

Safe Standard® – Country Annex: Malawi / Republic of Malawi (2025.1 Public Template)

Valid only for rentals occurring within Malawi.

ENGLISH VERSION

1. National Legal Basis Relevant Malawian laws: • Malawi Contract Law (common-law based) • Consumer Protection Act (2023) • Electronic Transactions and Cyber Security Act (2016) • Product Safety & Standards – Malawi Bureau of Standards (MBS) • Civil Procedure Rules Jurisdiction: court where the rental occurs unless agreed otherwise. Contract validity: private rental agreements are fully enforceable under Malawian law.
2. Tax and Reporting Rental income is taxable. VAT (Value Added Tax): • Standard VAT rate: 16.5% Record keeping: minimum 5 years (Malawi Revenue Authority).
3. Liability and Insurance Liability requires: • negligence or fault • actual provable damage • causation Gross negligence or intentional damage cannot be excluded. Template limits: • 270 USD per rental • 900 USD for Mobility Recommended insurance: • Public liability insurance • Equipment/business insurance
4. Consumer Rights & Withdrawal Consumer Protection Act applies. No EU-style 14-day withdrawal right for date-specific rentals. Refund rules: • Before handover: according to agreement • After handover: only for defective, unsafe, or unusable items.
5. Data Protection Applicable law: • Electronic Transactions and Cyber Security Act (basic privacy regulation) Safe Standard® stores no personal data; Stripe processes all payments externally.
6. Enforcement & Cross-Border Cases Handled by Malawian civil courts. Foreign judgments require recognition under local procedures. Arbitration allowed with written agreement.
7. Use of Templates in Malawi Annex is internal reference only. Steps: 1. Rental Agreement (Country: Malawi) 2. Focus Checklist at handover 3. Photo Rule — No notes = No damage = No photos 4. Damage Invoice if required 5. Annex is NOT shared with renter.