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REGULATIONS TO ENFORCE BUY MALAWI STRATEGY

The Ministry of Trade has developed regulations for the Buy Malawi Strategy to compel retailers to stock a certain percentage of locally-produced products. The ministry says the regulations are expected to be launched during the first quarter of this year. But Consumers Association of Malawi executive director John Kapito in an interview on Tuesday, 18 January, faulted the introduction of controls in a liberalised market environment. The ministry's Director of Trade Charity Musonzo said in an interview on Tuesday that the regulations follow the continued reluctance by some retailers to stock locally-produced products despite being of high quality. She said apart from compelling retailers to stock the products, the regulations will also guide them to put the products on prominent shelves for easy identification by consumers. Musonzo said: "We want to enforce the Buy Malawi [but] we are not able to force someone to implement provisions of the strategy." "Without the legal provisions, we could not do much, but once the regulations are in place, we will implement the provisions contained in the strategy." But Kapito has faulted the move, saying government cannot liberalise the market and at the same time control what should be sold and bought.

Source: The Nation

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EAC LOSES USD3.4-BILLION TO COVID-19 MEASURES AS TRADE DECLINES

EAC loses USD3.4-billion to COVID-19 measures as trade declines Uganda was the only country in the region to record a trade increase of 4.6% in 2020, a year when the average economic growth for the entire East African region declined to as low as 2.3% from 5.4% in 2019. In general, the East African Community (EAC) member states lost USD3.36-billion worth of trade in the year when the COVID-19 pandemic spread like bushfire, cutting global trade links and pushing regional and global economies into total lockdowns, according to the latest draft report on EAC Trade and Investment for 2020. The report shows that the total investment in the region declined by almost 46.29% in 2020. Overall trade for the six member states – Rwanda, Uganda, Tanzania, Burundi, Kenya and South Sudan – dropped by 6.08% to USD51.91-billion in the period, from USD55.27-billion in 2019. In the six years between 2015 and 2020, the region lost about USD1.54-billion (3%) of its trade to USD51.91-billion from USD53.45-billion in 2015, the report says. On the bright side, total exports from the region increased by 3.15% to USD16.25-billion from USD15.76-billion in 2019 due to increase in the value of EAC exports to the United Arab Emirates and the United Kingdom.

Source: The EastAfrican



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AFCTA SECRETARIAT AND AFREXIMBANK SIGN AN AGREEMENT FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THE AFCTA ADJUSTMENT FUND

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STATE OF GHANA AND SOUTH AFRICA READINESS FOR AFCFTA

South Africa though among the big players of AfCFTA is yet to design any strategic plan to its implementation. Ghana has to be commended for developing the national implementation framework for AfCFTA which will be launched in February. By the Executive Director APN Group

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DU CÔTÉ DU NIGÉRIA, L'OBSTACLE, CE SONT PRINCIPALEMENT LES SYNDICATS NATIONAUX, DÉFAVORABLES À L'ACCORD

Du côté du Nigéria, l'obstacle, ce sont principalement les syndicats nationaux, défavorables à l'accord. L'Afrique du Sud, elle, s'enlise sur la question des règles d'origine et de la propriété intellectuelle, deux cadres commerciaux communs essentiels selon les négociateurs sud-africains. Pour Le Caire, la récente signature de plusieurs accords commerciaux, notamment avec l'UE, semble paradoxale avec une pleine participation de l'Égypte à la Zlecaf.

La Zlecaf est-elle trop ambitieuse pour devenir une réalité ? Ou alors, le retard pris n'est-il qu'anecdotique ? L'Union africaine, en tous cas, estime que les problèmes liés à ce dossier ne sont pas prioritaires : les discussions concernant la Zlecaf ne figuraient en effet pas à l'ordre du jour du 35e sommet de l'instance continentale, ce week-end.

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APRÈS UN AN, POURQUOI LE PROJET DE ZLECAF PATINE

Treize mois après le lancement de la Zone de libre-échange continentale africaine (Zlecaf), le marché commun le plus ambitieux de la planète est-il à la hauteur des attentes ?

Plus de treize mois se sont écoulés depuis l'entrée en activité, pour les pays signataires, de la Zone de libre-échange continentale africaine (Zlecaf). Depuis le début des activités du programme économique, le 1er janvier 2021, l'impact de la Zlecaf est cependant à peine visible. Pourtant, la Zlecaf est, à tous les titres, le programme économique le plus ambitieux de l'histoire depuis la création de l'Organisation mondiale du commerce (OMC). Sur le papier en tout cas.

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ZLECAF: L'AFRIQUE A-T-ELLE LES MOYENS DE SES AMBITIONS?

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Tous les pays africains, exception faite de l'Erythrée, ont signé l'accord pour la zone de libre-échange continentale africaine (Zlecaf), projet ayant été lancé en 2012 par l'Union africaine.

A partir d'avril 2018, les pays, Sierra Leone, Ghana et Kenya en premier, ont commencé à déposer leurs instruments de ratification, phase marquant l'adhésion finale. A ce jour 39 y ont procédé alors qu'une quinzaine ayant déjà ratifié l'accord traînent encore le pas. Qu'à cela ne tienne, le commerce sous le régime de la Zlecaf est devenu légalisé entre les Etats parties depuis 1er janvier 2021 même si, jusque-là, aucun échange n'a encore cours.

« Nous avons franchi plusieurs étapes importantes. Nous comptons 39 Etats parties à l'accord (...) Deuxièmement, nous avons atteint un accord d'environ 87.8% sur les règles d'origine, ce qui constitue un seuil de consensus très élevé. Une autre étape importante est que nous avons rendu opérationnel le protocole sur le règlement des différends », a relevé Wamkele Mene, secrétaire général de la Zlecaf, dans un entretien récent (janvier 2022) au magazine Afrique Renouveau. Il a assuré que d'autres progrès significatifs étaient attendus pour 2022. Au nombre de ceux-ci, il a annoncé la publication, dès le mois de février, du « livre des tarifs de la Zlecaf ».

Le verre est-il à moitié vide ou à moitié plein après une année de mise en œuvre sans activité ?

L'Afrique a-t-elle réellement les moyens de ses ambitions pour ce marché libre de plus d'un milliard de consommateurs qui serait le plus grand du monde ? Des experts contactés par l'Agence Anadolu ont répondu par l'affirmative tout en assurant qu'un certain nombre de préalables devront être satisfaits pour ce faire.

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