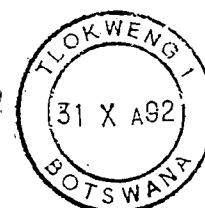
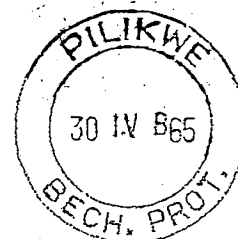
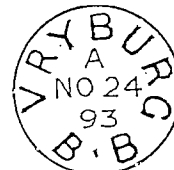


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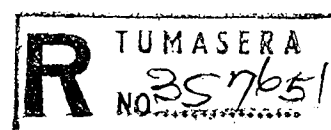
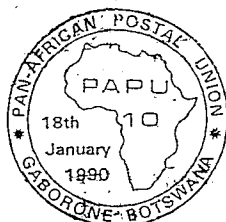
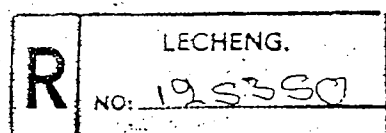
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***POSTAL MARKING CLASSIFICATION***

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# **BECHUANALANDS AND BOTSWANA**

## **POSTAL MARKING CLASSIFICATION (TYPOLOGY)**

### **INTRODUCTION**

The classification has been developed to enable easy, reliable identification and description of postal markings. An attempt has been made to strike a balance between simplicity and accuracy of description.

The classification (typology) has been divided into two parts:

1. Postal markings used to cancel stamps and postal stationery.
2. All other postal markings (for example, registration markings).

The markings covered have been confined to those applied by the postal authorities, so excludes markings authorised by the postal authorities, but applied by other parties (for example, Meter Marks and Official Free markings other than those used by the postal authorities). Railway postal markings have, however, been included.

Postal Markings are those handstruck or machine applied on postal items by official post-carrying authorities. (Excluding gummed labels).

Bechuanalands postal markings are:

1. All those used within the territories of British Bechuanaland and the Bechuanaland Protectorate.
2. All those used subsequently in the C.G.H., Botswana, and elsewhere which bear the name "Bechuanaland" in some form (e.g. B.B., B.P. etc.).

Botswana postal markings are all those used within the territory of the Republic of Botswana.

Where information on a postal marking is shown on more than one line, the system used to indicate this in written text is to show the separation of information on one line from that on another by dividing the text by a slash (/).

(See illustrated example 15)

A flow chart on how to use this postal marking classification follows on page 3, after the basis is explained.

## **BASIS FOR CLASSIFICATION (TYPOLOGY)**

### **PART 1 - CANCELLERS**

1. All cancellers are classified into type numbers or descriptors of 4 letters. The basis for the classification is:
  - a. Regular post office or postal agency usage of handstruck datestamp cancellers have type numbers designating permanent structural appearance (i.e. permanent geometrical shape or form).
  - b. Other cancellers such as machine cancellers, special event cancellers, relief cancellers, railway cancellers, and barred oval numeral cancellers, have descriptors of 4 letters designating the usage of the canceller.
2. Each type of handstruck datestamp canceller for regular post office or postal agency usage has a number of sub-types and specific variants of sub-types.
3. Other cancellers have only the specific variants of the descriptor of 4 letters, and no sub-types. However, in some cases the variants are further divided into sub-variants.

### **PART 2 - POSTAL MARKINGS NOT USED AS CANCELLERS**

1. All these other markings are grouped by their usage (for example, Registration marking), and these types designated by a descriptor of 4 letters designating the usage of the postal marking.
2. These each have a specifically numbered list of variants, but no sub-types. However, in some cases the variants are further divided into sub-variants.

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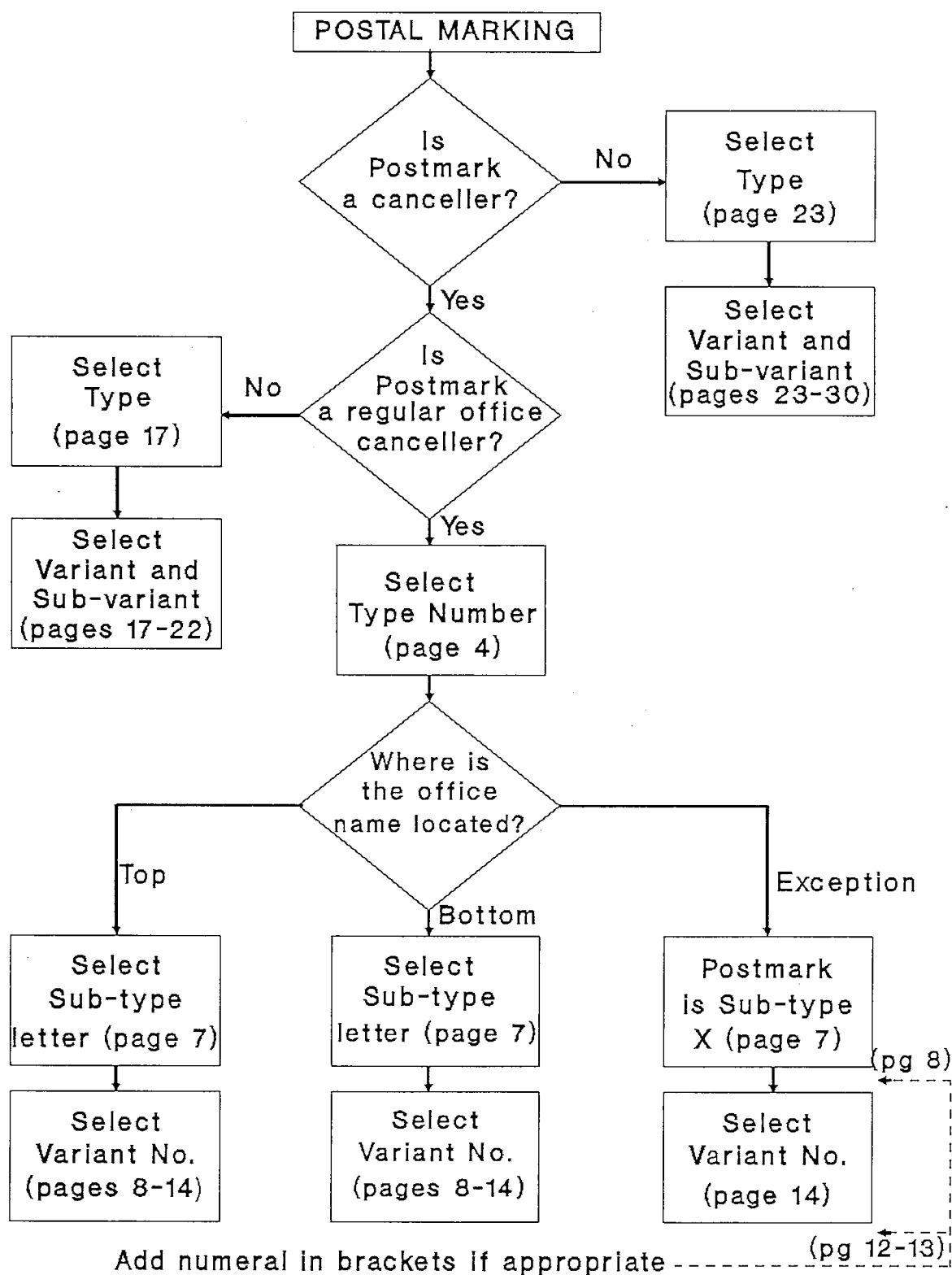
Variations in the format of the date on otherwise identical markings do not constitute different Types, Sub-types, Variants or Sub-variants, but will be treated as follows when recording postal markings:

- a. Different sequences of time (if any), day, month, year and code (if any) will be recorded as such, and will be noted as existing for the particular marking concerned.
- b. Differences in the method of expressing any of the elements of the date (for example month in three letters as compared to month in Roman numerals) will be classified as different markings of the same type, and will be listed separately.

### **ILLUSTRATIONS**

Illustrated examples of postal markings are numbered for easy reference.

## FLOW CHART ON HOW TO USE THE CLASSIFICATION



**CLASSIFICATION PART I - CANCELLERS****MAJOR TYPES OF CANCELLERS**

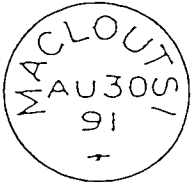
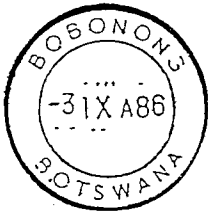
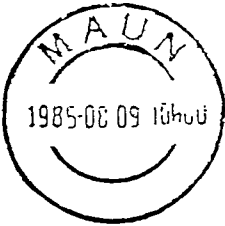
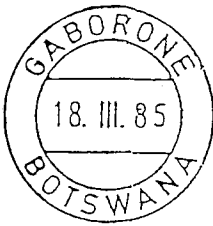


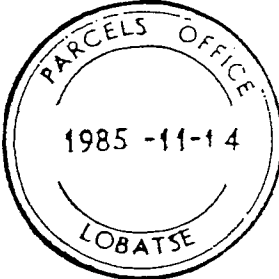
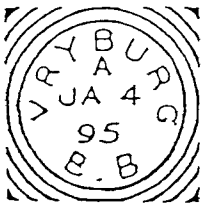
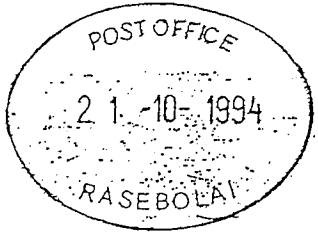

These are divided into the 2 groups:

- a. Regular Post Office or Postal Agency usage of handstruck datestamp cancellers
- b. Other Cancellers

**REGULAR POST OFFICE DATESTAMP CANCELLERS**

These cancellers are classified into 8 major **types**, some of which have one or more variants. These usually also have **sub-types** and **sub-type variants**.

<b><u>TYPE</u></b>		<b><u>Illustration No.</u></b>
1	SINGLE CIRCLE	1
2	DOUBLE CIRCLE	2
21	Double circle with divided inner circle	3
22	Double circle with divided centre	4
23	Double outer circle	5
3	TRIPLE CIRCLE	6
31	Triple circle with divided inner circle	7
32	Triple circle with divided centre	
4	SQUARED CIRCLE	8
5	SINGLE OVAL	9
51	Truncated single oval	10
6	DOUBLE OVAL	11
61	Double outer oval	12
7	TRIPLE OVAL	13
8	RECTANGULAR BOX	14

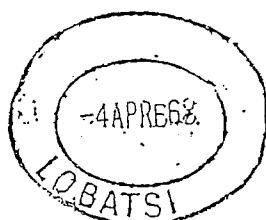
<b>MAJOR TYPES</b> REGULAR POST OFFICE DATESTAMP CANCELLERS			
1	2	3	4
 <p>TYPE 1 SINGLE CIRCLE</p>	 <p>TYPE 2 DOUBLE CIRCLE</p>	 <p>TYPE 21 Double circle with divided inner circle</p>	 <p>TYPE 22 Double circle with divided centre</p>
5	6	7	8
 <p>TYPE 23 Double outer circle</p>	 <p>TYPE 3 TRIPLE CIRCLE</p>	 <p>TYPE 31 Triple circle with divided inner circle</p>	 <p>TYPE 4 SQUARED CIRCLE</p>
9	10		
 <p>TYPE 5 SINGLE OVAL</p>	 <p>TYPE 51 Truncated single oval</p>		



## MAJOR TYPES

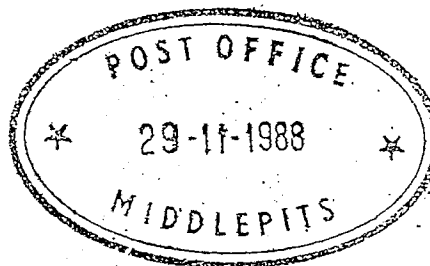
## REGULAR POST OFFICE DATESTAMP CANCELLERS

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TYPE 6  
DOUBLE OVAL

12



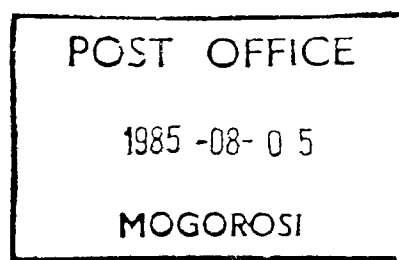
TYPE 61  
Double outer oval

13



TYPE 7  
TRIPLE OVAL

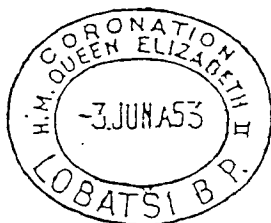
14



TYPE 8  
RECTANGULAR BOX

15

Information on more than one line



Written in text as:  
Coronation/H.M. Queen Elizabeth II



The same system is used for dates.  
Written in text as:  
MR 7/91

Types 1 to 8 have a number of sub-types and variants, with the position of the office name being key to determining these.

### SUB-TYPES (based on content)

#### FOR TYPES 1 TO 8

	<u>Illustration No.</u>
<u>Office name at the top and</u>	
A - Blank at base	16
B - Territory name at base	17
C - Other name or information at base	18
D - Ornament at base (including arc separators)	19
E - Lone numerals at base	20
F - Other name or information at top with office name (May or may not have further name or information at top or base as well.)	21

#### Office name at the base and

G - Blank at top	
H - Territory name at top	
J - Other name or information at top	22
K - Ornament at top (including arc separators)	
L - Lone numerals at top	
M - Other name or information at base with office name (May or may not have further name or information at top or base as well.)	23

(Note - For office name at the base, some of the sub-types in the classification may not yet exist, but allowance has been made for the same options as exist for the office name at the top. Illustrated examples are included for sub-types J and M only).

### Exceptions

X - Office exceptions not fitting other standard sub-types	24
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### Numeral with Office Name

Where the office name has a numeral with it, the actual numeral should be shown in brackets behind the sub-type letter. This is also valid for sub-types E and L which have lone numerals at the base or the top of the canceller.

(See illustrated example 25)

**SUB-TYPE VARIANTS****FOR TYPES 1 TO 8****Separators**

In some postmarks the information at the top is separated from the information at the base by a symmetrical marking on each side of the postmark. These symmetrical markings have been termed separators. They are usually dots, but a variety of other markings are also used as separators, such as stars, arcs, and hyphens. Where separators exist, they are specifically noted for each variant.

(See illustrated examples 18 and 23)

**Sub-Types A & G - Blank at base or top****Variant**


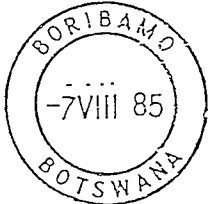

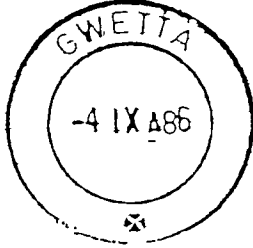


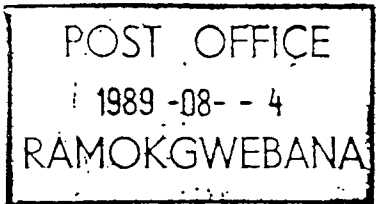


- 1 Blank only
- 2 Blank with dot separators
- 3 Blank with double hyphen separators
- 4 Blank with double hyphens separated by a dot as separators

**Sub-Types B & H - Territory name at base or top**

The existence of all variants has not been specifically confirmed (for example variant number 35, Bech Prot.)

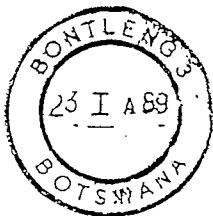
**Bechuanalands****Variant**

- 1 Bechuanaland
- 2 Bechuanaland with dot separators
- 3 B.B.
- 4 B.B. with dot separators
- 5 B.B
- 6 B.B with dot separators
- 7 B.B.P.
- 8 B.B.P. with dot separators
- 9 B.B.P
- 10 B.B.P with dot separators

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SUB-TYPES</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">REGULAR POST OFFICE CANCELLERS</p>		
<p>16</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">SUB-TYPE A Blank at base</p>	<p>17</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">SUB-TYPE B Territory name at base</p>	<p>18</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">SUB-TYPE C Other name or information at base</p>
<p>19</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">SUB-TYPE D Ornament at base</p>	<p>20</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">SUB-TYPE E Numeral at base</p>	<p>21</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">SUB-TYPE F Other name or information at top with office name</p>
<p>22</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">SUB-TYPE J Other name or information at top, office name at base</p>	<p>23</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">SUB-TYPE M Other name or information at base with office name</p>	<p>24</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">SUB-TYPE X Exceptions not fitting other sub-types</p>

# EXAMPLES OF CLASSIFICATION OF REGULAR POST OFFICE DATESTAMP CANCELLERS

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2 B (3) 51

Double Circle  
(Type 2)Numeral with office  
name (3 in brackets)Territory name  
at base  
(Sub-type B)Sub-type Variant for  
"Botswana" is 51  
(see page 11)

→ 2 B (3) 51 ←

26



8 J 26

Rectangular Box  
(Type 8)Other name or  
information at top,  
office name at base  
(Sub-type J)Sub-type Variant for  
"Post Office" is 26  
(see page 12)

→ 8 J 26 ←

27



2 C 21 (2)

Double Circle  
(Type 2)Sub-type Variant for  
"RLS" is 21  
(see page 12)Other name  
or information  
at base (Sub-type C)Numeral with Sub-type  
Variant is 2  
(2 in brackets)

→ 2 C 21 (2) ←

- 11 B.P.
- 12 B.P. with dot separators
- 13 B.P. with arc separators
- 14 B.P
- 15 B.P with dot separators
  
- 16 Bech<sup>d</sup> Protector<sup>e</sup> with dot separators
- 17 Bech<sup>d</sup> Protector<sup>e</sup> with cross separators
- 18 Bech<sup>d</sup> Protec.
- 19 Bech<sup>d</sup> Prot<sup>t</sup>
- 20 Bech<sup>d</sup> Prot.
  
- 21 Bechd Prot
- 22 Bechd.Prot.
- 23 Bechd Rly
- 24 Bechd Rly with dot separators
- 25 Bechuanaland Prot
  
- 26 Bechuanaland Prot with dot separators
- 27 Bech. Protectorate
- 28 Bech. Protectorate with dot separators
- 29 Bech Protec
- 30 Bech. Protec.
  
- 31 Bech Prot
- 32 Bech Prot with arc separators
- 33 Bech. Prot.
- 34 Bech. Prot
- 35 Bech Prot.
  
- 36 B. Prot.
- 37 B P
- 38 B.P.
- 39 B.P. with dot separators
- 40 B.P. with arc separators

### Botswana

#### Variant

- 51 Botswana
- 52 Botswana with arc separators
- 53 Botswana with words "Post Office" directly above.
- 54 Botswana, preceded by letter c followed by a numeral

(See illustrated example 25)

For variant 54, the actual numeral should be shown in brackets behind the variant number.

FOR TYPES 1 TO 8Sub-Types C & J - Other territory name or information at base or topBechuanalands Place NamesVariant

- 1 Matabeleland with dot separators
- 2 C.G.H. with dot separators
- 3 South Africa with dot separators
- 4 S. Africa with dot separators
- 5 S. Africa with hyphen separators
  
- 6 S' Africa with dot separators
- 7 S.A. Prte.
- 8 S A
- 9 S.A.

P.O. InformationVariant

- 21 RLS
- 22 R.L.S.
- 23 C
- 24 C B
- 25 C.B.
  
- 26 Post Office
- 27 Post Office with star separators
- 28 Post Office/Circulation Branch (2 lines)
- 29 Post Office/Counters (2 lines)
- 30 Postal Agency
  
- 31 Parcels Office
- 32 Sorting Centre
- 33 EMS
- 34 Post Office/Circulation (2 lines) with star separators
- 35 Post Office/Circulation Branch (2 lines), with star separators

(See illustrated example 26)

- 36 Post Office/Counter (2 lines) followed by a numeral

Numerals with P.O. Information

Where P.O. information has a numeral with it (e.g. RLS 2), the actual numeral should be shown in brackets behind the sub-type variant number.

(See illustrated example 27)

FOR TYPES 1 TO 8Sub-Types D & K - Ornament at base or top (including arc separators)Variant

- 1 Dot
- 2 Cross (Pattee or St. Andrews)
- 3 Compressed Cross
- 4 Multiplication Cross
- 5
- 6 Unbroken arc
- 7 Thick arcs separated by a cross
- 8 Thin arcs separated by a cross
- 9 Thin arcs separated by a numeral
- 10 Thin arcs separated by RLS

(See illustrated example 28)

For sub-types D & K variants with a numeral separating the arcs, the actual numeral should be shown in brackets behind the sub-type variant number.

Sub-Types E & L - Lone Numerals at base or top

Variants are the actual numeral that appears at the base or top of the canceller, and, for consistency with other numerals, these are shown in brackets behind the sub-type letter.

(See illustrated example 29)

Sub-Type F - Other name or information at top with office nameVariant

- 1 Bechuanaland at top and numeral at base
- 2 Sorting Centre at top and numeral at base
- 3 Postage Paid at top and Bech. Prot. at base
- 4 RLS at top and Botswana at base
- 5 Botswana at top and Post Office at base
- 6 Botswana at top and blank at base
- 7 Botswana at top and numeral at base
- 8 Botswana at top and CB at base
- 9 Botswana at top and C followed by a numeral at base
- 10 CB at top and Botswana at base
- 11 C followed by a numeral at top and Botswana at base
- 12 R.L.S. at top and blank at base
- 13 EMS at top and Botswana at base
- 14 Post Office at top and blank at base, with star separators
- 15 C followed by a numeral at top and blank at base
- 16 Numeral at top, and Botswana at base
- 17 P.O. at top, and blank at base

For sub-type F variants with a numeral at base or top, the actual numeral at base or top should be shown in brackets behind the sub-type variant number.

(See illustrated example 30)



FOR TYPES 1 TO 8Sub-Type M - Other name or information at base with office nameVariant

- 1 Bech. Prot. at base, and blank at top
- 2 B.P. at base, and blank at top
- 3 H.O. at base, and Bech Prot at top, with dot separators
- 4 Botswana on same line at base, and Post Office at top
- 5 Botswana on separate line at base, and Post Office at top
  
- 6 Botswana on same line at base, and Post Office at top, with star separators
- 7 Botswana on separate line at base, and Post Office at top, with star separators
- 8 Circulation Branch on separate line at base, and Post Office at top
- 9 Parcels on separate line at base, and Post Office at top
- 10 Counters on same line at base, and Post Office at top, with star separators
  
- 11 Inland on separate line at base, and Post Office/Parcels (2 lines) at top

(See illustrated example 23)

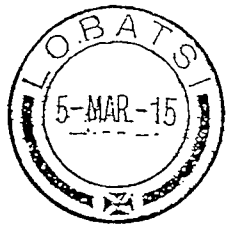
Sub-Type X - Office exceptions not fitting other standard sub-typesVariant

- 1 Office name at top and bottom (for example, Seretse Khama Airport at top and Gaborone at base)
- 2 Office name at top and bottom with dot separators (for example Palachwe at top and Khamas Town at base)
- 3 Office name at centre and Post Office at top and Bech. Prot. at base
- 4 Office name at centre and Post Office at top and Botswana at base
- 5 Office name at centre and Post Office at top with base blank
  
- 6 Office name at top and bottom, with Botswana on a separate line below bottom office name
- 7 Post Office/office name (2 lines) at top, and office name at base (for example, Post Office/Seretse Khame Airport at top and Gaborone at base)

(See illustrated example 24)

# EXAMPLES OF CLASSIFICATION OF REGULAR POST OFFICE DATESTAMP CANCELLERS

28



2 D 7

Double Circle  
(Type 2)

Ornament at base  
(Sub-type D)

2 D 7

Sub-type Variant for  
thick arcs separated by  
a cross is 7 (see page 13)

29



2 E (2)

Double Circle  
(Type 2)

Lone numeral  
at base  
(Sub-type E)

2 E (2)

Numeral with Sub-type  
E is 2 (2 in brackets)  
(see page 13)

30



2 F 2 (8)



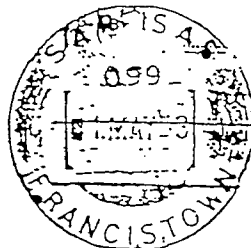
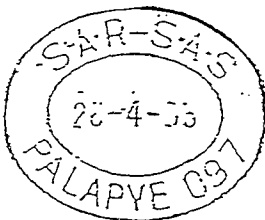
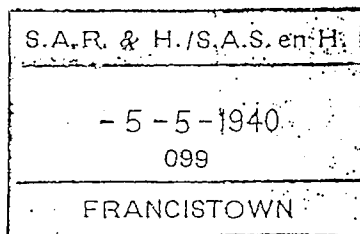
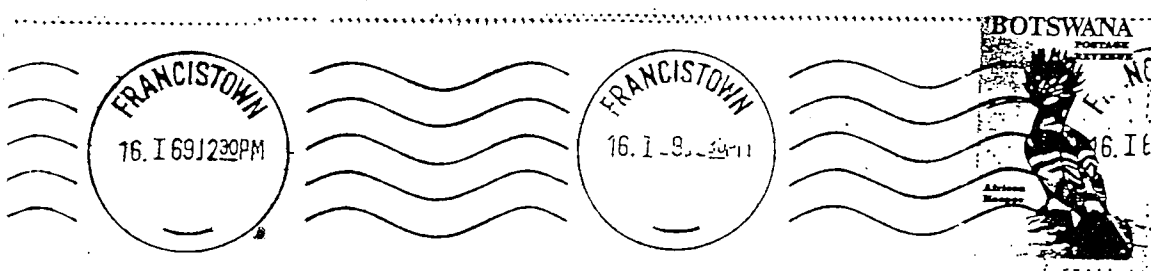
Double Circle  
(Type 2)

Other name or  
information at top  
(Sub-type F)

2 F 2 (8)

Sub-type Variant for  
"Sorting Centre" and numeral  
at base is 2 (see page 13)

Numeral with Sub-type  
Variant is 8  
(8 in brackets)

MAJOR TYPES		
OTHER CANCELLERS		
31	32	33
		
TYPE BONC Barred Oval Numeral Canceller	TYPE RELF Relief Canceller	TYPE RLWY 1 Circular Railway Canceller
34	35	
		
TYPE RLWY 2 Oval Railway Canceller	TYPE RLWY 3 Boxed Railway Canceller	
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TYPE MACH Machine Canceller		

OTHER CANCELLERS

These are classified into 6 major **types**, each of which have a number of **variants**, but no sub-types. However, in some cases the variants are further divided into **sub-variants** designated by small letters following the variant number.

TYPEIllustration No.

BONC	BARRED OVAL NUMERAL CANCELLERS	31
RELF	RELIEF CANCELLERS	32
RLWY	RAILWAY CANCELLERS	33-35
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TYPE BONC - BARRED OVAL NUMERAL CANCELLERSVariant

- 1 3.3.3 Format with thick lines
- 2 4.5.4 Format with thin lines

(See illustrated example 31)

TYPE RELF - RELIEF CANCELLERS

These are cancellers put into temporary use to replace a regular canceller that had been sent away for repair or modification.

(See illustrated example 32)

Variant

- 1 Office name at top and blank at base
- 2 Office name at top and year of date in 2 numerals at base
- 3 Office name followed by Bech at top and blank at base
- 4 Office name at top with dot separators and blank at base
- 5 Office name at top and SA at base

TYPE RLWY - RAILWAY CANCELLERS(Excluding cancellers from regular post offices located at railway stations)Variant and Sub-variants

## 1 Single Circle

- a. Station name at base and SAR / SAS, and the station number at the top

(See illustrated example 33)

## 2 Double Oval

- a. Station name and number at base, and SAR & H at the top
- b. Station name at base and SAR Station number SAS at top
- c. Station name at base S.A.R. - S.A.S. at top
- d. Station name and number at base S.A.R. - S.A.S. at top

(See illustrated example 34)

## 3 Rectangular Box with Divided Centre

- a. Station Master at top, S.A.R. Station number S.A.S, and Station name at centre, and Stasiemeester at base
- b. Station Master at top, Station name, and S.A.R. & H Station number S.A.S. EN H. in centre, and Stasiemeester at base
- c. Stasiemeester at top, S.A.S. Station number S.A.R., & Station name in centre, and Station Master at base
- d. Stasiemeester at top, Station name, and S.A.S. en H. Station number S.A.R. & H in centre, and Station Master at base
- e. Station Master's Office at top, S.A.R. - S.A.S., and Station name at centre, and Stasiemeesterskantoor at base
- f. S.A.R. - S.A.S. at top, and Station name at base
- g. S.A.R. & H / S.A.S. en H. at top, Station number in centre, and Station name at base

(See illustrated example 35)

## 4 Rectangular Box

- a. Botswana Railways at top, and Station Master above office name at base
- b. Botswana Railways at top, and Parcels Shed above office name at base

## TYPE MACH - MACHINE CANCELLERS

### Single circle, office name at top

(See illustrated example 36)

#### Variant and Sub-variants

- 1 Short arc at base
  - a. five line wave element (2 peaks, 1 trough)
- 2 Blank at base
  - a. seven line wave element (2 troughs, one and 2 half peaks)
  - b. seven line wave element (2 peaks, one and 2 half troughs)
  - c. seven line wave element on the right and a slogan (pictorial or otherwise) on the left of the datestamp circle.
- 3 Continuous arc separator at base
  - a. seven line wave element (2 troughs, one and 2 half peaks)
  - b. seven line wave element (2 peaks, one and 2 half troughs)
- 4 Botswana at base with 2 arc separators
  - a. seven line wave element (2 troughs and one and 2 half peaks)
  - b. seven line wave element (2 peaks and one and 2 half troughs)

## TYPE SPEC - SPECIAL EVENT CANCELLERS

Special Event Cancellers are those having a commemorative inscription with or without a related pictorial design. These include First Day of Issue cancellers.

#### Variant and Sub-variants

- 1 General purpose First Day of Issue Cancellers with Office name and adjustable date:
  - a. Double circle with First Day of Issue at top, office name at base
  - b. Double circle with divided centre and office name at top, and First Day of Issue at base
  - c. Office name at top, First Day of Issue at base
  - d. Single circle with office name at top, First Day of Issue at base and 'Botswana' horizontally below office name
  - e. First day of issue at top, office name at base
  - f. First day of issue at top, office name at base, with arc separators

Note: Philatelic Bureau will be treated as an Office.

(See illustrated example 37)

- 2 Special Event Cancellers with Office name and fixed single date or dates:
  - a. Additionally inscribed First Day of Issue and linked to specific stamp issue
  - b. Not inscribed First Day of Issue but linked to a specific stamp issue, the fixed date being first day of issue
  - c. Not inscribed First Day of Issue and not linked to a specific stamp issue(See illustrated example 38)
- 3 Special Event Cancellers with Office name and adjustable date  
(See illustrated example 39)
- 4 Special Event Cancellers without Office name but with fixed date or dates:
  - a. Additionally inscribed First Day of Issue and linked to a specific stamp issue
  - b. Not inscribed First Day of Issue but linked to a specific stamp issue, the fixed date being first day of issue
  - c. Not inscribed First Date of Issue and not linked to a specific stamp issue(See illustrated example 40)
- 5 Special Event Cancellers without Office name but with adjustable date  
(See illustrated example 41)
- 6 Cancellers used at temporary post offices opened to provide postal facilities during a special event. (Those used on trains in transit through the territory, such as Royal Tours, Imperial Press Conference, and Parliamentary Tour, are considered as type SPEC 5)
  - a. Double circle with Showgrounds at top and office name at base
  - b. Double circle with Showgrounds at top and office name at base with block separators
  - c. Triple circle with divided inner circle, with office name at top and Agricultural and Trade Show at base
  - d. Triple circle with divided inner circle, with office name at top and Agricultural and Trade Fair at base
  - e. Double outer oval with Botswana 10th Anniversary at top, office name upper centre, and And Trade Fair at base with Post Office lower centre, with star separators
  - f. Omnibus marking celebrating 20th Anniversary of Independence, National Stadium at top(See illustrated example 42)

Note: Special event postal markings not used as cancellers are covered in Part II (page 36) under Type MISC 11.

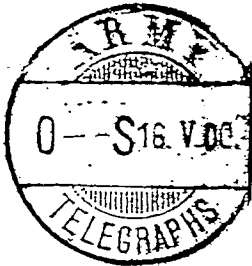
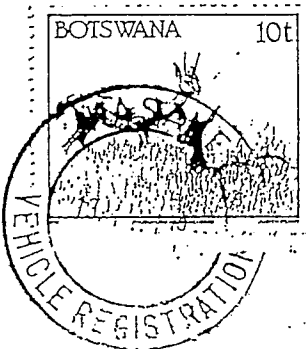
<b>MAJOR TYPES</b> <b>OTHER CANCELLERS</b>	
<p>37</p>  <p>TYPE SPEC 1 General purpose First Day of Issue Canceller with office name and adjustable date</p>	<p>38</p>  <p>TYPE SPEC 2 Special Event Canceller with office name and fixed date(s)</p>
<p>39</p>  <p>TYPE SPEC 3 Special Event Canceller with office name and adjustable date</p>	<p>40</p>  <p>TYPE SPEC 4 Special Event Canceller without office name but with fixed date(s)</p>
<p>41</p>  <p>TYPE SPEC 5 Special Event Canceller without office name but with adjustable date</p>	<p>42</p>  <p>TYPE SPEC 6 Cancellers used at temporary offices opened at special events</p>



TYPE OTHR - OTHER CANCELLERS NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE

These generally fall into the category of markings not intended for use by the postal authorities, but due to some unusual circumstances have been used as cancellers for mail.

- 1 Telegraph markings used as cancellers
  - a. Divided double circle Army Telegraphs markings used to cancel mail during the Boer War  
(See illustrated example 42a)
  - b. Rectangular boxed datestamp with Botswana / Telecommunications / Corporation (3 lines) at top, and Telegraph Office /.... Time .... Initial (2 lines) at base
- 2 Senders datestamp and address markings used as cancellers
  - a. Rectangular boxed datestamp with Education Secretary / Bobonong Area (2 lines) at top, and PO Box 95 / Bobonong Botswana (2 lines) at base
  - b. Double outer oval with Dept. of Post and Telecommunications at top, and Republic of Botswana / office name (2 lines) at base, with star separators
- 3 Document markings used as cancellers
  - a. Double circle datestamp with office name at top, and Vehicle Registration at base  
(See illustrated example 42b)

MAJOR TYPES OTHER CANCELLERS	
<p>42a</p>  <p>TYPE OTHR 1a Army Telegraphs marking</p>	<p>42b</p>  <p>TYPE OTHR 3a Document marking</p>

**CLASSIFICATION PART II - POSTAL MARKINGS****NOT USED AS CANCELLERS**

These are classified into 3 major **types**, each of which have a number of **variants**, and, in some cases, **sub-variants**, but no sub-types.

TYPEIllustration No.

REGN	REGISTRATION MARKINGS	43-54
PDUE	POSTAGE DUE MARKINGS	55-56
MISC	MISCELLANEOUS MARKINGS NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE	57-66

TYPE REGN - REGISTRATION MARKINGSVariant and Sub-variants

- 1 Cogged triple oval with star separators  
(See illustrated example 43)
- 2 Rectangular box with a large "R" on the left side, divided from other information on the right side. Sizes and lettering differ significantly.
  - a. Office name on the right side with "No...." below  
(See illustrated example 44)
  - b. Other information with office name on the right side with "No...." below  
(See illustrated example 45)
  - c. Office and territory name on the right side with "No...." below  
(See illustrated example 46)
  - d. Other information with office and territory name on the right side with "No...." below  
(See illustrated example 47)

- e. Office name on the right side above a horizontal dividing line and "No. R.L.O....." below the dividing line  
(See illustrated example 48)
  - f. Office name on the right side above a horizontal dividing line and "No...." below the dividing line
  - g. Office name on the right side, and no other markings  
(See illustrated example 49)
  - h. Office name on the right side with "...." below
  - i. "No...." on the right side, with office name and Post office / Botswana (2 lines) below
- 3 Rectangular box with a large "R" on the left side, but not divided from other information on the right side. Sizes and lettering differ significantly.
- a. Office name on the right side with "No...." below  
(See illustrated example 50)
  - b. Office name on the right side with "....." below  
(See illustrated example 51)
  - c. Office name on right side with "No:...." below
- 4 Rectangular box with office name in the centre and other information below the office name.
- a. Small "R / No." on the left followed by dots, all below the office name
  - b. Small "R. No." on the left followed by dots, all below the office name
  - c. Small "R" on the left followed by dots, all below the office name  
(See illustrated example 54)
- 5 Rectangular box containing only the office name  
(See illustrated example 52)
- 6 Straight line unboxed office name  
(See illustrated example 53)
- 7 Large letter "R" and no office name

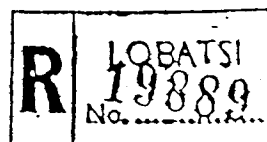
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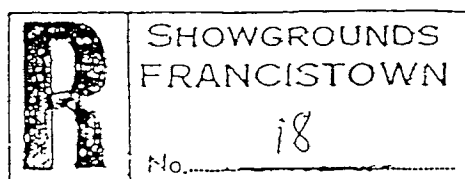
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Cogged Triple Oval

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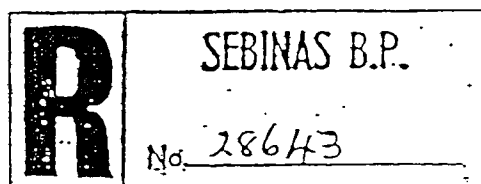
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Box with R divided  
from office name and No....

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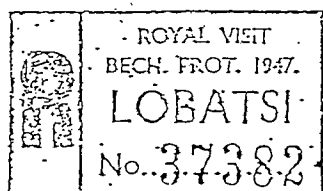
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Box with R divided from office,  
other information and No....

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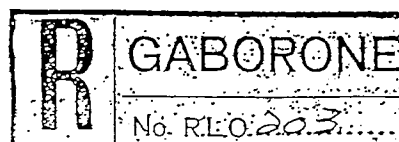
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Box with R divided from office,  
territory and No....

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TYPE REGN 2d  
Box with R divided from office,  
other information, territory and No....

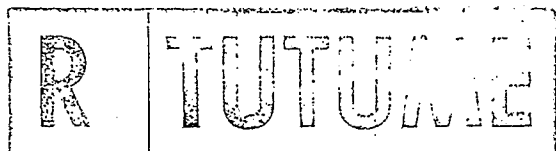
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TYPE REGN 2e  
Box with R divided from office  
and No. R.L.O.....

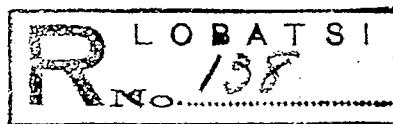
**POSTAL MARKINGS  
NOT USED AS CANCELLERS**

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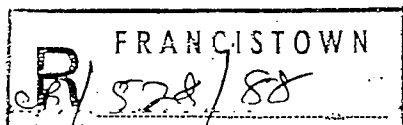
TYPE REGN 2g  
Box with R divided from  
office name

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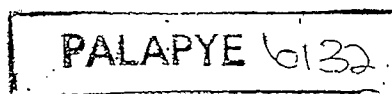
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Box with R and  
office name and No...

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TYPE REGN 3b  
Box with R and  
office name and....

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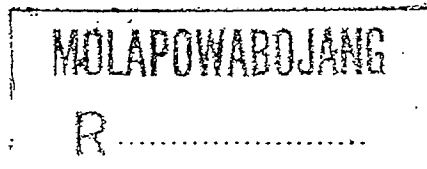
TYPE REGN 5  
Box with office name  
only

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TYPE REGN 6  
Straight line unboxed  
office name

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TYPE REGN 4c  
Box with R and  
office name

## TYPE PDUE - POSTAGE DUE MARKINGS

### Variant

- 1 Rectangular box with "Tax...." inside. Different sizes and lettering exist
- 2 Rectangular box with "T.... centimes" inside
- 3 Rectangular box with "Taxed...." inside

(See illustrated examples 55, 56 and 57)

## TYPE MISC - MISCELLANEOUS MARKINGS NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE

These include all other markings applied by the postal authorities, but not intended for use as cancellers. In some instances some of these markings have been used to cancel stamps, and would, therefore, potentially become either SPEC or OTHR markings. However, to minimise confusion, they have been retained as MISC markings.

### Variant and Sub-variants

- 1 Philatelic Bureau markings not used as cancellers
  - a. Rectangular box with centre divided into four horizontal sections with (from top to bottom) Department of Posts and Telegraphs/Official/ Philatelic Service/ Lobatsi (above) Bechuanaland Protectorate (below)
  - b. Rectangular box with centre divided into four horizontal sections with (from top to bottom) Dept. of Postal Services/Official/Philatelic Section/Republic of Botswana. (above) Gaborone (below)
  - c. Triple oval datestamp with Dept. of Posts & Telegraphs at top and Philatelic Section above the date. Head Office: Lobatsi at base and Republic of Botswana below the date, with star separators
  - d. Double outer oval datestamp with Dept. of Posts & Telecommunications at top, and Philatelic Section above the date. Head Office: Lobatsi at base and Republic of Botswana below the date, with star separators
  - e. Double outer oval datestamp with Botswana Postal Services/Philatelic Bureau (2 lines) at top and H/Office Gaborone/Republic of Botswana (2 lines) at base with star separators
  - f. Rectangular boxed datestamp with Dept. of Postal Services/Philatelic Bureau at top and Republic of Botswana/Head Office Gaborone at base
  - g. Double outer oval datestamp with Post Office at top and Gaborone/Philatelic Bureau (Note spelling of Bureau as Bereau) in 2 lines at base with star separators

- h. Double outer oval datestamp with Dept. of Postal Services/Philatelic Bureau (Note spelling of Bureau as Bureau) in 2 lines at top and Head Office Gaborone/Republic of Botswana (2 lines) at base with star separators

(See illustrated examples 58 and 59)

- i. Rectangular box with centre divided into 3 horizontal sections with (from top to bottom) Dept. of Postal Services (above) Gaborone (below)/official/Philatelic Section (above), Republic of Botswana (below)
- j. Double outer oval datestamp with Botswana Postal Services/ Philatelic Marketing/& Distribution (3 lines) at top, and Box 100 Gabs Tel: 353131/Republic of Botswana (2 lines) at base, with star separators
- k. Single oval with Botswana Postal Services/Philatelic Bureau (2 lines) at top, and H/Office Gaborone (horizontal instead of curved)/Republic of Botswana at base, with star separators

## 2 Single Circle Datestamp not used as cancellers

- a. Returned Letter Office at top, office name at base
- b. Postage Paid at top, and office name at base, with dot separators

(See illustrated example 60)

## 3 Double Circle Datestamps not used as cancellers

- a. Returned Letter Office at top, office name at base
- b. Postage Paid and office name at top, and Bech. Prot. at base
- c. Postage Paid and office name at top, and blank at base
- d. Office name at top, Postage Paid at base
- e. Postage Paid at top, and office name at base
- f. Office name at top, Postage Paid at base, and with the inner circle divided
- g. Postage Paid at top, and blank at base
- h. Divided inner circle with office name at top, and Postage Paid at base
- i. Office name at top, EMS at base, and with inner circle divided
- j. Office name at top, BM8 at base, and with inner circle divided
- k. Pre-paid at top, and office name at base
- l. Divided inner circle with EMS - office name at top, and blank at base

(See illustrated examples 61 and 62)

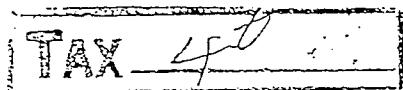
## 4 Triple Circle Datestamps not used as cancellers

- a. Divided centre with Post Office at top, office name at base, with star separators, and Reclamation in the centre above the date

(See illustrated example 63)

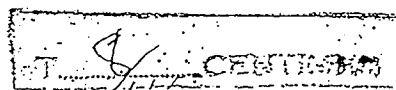
**POSTAL MARKINGS  
NOT USED AS CANCELLERS**

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TYPE PDUE 1  
Box with Tax....

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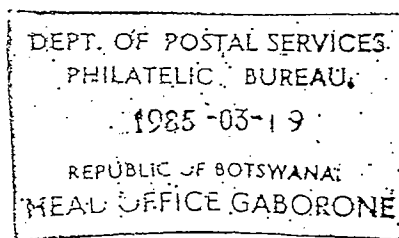
TYPE PDUE 2  
Box with T.... centimes

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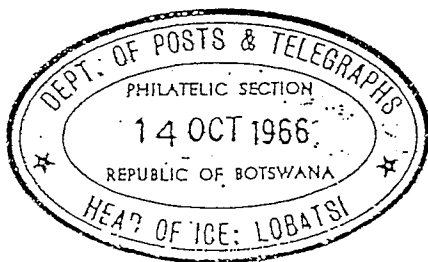
TYPE PDUE 3  
Box with Taxed....

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TYPE MISC 1  
Philatelic Bureau markings  
not used as cancellers

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TYPE MISC 1  
Philatelic Bureau markings  
not used as cancellers

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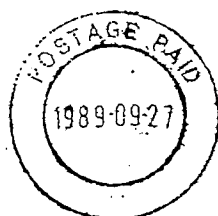


TYPE MISC 2  
Single circle datestamps  
not used as cancellers



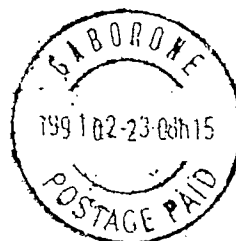
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NOT USED AS CANCELLERS**

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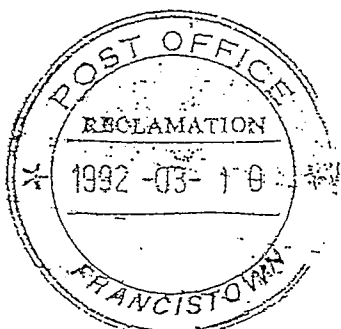
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Double circle datestamps  
not used as cancellers

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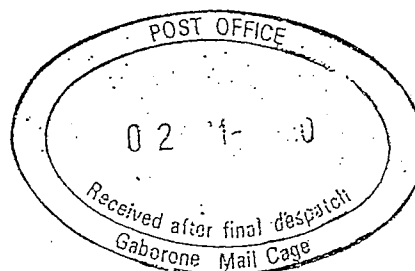
TYPE MISC 3h  
Double circle datestamps  
not used as cancellers

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TYPE MISC 4  
Triple circle datestamps  
not used as cancellers

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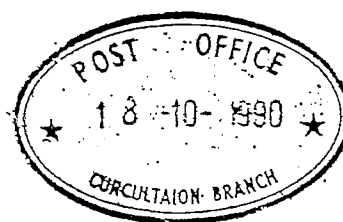
TYPE MISC 5  
Double oval datestamps  
not used as cancellers

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TYPE MISC 6a  
Double outer oval datestamps  
not used as cancellers

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TYPE MISC 6m  
Double outer oval datestamps  
not used as cancellers

## 5 Double Oval Datestamps not used as cancellers

- a. Post Office at top, and office name followed by Mail Cage at base. Also, "Received after final despatch" at base inside inner oval
- b. Post Office at top, and office name at base. Also Main Cage at base inside inner oval
- c. E.M.S. Counter followed by a numeral at top, and office name followed by Botswana at base
- d. Post Office at top, office name at base, and also Received After Last Clearance at base inside inner oval
- e. Botswana Postal Services at top and also International Postal Affairs at top inside inner oval, Tel. 353131 at base and also P.O. Box 100 Gaborone at base inside inner oval, with star separators between the ovals

(See illustrated example 64)

## 6 Double Outer Oval Datestamps not used as cancellers

- a. Post Office at top, and Bech. Prot. at base with office name below the date
- b. Post Office at top, and office name at base with star separators
- c. Dept. of Posts & Telegraphs at top, and Head Office: Lobatsi at base with star separators and Bechuanaland Protectorate below the date
- d. Dept. of Posts & Telecommunications at top, and Head Office at base with star separators and Republic of Botswana below the date
- e. Dept. of Posts & Telecommunications at top, and Head Office: Gaborone at base. Also Planning & Operations above the date and Republic of Botswana below the date
- f. Dept. of Posts & Telecommunications at top, and Head Office: Gaborone at base. Also Training & Foreign Mails above the date and Republic of Botswana below the date
- g. Dept. of Posts & Telecommunications at top, and office name at base with Republic of Botswana below the date, with star separators
- h. Assistant Regional Controller/North (2 lines) at top, and Francistown/Botswana Postal Services (2 lines) at base, with star separators
- i. Regional Controller/Southern Region (2 lines) at top, and Lobatse at base, with star separators
- j. Office name at top, and E.M.S. at base, with star separators
- k. Office name at top, with EMS just below office name, and Postage Paid at base, with star separators
- l. E.M.S. at top, and office name at base, with star separators
- m. Post Office at top, and Circulation Branch at base, with star separators
- n. Botswana Postal Services/Returned Letter Office at top, and Phn: 353131 H/Office/P.O. Box 100, Gaborone/Republic of Botswana (3 lines) at base, with star separators

- o. Central sorting office/Po So House (2 lines) at top, and No. 4 (followed by a number)/Gaborone (2 lines) at base, with star separators
- p. Post Office Mafeking at top, with Head Office for below date, and Bechuanaland Protectorate at base, with star separators
- q. Regional Controller/North West (2 lines) at top, and office name at base, with star separators
- r. Post Office/Main Stock (2 lines) at top, and office name at base, with star separators
- s. Office name and Botswana at top, and E.M.S. at base, with star separators
- t. Post Office/Reclamation (2 lines) at top, and office name at base, with star separators. Note incorrect spelling of reclamation
- u. Post Office/Parcels (2 lines) at top, and office name at base, with star separators
- v. EMS at top and office name followed by Botswana at base, with star separators
- w. Post Office at top, and Gaborone/Circulation Branch (2 lines) at base, with star separators
- x. Post Office/reclamation (2 lines) at top, and office name at base, with star separators
- y. Post Office/Main Cage (2 lines) at top, and office name at base, with star separators
- z. Post Office at top, and Air Mail Gaborone at base, with star separators
- z1. Postmaster at top, and Gaborone/Central Sortign Office (2 lines - note spelling of Sorting as Sortign), with star separators
- z2. Botswana Postal Services/Money Order Section/Finance Division (3 lines) at top, and Phn: 353131 N/office/P.O. Box 100 Gaborone/ Republic of Botswana (3 lines) at base, with star separators
- z3. Botswana Customs & Excise/Officer in Charge/Post Office (3 lines) at top, and Gaborone at base, with star separators
- z4. Botswana Postal Services/Cash Accounts/Phn: 353131 H/Office (3 lines) at top, and Finance Division/P.O. Box 100, Gaborone/ Republic of Botswana (3 lines - note Box in P.O. Box has x separate from Bo) at base, with star separators
- z5. Botswana Postal Services/Investigations/H/Office (3 lines) at top, and Box 100/Tel: 353131 Gaborone/Republic of Botswana (3 lines) at base, with star separators
- z6. Botswana Postal Services/Investigations (2 lines) at top, and Phn: 353131 H/Office/P.O. Bo x 100. Gaborone/Republic of Botswana (3 lines - note Box in P.O. Box has x separate from Bo) at base, with star separators
- z7. Botswana Customs & Excise/Post Office (2 lines) at top, and Gaborone at base, with star separators (see type 6z8)
- z8. Botswana Customs & Excise/Post Office (2 lines) at top, and Gaborone at base, without star separators (See type 6z7)

- z9. Botswana Post Services/Salaries Section/Finance Division (3 lines) at top, and Phn: 353131 H/Office/P.O. Box 100, Gaborone/ Republic of Botswana at base, with star separators
- z10. Botswana Postal Services/Director General (2 lines) at top, and Phn: 353131 H/Office/P.O. Box 100. Gaborone/Republic of Botswana (3 lines) at base, with star separators
- z11. Botswana Postal Services/Expenditure Section (2 lines) at top, and Phn: 353131 H/Office/P.O. Box 100, Gaborone/Republic of Botswana (3 lines) at base, with star separators
- z12. Botswana Postal Services/Statistics Unit (2 lines) at top, and Phn: 353131 H/Office/P.O. Bo x 100, Gaborone/Republic of Botswana (3 lines - note Box in P.O. Box has x separate from Bo) at base, with star separators
- z13. Regional Controller/North Central (2 lines) at top, and office name at base, with star separators
- z14. EMS at top, office name and Botswana at base, with star separators
- z15. Botswana Postal Services/Mail Operation &/Quality Control (3 lines) at top, and Phn. 353131 H/Office/P.O. Box 100 Gaborone/ Republic of Botswana (3 lines) at base, with star separators

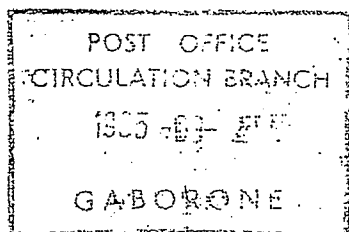
(See illustrated examples 65 and 66)

## 7 Rectangular Boxed Datestamps not used as cancellers

- a. Dept. of Postal Services/Returned Letter Office/P.O. Box 100 (3 lines) at top, and Republic of Botswana/Head Office Gaborone (2 lines) at base
- b. Dept. of Postal Services/Planning & Operations (2 lines) at the top and Head Office Gaborone/Republic of Botswana (2 lines) at the base
- c. Dept. of Postal Services/Finance Division (2 lines) at the top and P.O. Box 108/Gaborone (2 lines) at the base
- d. Botswana Postal Services/Registry Office (2 lines) at top and Official/P.O. Box 100 Gaborone/Republic of Botswana (3 lines) at base
- e. Post Office at top, and R.T.S./office name (2 lines) at base
- f. Post Office/Parcels (2 lines) at top, and Foreign/ office name (2 lines) at base
- g. Post Office/Circulation Branch (2 lines) at top, and office name at base
- h. Post office at top, and Main Stock/office name (2 lines) at base
- i. Post Office at top, and R.L.O./office name (2 lines) at base
- j. Post Office at top, and Reclamation/office name (2 lines) at base
- k. Post Office/Counters (2 lines) at top, and office name at base
- l. Post Office at top, and Circulation Branch/office name (2 lines) at base
- m. Post Office/Main Stock (2 lines) at top and office name at base
- n. Post Office at top, and Circulation Branch Mall/Gaborone (2 lines) at base
- o. Post Office/Reclamation (2 lines - note spelling as reclamation instead of reclamation on 7j) at top, and office name at base
- p. Post Office at top, and Received/office name (2 lines) at base

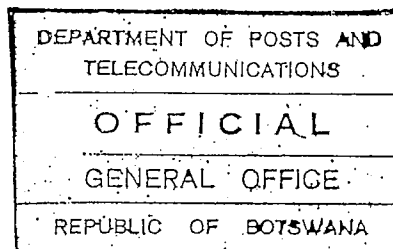
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TYPE MISC 7  
Boxed datestamps  
not used as cancellers

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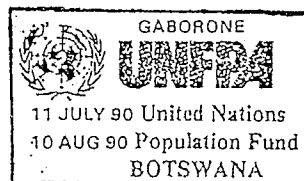
TYPE MISC 8  
Boxed markings other than  
datestamps not used as cancellers

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POSTMASTER.

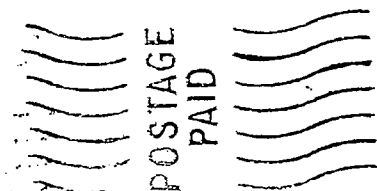
TYPE MISC 9  
Straight line markings other than  
datestamps not used as cancellers

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TYPE MISC 11  
Special event markings  
not used as cancellers

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TYPE MISC 10  
Machine applied markings  
not used as cancellers

- q. Post Office at top, and Foreign Air Mail/office name (2 lines) at base
- r. Post Office at top, and Counters/office name (2 lines) at base
- s. Post Office at top, and Air Mail/office name (2 lines) at base
- t. Post Office/Main Stock (2 lines) at top, and office name at base
- u. Botswana Postal Services/Registry Office (2 lines) at top, and Official/P.O. Box 100 Gaborone/Republic of Botswana (3 lines) at base
- v. Botswana Postal Services/Money Order/Postal Order/& C.O.D. Section (4 lines) at top, and P.O. Box 100/Republic of Botswana/Head Office Gaborone (3 lines) at base.

(See illustrated example 67)

## 8 Rectangular Boxed markings other than datestamps not used as cancellers

- a. Centre divided into 4 horizontal sections with (from top to bottom) Department of Posts and Telegraphs/Official/Returned letter office/Lobatsi (above), and Bechuanaland Protectorate (below)
- b. Centre divided into 4 horizontal sections with (from top to bottom) Department of Posts and (above) Telecommunications (below) /Official/General Office/Republic of Botswana
- c. Centre divided into 4 horizontal sections with (from top to bottom) Department of Postal (above) Services (below)/Official/General Office/Republic of Botswana
- d. Centre divided into four horizontal sections with (from top to bottom) Department of Posts and (above) Telecommunications (below)/ Official/Returned Letter Office/office name (above) Republic of Botswana (below)
- e. Box containing the word Postmaster
- f. Box containing the word Unclaimed
- g. Box containing the word Documents
- h. Box containing EMS/Postage Paid (2 lines, see type 8r)
- i. Box containing EMS Counters/office name (2 lines)
- j. Box containing the words Postage Paid/office name (2 lines)
- k. Box containing the words Unclaimed/Gasenamong (2 lines)
- l. Box containing the words Unclaimed/Gasenamong/Inconnu (3 lines)
- m. Box containing the word Unknown
- n. Box with For Assistant Director/Dept. of Postal Services/Republic of Botswana (3 lines)
- o. Box with Received .... /Central Sorting Office/Gaborone (3 lines)
- p. Box with Insufficient Address
- q. Box with Expressmail, written as one word
- r. Box with words EMS Postage Paid (one line - see type 8h)
- s. Box containing the word Airmail

(See illustrated example 68)

- 9 Straight line markings other than datestamps not used as cancellers
    - a. Straight line marking Postmaster, followed by a full stop  
(See illustrated example 69)
  - 10 Machine applied markings not used as cancellers
    - a. Single circle, office name at top, and continuous arc separator at base, with Postage Paid sideways between a short 7 line wave element  
(See illustrated example 71)
  - 11 Special event markings not used as cancellers  
(See illustrated example 70)
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