

Botswana Official Free Marks

Straight Line

Markings with No Border

Note on Measurements

Horizontal dimension are measured from the left centre side of the 'O' to the end of the middle stroke of the 'E'. The vertical dimension is usually the height of the first letter 'I'. Dimensions are to the nearest 0.5mm, unless the dimension is constant across the handstamp and is clearly defined, in which case to the nearest 0.1mm. A range is given when the handstamp has a large variation in one or both dimensions.



Example of one of the Office Handstamps combined with an OFFICIAL FREE marking (601)

		31.5mm x 4.5mm	601
26-Nov-2001	NATIONAL AIDS COORDINATING AGENCY GABORONE		
		34mm x 3mm	604
<i>not known</i> [STRUCK IN REDDISH PURPLE]	IMMIGRATION DEPT REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA (sent from Southern Sorting Centre, Gaborone)		
		38mm x 5mm	611
12-May-1980	DEPARTMENT OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISE PO BOX 157 FRANCISTOWN		
		38.5mm x 4.5mm	613
17-Dec-1991	REGISTRY 2 BRIGADE HEADQUARTERS FRANCISTOWN BOTSWANA DEFENCE FORCE		
10-06-2003 <i>Struck in Red</i>	ACCOUNTS, SIGNALS REGIMENT GABORONE, BOTSWANA DEFENCE FORCE		
		40mm x 4.5mm	615
07-May-1980	DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL OFFICER FRANCISTOWN DIVISION OF AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION		

OFFICIAL FREE		41.5mm x 4mm	617
11-Oct-2004 to 12-Nov-2004	ANIMAL HEALTH AND PRODUCTION ABATTOIR REGISTRY P.O. BOX 1159 FRANCISTOWN		
OFFICIAL FREE		43.5mm x 5mm	619
04-Jun-1991 (sent from Gaborone Village) [STRUCK IN BROWN]	AIR ARM HEADQUARTERS REGISTRY BOTSWANA DEFENCE FORCE		
OFFICIAL FREE		45mm x 5/6mm	621
21-Jan-2001	DEPARTMENT OF NON-FORMA EDUCATION MASUNGA		
no date	NATIONAL CONSERVATION STRATEGY (CO-ORDINATING) AGENCY REGISTRY PRIVATE BAG 0068 GABORONE BOTSWANA		
04-Nov-2004 to 05-Nov-2004	REGIONAL AGRICULTURAL OFFICE CROP PRODUCTION AND FORESTRY P.O. BOX 16 MAUN BOTSWANA		
OFFICIAL FREE		46.5mm x 4.5mm	625
23-Mar-1991 [STRUCK IN RED]	DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND NATIONAL PARKS KANYE		
19-Oct-2000	DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION P.O. BOX 250 GABORONE		
11-Oct-2004	PRINCIPAL NGAMILAND P.T.C. P.O. BOX 149 MAUN		
29-Oct-1985 (sent from Gaborone Village)	STAFF OFFICER FINANCE BOTSWANA DEFENCE FORCE		
OFFICIAL FREE		47.5mm x 6mm	628
12-Oct-2004 [STRUCK IN GREEN]	ANIMAL HEALTH AND PRODUCTION PRIVATE BAG 0011 LETLHAKANE		
29-Oct-2004	DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE AND YOUTH PRIVATE BAG 00185 GABORONE		
07-Jun-2001	DIRECTORATE OF PUBLIC SERVICE MANAGEMENT GABORONE		

OFFICIAL FREE		49mm x 4.5mm	630
25-Mar-1980 (sent from Gaborone)	MINISTRY OF EDUCATION BOTSWANA		
03-Nov-1980	SENIOR SUB-TRIBAL AUTHORITY NGWATO TRIBAL ADMINISTRATION TONOTA BOTSWANA		

OFFICIAL FREE		49.5mm x 6.5mm	633
25-Apr-2001 to 07-Dec-2001	DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE AND YOUTH GABORONE		
27-Dec-1993 (sent from Kasane)	IMMIGRATION OFFICER ARRIVAL KAZUNGULA FERRY		
18-Jan-2001	MINISTRY OF WORKS ROAD DEPARTMENT TSABONG		
29-Oct-2001 to 21-Nov-2001	PERMANENT SECRETARY MINISTRY OF HEALTH GABORONE		
14-Nov-2001 [STRUCK IN RED]	POST OFFICE MAUN		
09-10-2001 [STRUCK IN RED]	BOTSWANA CUSTOMS AND EXCISE, SOUTH CENTRAL COLLECTION, REGISTRY GABORONE		

OFFICIAL FREE		49.8mm x 5mm	634
26-Oct-2004	Cover from Palapye		
13-Oct-1981	DEPARTMENT OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISE GABORONE		
25-Mar-1980 to 01-Sep-1983	MINISTRY OF EDUCATION GABORONE		
08-Oct-2004	PRINCIPAL MAHALAPYE RURAL TRAINING CENTRE CROP PRODUCTION AND FORESTRY P.O. BOX 390 MAHALAPYE		
11-Oct-2004 to 11-Nov-2004	PRINCIPAL VETERINARY OFFICER ANIMAL HEALTH AND PRODUCTION PRIVATE BAG 364 MAUN		
11-Dec-2000 to 11-Dec-2001	REGISTRY OF CIVIL REGISTRATION AND VITAL EVENTS NO 3 GABORONE		

OFFICIAL FREE		49.8mm x 5.8mm	636
15-Mar-2002 to 04-Sep-2002	DEPARTMENT OF DISTRICT ADMIN P/BAG 443 GABORONE		
OFFICIAL FREE		50.3mm x 5mm	637
14-Feb-2001 to 23-Apr-2001	ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE CLERK OF THE COURT MAUN		
28-Aug-1984	NATIONAL MUSEUM AND ART GALLERY GABORONE		
OFFICIAL FREE		51mm x 4/5mm	640
19-Feb-2002 [STRUCK IN RED]	DISTRICT COMMISSIONER FRANCISTOWN		
OFFICIAL FREE		52mm x 5.5mm	642
10-Apr-2004 to 08-Nov-2004 [STRUCK IN VIOLET AND BLACK]	ANIMAL HEALTH AND PRODUCTION PRIVATE BAG 0011 LETLHAKANE		
OFFICIAL FREE		52.5mm x 5.5mm	644
09-Dec-2001	PUBLIC RELATIONS UNIT BOTSWANA POLICE SERVICE P/BAG 0012 GABORONE		
OFFICIAL FREE		52.5mm x 6.5/8mm	646
09-Oct-2001	BOTSWANA CUSTOMS AND EXCISE PASSENGER IMPORT RAMOKGWEBANA		
OFFICIAL FREE		55mm x 5.7mm	648
02-Nov-2004 to 03-Nov-2004	LIVESTOCK ADVISORY CENTRE (MACHANENG) P.O. BOX 3 MACHANENG		

OFFICIAL FREE		60.0mm x 6.0mm 61mm x 7/8mm	650
12-Aug-1998 to 08-Aug-2002 [STRUCK IN RED]	BOTSWANA CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SOUTH CENTRAL COLLECTION REGISTRY GABORONE		
16-Feb-1995 to 27-Feb-1995	BOTSWANA DEFENCE FORCE ACCOUNTING UNIT FRANCISTOWN		
07-Jul-1995	BOTSWANA POLYTECHNIC ACADEMIC REGISTRY PRIVATE BAG 0061 GABORONE		
21-Mar-1991 to 04-May-1991 [STRUCK IN PURPLE]	DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND NATIONAL PARKS TSABONG		
03-Nov-2004 to 10-11-2004 [STRUCK IN MAUVE]	REGIONAL AGRICULTURAL OFFICER P.O. BOX 67 FRANCISTOWN		
24-Jul-1996	VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTRE PALAPYE		

OFFICIAL FREE		62.5mm x 6mm	653
circa 2000	GOVERNMENT GAZETTE GABORONE		

OFFICIAL FREE		84mm x 9/9.5mm	656
12-Oct-2004	DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HEALTH AND PRODUCTION NATIONAL BULL STUD		
18-Oct-2004 to 01-Nov-2004 [STRUCK IN BLACK] 08-Nov-2004 [STRUCK IN GREEN]	DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HEALTH AND PRODUCTION SENIOR SCIENTIFIC OFFICER BOX 3 PITSANE		
09-Jun-2000	DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE AND YOUTH GABORONE		
28-Jan-2000 to 22-May-2001 [STRUCK IN RED]	DEPARTMENT OF TOWN REGIONAL PLANNING GABORONE		
11-Oct-2004	DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL OFFICE P.O. BOX 9 LETLHAKANE		
02-Nov-2004	LIVESTOCK ADVISORY CENTRE SETHITWA REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA		
05-Oct-2001	NATIONAL REGISTRATION KASANE		
13-Oct-2004 to 09-Nov-2004	PRINCIPAL TECHNICAL OFFICER ANIMAL HEALTH AND PRODUCTION P.O. BOX 51 SHAKAWA		

OFFICIAL FREE		89.5mm x 8.5/9mm	658
15-Nov-2001	JWANENG TECHNICAL COLLEGE JWANENG		

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two 658's

OFFICIAL FREE		89mm x 8mm	658
10-05-2007	JWANENG TECHNICAL COLLEGE PVT BAG 009 JWANENG		




OFFICIAL FREE		98mm x 11mm	659
<i>not known</i>	<i>not known</i>		

Straight Line Markings with Line Over and Under

Note on Measurements: Horizontal dimension are the length of the line and height is measured from outside to outside of the lines.

<u>OFFICIAL FREE</u>		61mm x 8/9mm	660
2007/01/16	ACCOUNTING UNIT, BOTSWANA POLICE COLLEGE, P.O. BOX 25001, OTSE		
18-Oct-2004 to 10-Nov-2004	ANIMAL HEALTH AND PRODUCTION P.O. BOX 101 KASANE		
10-Oct-2004 to 09-Nov-2004	ANIMAL HEALTH AND PRODUCTION TSETSE CONTROL DIVISION P.O. BOX 14 MAUN		
08-May-2000	ARCHITECTURE AND BUILDING HEADQUARTERS BOTSWANA GOVERNMENT		
19-Oct-2004 to 29-Oct-2004	BUILDING AND ENGINEERING SERVICES HEADQUARTERS GABORONE		
07-Mar-2003 [STRUCK IN RED]	COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTRE BOTSWANA POLICE SERVICE P.O. BOX 72 GWETA		
20-Aug-200?	DABS / SECTION 7 GABORONE		
07-Oct-2004 [STRUCK IN BLACK] 27-Oct-2004 [STRUCK IN VIOLET]	DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HEALTH AND PRODUCTION MASUNGA		
29-Sep-2004 to 09-Nov-2004	DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HEALTH AND PRODUCTION P.O. BOX ?? TUTUME		
13-Oct-2004 to 08-Nov-2004	DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HEALTH AND PRODUCTION P.O. BOX 19 FRANCISTOWN		
03-Nov-2004	DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HEALTH AND PRODUCTION PRINCIPAL TECHNICAL OFFICER P/BAG SOWA		
04-Nov-1991 [STRUCK IN RED]	DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND NATIONAL PARKS RAKOPS		
28-Jan-1992 [STRUCK IN RED]	DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND NATIONAL PARKS SEROWE		
03-Sep-2002	DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND NATIONAL PARKS ADMINISTRATION BOX 4 TSABONG		
11-Oct-2004 to 04-Nov-2004 [STRUCK IN VIOLET]	DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL OFFICE P.O. BOX 194 SELEBI-PHIKWE		
08-Nov-2004	DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL OFFICE CROP PRODUCTION AND FORESTRY P.O. BOX 14 MACHANENG		

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<u>OFFICIAL FREE</u>		61mm x 8/9mm	660
04-Nov-2004	DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL OFFICE NGWAKETSE CENTRAL P.O. BOX 114 KANYE		
08-Oct-2004 to 05-Nov-2004 [STRUCK IN VIOLET]	DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL OFFICE P.O. BOX 15 GANTSI		
14-Dec-1991 [STRUCK IN RED]	HIGH COURT OF BOTSWANA FRANCISTOWN		
11-Oct-2004 to 12-Oct-2004	PRINCIPAL VETERINARY OFFICER ANIMAL HEALTH AND PRODUCTION PRIVATE BAG 364 MAUN		
14-Oct-2004	SENIOR VETERINARY OFFICER ANIMAL HEALTH AND PRODUCTION P.O. BOX 51 SHAKAWA		
		67mm x 9mm	662
13-Mar-2001	PERMANENT SECRETARY MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE RECORDS MANAGEMENT UNIT REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA		
		size not known L Unknown T1	663
08-Nov-2004 [STRUCK IN RED]	PERMANENT SECRETARY MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT WILDLIFE AND TOURISM REGISTRY P/BAG BO 199 GABORONE		
		size not known (may be a box type) L Unknown T2	664
24-Oct-2004	ANIMAL HEALTH AND PRODUCTION P.O. BOX 21 MOPIPI		

Straight Line Markings Boxed







Note on Measurements: Dimensions are the outside measurements of the box.

OFFICIAL FREE		42mm x 13mm	670
25-Jul-2000 to 19-Oct-2004	ARCHITECTURE AND BUILDING HEADQUARTERS GABORONE		
15-Nov-2004	DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL OFFICE P.O. BOX 93 BOBONONG		
13-Oct-2004 [STRUCK IN RED]	DISTRICT OFFICER P.O. BOX 59 MAHALAPYE		


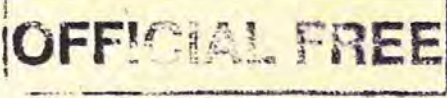



OFFICIAL FREE		50mm x 8mm	674
08-Nov-2004 to 09-Nov-2004	DIRECTOR OF CROP PRODUCTION P.O. BOX 240 PALAPYE (rest is unclear)		
05-Nov-2004	DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL OFFICE P.O. BOX 51 HUKUNTSI		
07-Dec-2001	MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE PRIVATE BAG 003 GABORONE		
27-May-2002 to 04-Oct-2004 [STRUCK IN RED]	SENIOR LIVESTOCK OFFICER ANIMAL HEALTH AND PRODUCTION P.O. BOX 223 LETLHAKENG		

FFICIAL FREE		50mm x 8mm	676
07-May-2004 [STRUCK IN BLACK] 10-Sep-2004 and 08-Nov-2004 [STRUCK IN RED]	BOTSWANA CUSTOMS AND EXCISE MANAGER VAT DEFERRAL UNIT P/BAG 106 GABORONE		

OFFICIAL FREE		51mm x 8mm	677
11-Oct-2004 to 05-Nov-2004	ANIMAL HEALTH AND PRODUCTION TSABONG		
07-May-2002 to 11-Nov-2004 [STRUCK IN RED]	LETLHAKENG LAC P.O. BOX 223 LETLHAKENG		

		51mm x 9mm 	679
06-Sep-2000 to 12-Aug-2002	ARCHITECTURE AND BUILDING HEADQUARTERS GABORONE		
19-Apr-2004 to 20-Sep-2004	BUILDING AND ENGINEERING SERVICES HEADQUARTERS GABORONE		
12-Oct-2004	MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY PRIVATE BAG 0414 GABORONE REGISTRY		
		51mm x 10mm	681
16-Apr-1993	NATIONAL MUSEUM AND ART GALLERY GABORONE		
		51mm x 11mm	683
22-Mar-2002	TECHNICAL COLLEGE SELEBI PHIKWE		
		51mm x 13mm	685
08-Jan-2004 (STRUCK IN DARK GREEN)	DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRIAL AFFAIRS INTEGRATED FIELD SERVICES P.O. BOX 1593 JWANENG		
09-Nov-2004	REGISTRY ANIMAL HEALTH AND PRODUCTION P/BAG 12 LOBATSE		
11-Oct-2004 to 12-Nov-2004	VETERINARY OFFICER ABATTOIR LOBATSE		
14-May-2007	MINISTRY OF WORKS AND TRANSPORT, DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS AND, ENGINEERING SERVICES, P/BAG 0066 GABORONE		
		51mm x 18mm	687
03-Nov-2004 (Sent from Tatitown)	TONATA DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL OFFICE P.O. BOX 83 TONATA		




OFFICIAL FREE		52mm x 8mm	689
07-May-2004 [STRUCK IN BLUE]	BOTSWANA CUSTOMS AND EXCISE MANAGER VAT OPERATIONS UNIT P/BAG 106 GABORONE		
12-Jul-2002 to 01-Sep-2003 [STRUCK IN RED]	BOTSWANA CUSTOMS AND EXCISE VALUE ADDED TAX ADMINISTRATION NO 1 HEADQUARTERS GABORONE		
03-Sep-2002 to 16-Jan-2003 [STRUCK IN RED AND BLACK]	BOTSWANA CUSTOMS AND EXCISE VALUE ADDED TAX REGISTRATION NO 1 HEADQUARTERS GABORONE		
31-Mar-2003 to 30-Oct-2003	BOTSWANA CUSTOMS AND EXCISE VAT CUSTOMER CARE UNIT P/BAG 106 GABORONE		
14-Oct-2003 [STRUCK IN RED]	BOTSWANA CUSTOMS AND EXCISE VAT OPERATIONS UNIT NO 1 HEADQUARTERS GABORONE		
14-Nov-2003	BOTSWANA CUSTOMS AND EXCISE VAT OPERATIONS UNIT NO 2 HEADQUARTERS GABORONE		
OFFICIAL FREE		54mm x 11mm	691
21-Jan-2002	RECORDS MANAGEMENT UNIT 41 INFANTRY BATTALION BOTSWANA DEFENCE FORCE SELEBI PHIKWE		
OFFICIAL FREE		58mm x 8mm	693
27-Jul-2001	VILLAGE GARRISON BOTSWANA DEFENCE FORCE (First part of handstamp is illegible)		
OFFICIAL FREE		58mm x 8mm	694
25-Oct-2004 to 11-Nov-2004	SENIOR VETERINARY OFFICER P.O. BOX 17 JWANENG		

		58mm x 13mm	696
27-Oct-2004 to 09-Nov-2004	PRINCIPAL FRANCISTOWN RURAL TRAINING CENTRE		
		58mm x 14mm	698
09-Nov-2004	DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HEALTH AND PRODUCTION P.O. BOX 19 FRANCISTOWN		
28-10-2004 to 09-11-2004	LIVESTOCK ADVISORY CENTRE P.O. BOX 40 RAKOPS		
		59mm x 9mm	700
03-May-2002	NATIONAL AIDS CO-ORDINATING AGENCY GABORONE		
21-Oct-2004 to 11-Nov-2004	REGISTRY ANIMAL HEALTH AND PRODUCTION P/BAG 12 LOBATSE		
		60mm x 13mm	702
25-Oct-2004 [STRUCK IN RED]	ANIMAL HEALTH AND PRODUCTION TSETSEBYE		
		51mm x 9mm	704
12-Aug-2002 [STRUCK IN PURPLE]	SUB-TRIBAL AUTHORITY THEBEPHATSHWA		
14-Oct-2004 to 11-Dec-2004	Similar mark also used on covers sent from PALAPYE and POTA without office cachet.		

T2, or 59x19 from what it looks like here (this is what it is listed as in db.)

Straight Line Markings of Unknown Dimensions

Information provided in red boxes is name that will be used to describe the mark.

		unknown (from received scans)	708
07-Oct-2004 [STRUCK IN DARK GREEN]	PRINCIPAL VETERINARY OFFICE P.O. BOX 19 FRANCISTOWN REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA	N Unknown, T1	
		unknown (from received scans)	709
06-Nov-2004 (Sent from Kang)	REGIONAL AGRICULTURAL OFFICE WESTERN	N Unknown, T2	
		unknown (from received scans)	710
20-Oct-2004	DEPARTMENT OF AGRIC. RESEARCH P.O. BOX 10275 FRANCISTOWN	B Unknown, T1	
		unknown (from received scans)	711
18-Oct-2004	SENIOR TECHNICAL OFFICER ANIMAL HEALTH AND PRODUCTION P/BAG 12 RAMATLABAMA BOARDER GATE LOBATSE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA	B Unknown, T2	
		unknown (from received scans)	712
03-Nov-2004	THE SECRETARY AGRICULTURAL RESOURCES BOARD PRIVATE BAG 00424 GABORONE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT WILDLIFE AND TOURISM	B Unknown, T3	