

MOZAMBIQUE

Exchange Control Authority. Administered by Bank of Mozambique (central bank) which is also the only commercial bank. But annual forex budget, drawn up as part of the central state plan, is decided by a committee of govt. agencies.

Imports. Licences required for all goods valued above MT2500 are self-issued by companies authorised to conduct foreign trade within framework of central state plan, or obtained from min. of foreign trade in other cases. Priority given to imports of raw materials, spare parts, petroleum, food, and medicines. All import licences must be endorsed by central bank for foreign exchange issue and transfer which cannot usually take place until after customs clearance of goods.
- insurance must be effected through Mozambique State Insurance Undertaking (EMOSE).

Exports. All exports must be licensed through min. of foreign trade and proceeds deposited with central bank in accordance with terms of the licence. But a forex retention scheme allows some enterprises to keep proportion of forex earnings to finance their import needs.

Capital Transfers. All inflows must be channelled through central bank who, with the government, are only entities authorised to borrow abroad. Inward investment incentives, provided by the Foreign Investment Promotion Office, include tax and customs exemptions for specified periods.

Remarks. Centrally planned economy with everything hinging upon central bank approval. Scarce forex but recent IMF approval of US\$25m will ease position.