

Official Free Markings Part 2 - Botswana (Installment 2)

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This is the first attempt to list all the known Official Free markings use in Bechuanaland Protectorate and Botswana, which, as far as I know, have not been recorded elsewhere.

The listing will be in three main parts:

- Bechuanaland Protectorate (Runner Post #63)
- Botswana markings which show the office of use and the words "Official Free" or similar on the same handstamp
- Official Free handstamps (usually straight line) which are used in association with departmental cachets. The cachets will not be recorded, but the known offices of use will be shown against each type of Official Free marking.

Dates are in dd-mm-yyyy format.
Struck in black - unless indicated

D Section 2 - Agriculture and Livestock

Part 2 - Botswana Markings

Markings of Botswana are far more numerous than those of Bechuanaland Protectorate and will be published in several installments.

Installment 2

This installment covers departments beginning with D (second and third of three sections)

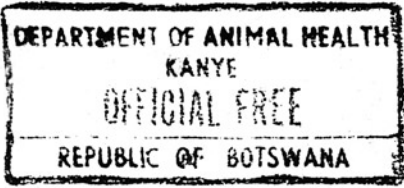
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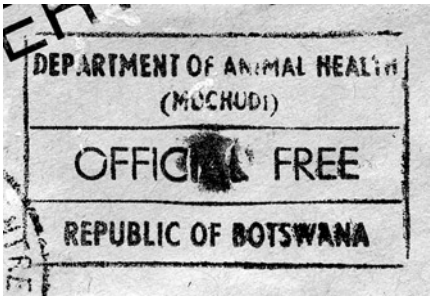
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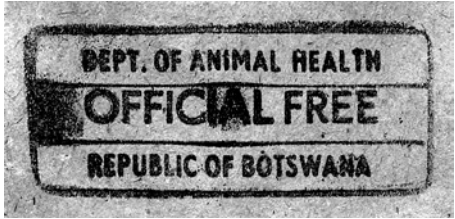
Markings are listed in alphabetical order of the departmental inscription shown on the handstamps. The number to the right of the description is my reference number. For a future update I would be looking for some assistance in using the postmark typology to describe the markings.

Due to the large numbers of marks beginning with the letter D these are split into three sections

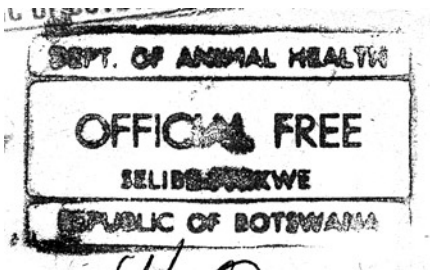
- 1 Administration and Public Services (RP #66)
- 2 Agriculture and Livestock
- 3 Income Tax

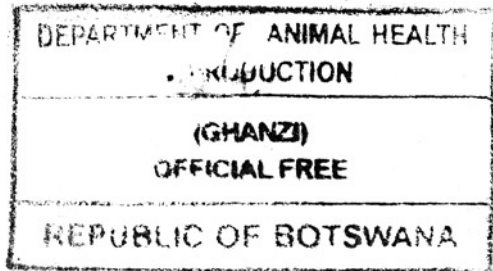
	
DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HEALTH KANYE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA [examples STRUCK IN BLUE]	265
20-10-2004 to 11-11-2004 27-10-2004 and 02-11-2004 (Blue)	
Rectangle 52mm x 23mm	

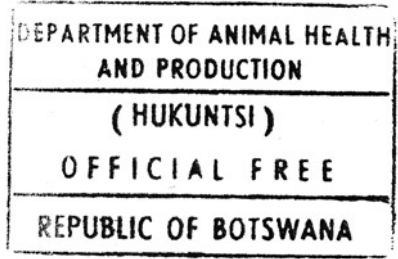
	
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13-10-2004 to 10-11-2004	
Rectangle 50mm x 30mm	

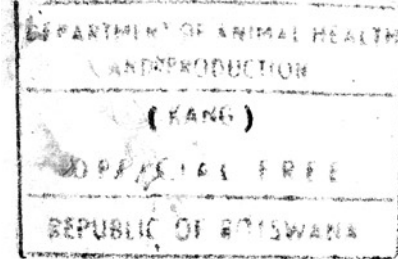
	
DEPT. OF ANIMAL HEALTH REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA	269
Ghanzi/Gantsi 12-10-2004 to 11-11-2004	
Rectangle 52mm x 21mm	

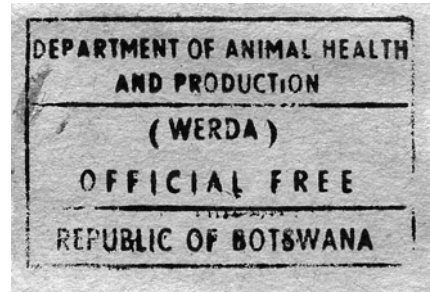
	
DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HEALTH REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA	270
Molepolole 12-10-2004 to 03-11-2004	
Rectangle 50mm x 21mm	


	
DEPT. OF ANIMAL HEALTH SELIBEPHIKWE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA [example STRUCK IN VIOLET]	272
Palapye/Pota 12-10-2004 to 11-11-2004 29-10-2004 (Violet)	
Rectangle 51mm x 29mm	

	
DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HEALTH AND PRODUCTION (GHANZI) REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA [example STRUCK IN RED]	275
Ghanzi/Gantsi 12-10-2004 (Red) 19-10-2004	
Rectangle 63mm x 34mm	

	
DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HEALTH AND PRODUCTION (HUKUNTSI) REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA	277
Hukuntsi 14-10-2004	
Rectangle 50mm x 33mm	


	
DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HEALTH AND PRODUCTION (KANG) REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA [STRUCK IN RED]	279
Kang 26-10-2004 to 09-11-2004	
Rectangle 50mm x 33mm	


	
DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HEALTH AND PRODUCTION (WERDA) REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA	281
Werda 20-10-2004 to 26-10-2004	
Rectangle 50mm x 33mm	

	
Department of Wildlife and National Parks GABORONE BOTSWANA [STRUCK IN RED]	285
Gaborone 04-11-2001 (month in letters)	
Rectangle 44mm x 30mm	


	
Department of Wildlife & National Parks GABORONE BOTSWANA [STRUCK IN RED] [STRUCK IN PURPLE]	286
Gaborone 09-06-1998 (Purple) Gaborone 12-10-2000 (Red)	
Rectangle 44mm x 30mm	


	
Department of Wildlife & National Parks GANTSI Republic of Botswana [STRUCK IN PURPLE]	288
Ghanzi/Gantsi 10-01-1992 to 27-01-1992	
Double Oval 48mm x 33mm	

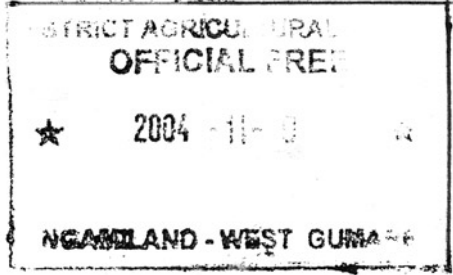
	
Department of Wildlife & National Parks KASANE Republic of Botswana [STRUCK IN RED]	290
Kasane 06-01-1992	
Double Oval 50mm x 33mm	

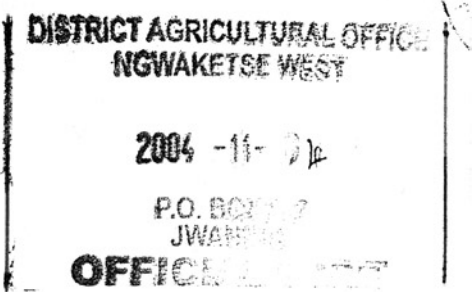
	
Department of Wildlife & National Parks MOCHUDI Republic of Botswana	292
Mochudi 23-05-1991	
Double Oval 50mm x 33mm	

	
Department of Wildlife & National Parks MOLEPOLOLE [inverted] Republic of Botswana [STRUCK IN RED]	294
Mathubantwa 11-02-1992	
Double Oval 50mm x 33mm	

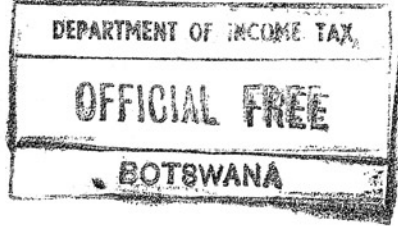
	
Director of Animal Health and Production REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA	300
Gaborone 12-11-2001 Palapye or Pota 13-10-2004 to 09-11-2004	
Single Oval 53mm x 31mm	


	
DIRECTOR OF VETERINARY SERVICES REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA	305
Mahalapye 12-10-2004 to 10-11-2004	
Double Oval 50mm x 35mm	

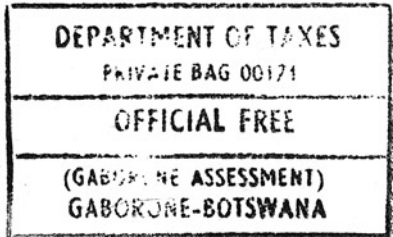
	
DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL OFFICE NGAMILAND - WEST GUMARE	310
Gumare 09-11-2004	
Rectangle 58mm x 35mm	

	
DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL OFFICE NGWAKETSE WEST P.O. BOX 717 JWANENG	315
Jwaneng 04-11-2004 (note manuscript 4)	
Rectangle 58mm x 35mm	

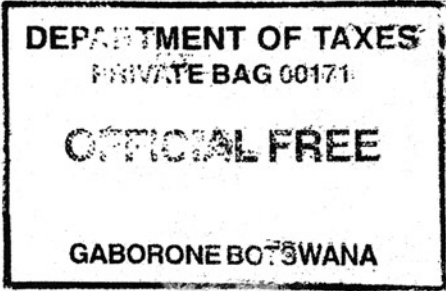
D Section 3 - Income Tax


	
DEPARTMENT OF INCOME TAX BOTSWANA	320
Gaborone 05-01-1972	
Rectangle 50mm x 27mm	

	
DEPARTMENT OF TAXES P/BAG 13 GABORONE BOTSWANA	322
Gaborone 01-08-1982	
Rectangle 51mm x 31mm	

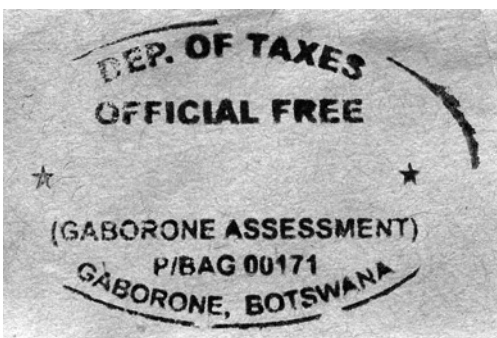
	
DEPARTMENT OF TAXES PRIVATE BAG 00171 (GABORONE ASSESSMENT) GABORONE - BOTSWANA	324
Gaborone 29-06-2000	
Rectangle 50mm x 30mm	

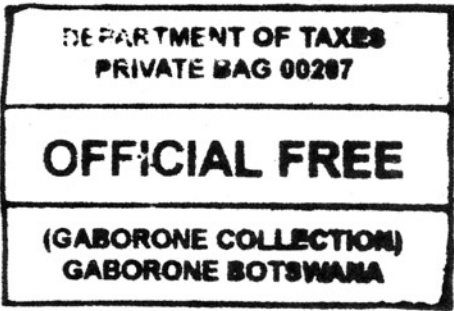
	
DEPARTMENT OF TAXES PRIVATE BAG 00171 GABORONE ASSESSMENT GABORONE BOTSWANA	326
Gaborone — Date not known Rectangle 56mm x 37mm	


	
DEPARTMENT OF TAXES PRIVATE BAG 00171 GABORONE BOTSWANA	328
Broadhurst or Gaborone 16-06-2000 to 07-01-2002 Rectangle 57mm x 37mm	

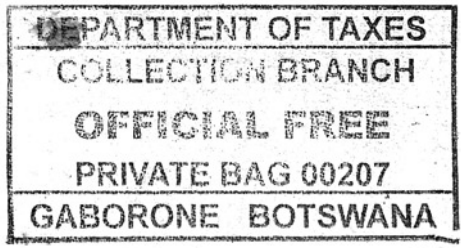
	
DEPARTMENT OF TAXES PRIVATE BAG 00171 (GABORONE ASSESSMENT) GABORONE BOTSWANA	330
Broadhurst or Gaborone 14-07-1998 to 20-09-2004 Rectangle 52mm x 31mm	

	
DEP. OF TAXES (GABORONE ASSESSMENT) P/BAG 00171 GABORONE, BOTSWANA [examples STRUCK IN BLUISH GREEN]	332
Gaborone 29-06-2001 to 11-08-2004 Double Oval 66mm x 41mm	

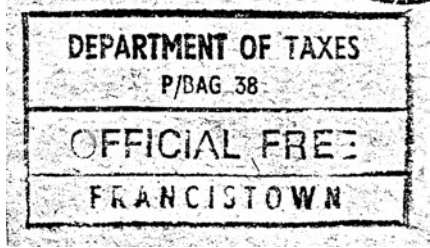
	
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DEP. OF TAXES (GABORONE ASSESSMENT) P/BAG 00171 GABORONE, BOTSWANA	333
Gaborone — Date not known Single Oval 70mm x 40mm	


	
DEPARTMENT OF TAXES PRIVATE BAG 00207 (GABORONE COLLECTION) GABORONE BOTSWANA	335
Gaborone 16-04-2000 to 28-06-2000 Rectangle 59mm x 39mm	

	
DEPARTMENT OF TAXES PRIVATE BAG 00207 GABORONE COLLECTION BOTSWANA	337
Gaborone or Gaborone Station 18-10-2000 to 22-11-2002	
Rectangle 57mm x 37mm	

	
DEPARTMENT OF TAXES COLLECTION BRANCH PRIVATE BAG 00207 GABORONE BOTSWANA	339
Gaborone 28-04-2003 to 28-10-2004	
Rectangle 59mm x 30mm	

	
DEPARTMENT OF TAXES PRIVATE BAG 00207 GABORONE BOTSWANA	341
Gaborone 03-02-2003 to ??-05-2003	
Rectangle 57mm x 38mm	

	
DEPARTMENT OF TAXES P/BAG 38 FRANCISTOWN	343
Francistown 09-08-1973 to 02-03-1995	
Rectangle 50mm x 27mm	

	
DEPARTMENT OF TAXES SELIBE - PIKWE	345
Selibe Pikwe 12-02-1981	
Double Oval 54mm x 33mm	

If any member has Botswana items in their collection which are not listed above (letter D - agriculture and taxes) or are used outside any date range shown, or differ in place used or ink colour - please send me full details.

Photocopies of unlisted items would be appreciated which show the date and place of use and the colour of marking if other than black.

Images, scans and e-mails can be sent via the Editor.

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