
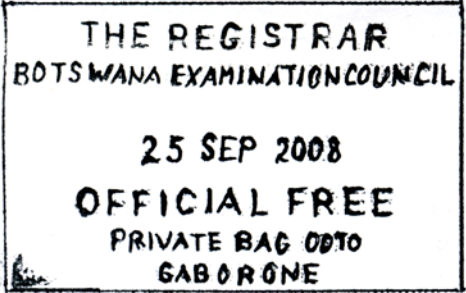



Part 4 - Other Official Free Markings Used in Association with Office Handstamps

	
TAPOLOGO C.J.S.S. BOTSWANA	568
Werda 25-09-2006	
Rectangle 73mm x 35mm (approx)	
	
THE REGISTRAR BOTSWANA EXAMINATION COUNCIL PRIVATE BAG 0070 GABORONE [STRUCK IN PURPLE]	592A
Gaborone 25-09-2008	
Rectangle 60mm x 39mm	

	
DEPARTMENT OF VETERINARY SERVICES P.O. BOX ? PALAPYE REGISTRY REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA	721
Pota 09-12-2008	
Oval 58mm x 38mm	

- 572 RP#72 Amend Dates to "04-08-2004 to 12-09-2006"
- 613 RP #70 Add "ACCOUNTS, SIGNALS REGIMENT, GABORONE, BOTSWANA DEFENCE FORCE" **Struck in Red** 10-06-2003
- 633 RP#70 Add "BOTSWANA CUSTOMS AND EXCISE, SOUTH CENTRAL COLLECTION, REGISTRY, GABORONE" **Struck in Red** 09-10-2001
- 636 RP#70 Amend Dates to "15-03-2002 to 04-09-2002"
- 698 RP#71 P.O. Box No. should read 19. Amend Dates to "28-10-2004 to 09-11-2004"

Botswana Bar Coded Labels - Update

by Peter Jukes

Further to my previous article on the subject, in Runner Post 73 (and the follow up by Bruce Warrender and the Editor, in Runner Post 74), I have to apologize to those members who are avid collectors of these items and probably know far more than I do.

The article, as far as it went, was factually correct. What I was not aware of at the time of writing it was the fact that the very first labels used by the Botswana Postal Services were supplied only to the International Office of Exchange (better know to us all as the Gaborone Sorting Centre). These were issued on a trial basis, in (?) Nov 2002.

There were three types of labels issued,

- RR(for registered items)
- CP (for parcel registration)
- EE (for the Expedited Mail Service)

These were the fore runners to the white "in house" labels that the IT section of Botswana Post produced, in 2004.

Ed: We've had a number of articles in recent issues. For reference these are Runner Post #72 p.1773; Runner Post #73 p.1807-1809; Runner Post#74 p.1839-1840..

Digressing for a moment, the Canadian Postal Services use a label very similar in design to that of the current EMS label in use here in Botswana, for their Parcel Items. The bar code is incorporated in it but it use the letters CC as opposed to CP. I am reliably informed



UPU trial Parcel Label

that as the demand for Parcel Post items increases, Botswana Post will themselves begin to use a label of a similar nature. Also noted that the RSA uses the prefix RD for their Registered bar code labels, whilst Canada uses RT. I would have expected some sort of parity between the members of the UPU in these matters!

Of the three types of labels issued in the trial, I regrettably have only one example of these to illustrate, that being the Parcel Post labels

This is blue and white, with two "pull off" sections, shaped like a pencil with a blue tip. The main part, with the dual language, was normally affixed to the parcel. One of the pencil shaped bar codes was retained in the A book (or reference book) by the issuing office and the third was handed to the customer as their receipt. The label overall is 108x65mm, the bar code is 59.5x9mm and the letters/figures 3mm in height.

No amount of searching at the Sort Centre has managed to reveal examples of the others. One of the problems here is the fact that the reference (A books) are destroyed after two years. A second is that long serving employees, who may have had some knowledge of where examples might have been found or dates of use, have now retired from the Postal Services.

Kingsley's received the order for printing in mid 2006, commencing the printing a short while later but delivery dates to the Postal Service seem a little hazy.

The 'Kingsley' labels for registered mail have already



A current Parcel Label

been illustrated in RP#73/4).

The earliest date of use I can find recorded anywhere for EMS labels (sheet containing the label illustrated right)) is within the first week of November, 2007.

The deep salmon pink for parcel use is thought to have been introduced into service at the same time, Nov 2007, and again these are locally printed by Kingsley and associates, Gaborone. Regrettably, I have been unable to confirm this date.

The EMS label (E1) is a quadruplicate form, of which sheet 1 (original) goes with the item; sheet two is given to the sender, as their receipt; sheet three goes to the accounts and the fourth is filed at the office of origin. Notification of receipt is done via a hand held IPS keypad machine (which is networked all across the world), showing the recipients signature, date and time etc.

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I am indebted to Kingsley Maplanka (Sort Centre Manager) and Kingsley Dobrowsky (director; Kingsley and Associates) and the EMS office staff for their time and patience, in what must have appeared to them, the very unusual requests from an "odd" old man, in attempting to glean information from their records about these items.

The image shows a quadruplicate EMS LABEL form (E1) with the following fields and sections:

- Header:** EMS EXPRESS MAIL SERVICE BOTSWANA POST, EMS LABEL, E1, and a barcode with code EE004394515BW.
- Sender Information:** 1 Name of administration of origin, 31 Office of origin, 4 Date mailed (Year, Month, Day), 5 Time mailed (Hour, Minutes), 6 Contract No., 7 Telephone No., 8 Name and address of sender.
- Addressee Information:** 10 Account No., 11 Telephone No., 12 Name and address of addressee.
- Payment and Charges:** CASH, C.O.D., CREDIT checkboxes; 13 Contract Link, 14 Postal Code, 15 Number of pieces in item, 16 This piece No., 17 Product type, 18 Method of payment (1, 2, 3), 20 Dispatch charge, 19 Insurance fee, 35 Pick-up fee, 36 Total charges.
- Customs Declaration:** 21 Description of contents, 22 Gift, 22 Sample of merchandise, 24 Value, 24 Weight in kg, 27 Name in print of the person taking delivery of the item, 28 Signature.
- Delivery and Receipt:** 29 Date of delivery (Year, Month, Day, Hour, Minute), 30 Time of delivery, 32 Delivered, 32 Delivery attempt, 37 Signature of employee accepting the item, 33 Permit No., 34 Serial No.
- Vertical Text:** READ CONDITIONS OVERLEAF, PRESS HARD, YOU ARE MAKING 4 COPIES.
- Footer:** Kingsley & Associates Ref: B00015013 Tel: 3904850

The current EMS label (quadruplicated sheets)