tripartite Agreement. Those with no COVID-19 test certificates should be tested on entry.

Yours sincerely,



Dr Charles Mwansambo  
**SECRETARY FOR HEALTH**