


Official Free Markings Part 2 - Botswana (Installment 4)

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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

	
NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT BANK P.O.BOX 225 GARBERONES, BOTSWANA	480
Gaborone - date not known	
Double Oval 54mm x 30mm	

	
NATIONAL MUSEUM MONUMENTS AND ART GALLERY PRIVATE BAG 00114 GABORONE	490
Sorting Centre Gaborone 13-04-2000 to 25-05-2002	
Double Oval 65mm x 42mm	

the known offices of use will be shown against each type of Official Free marking.

Part 2 - Botswana Markings

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

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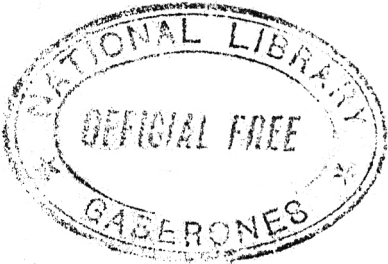
This installment covers departments beginning with letters N through to Z.

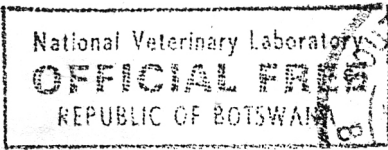
Acknowledgment

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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.

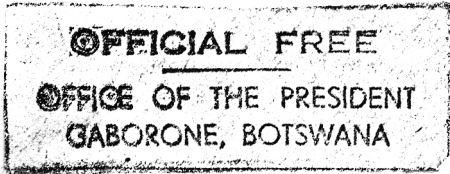
Dates are in dd-mm-yyyy format.
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NATIONAL LIBRARY GABERONES	485
Gaborone circa 25-06-1970	
Triple Oval 51mm x 34mm	

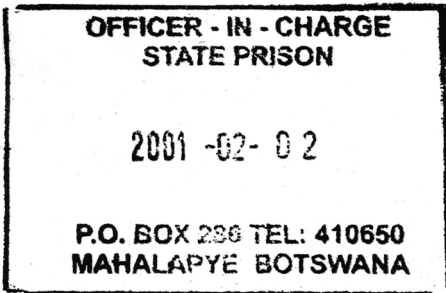
	
National Veterinary Laboratory REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA	495
Sorting Centre Gaborone 18-12-2004	
Rectangle 50mm x 18mm	


	
NYANGABGWE HOSPITAL FRANCISTOWN	500
Tatitown 20-12-2000 to 13-08-2002	
Double Oval 58mm x 34mm	


	
OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL GABORONE BOTSWANA	505
Sorting Centre Gaborone 12-10-2004	
Rectangle 50mm x 16mm	


	
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT GABORONE, BOTSWANA	510
Gaborone 14-02-1983 to 21-03-2000	
Rectangle 58mm x 38mm	

	
OFFICER IN CHARGE MAHALAPYE PRISON [STRUCK IN RED]	515
Palapye 25-11-2004	
Double Oval - size not known	

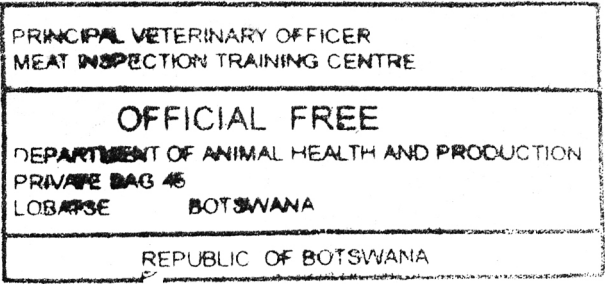
	
OFFICER-IN-CHARGE STATE PRISON P.O.BOX 286 TEL: 410650 MAHALAPYE BOTSWANA [STRUCK IN RED]	517
Palapye 02-02-2001	
Rectangle 58mm x 38mm	

	
PERMANENT SECRETARY Ministry of Finance & Development Planning P/Bag 008 Gaborone Botswana	520
Gaborone 12-09-2000 to 05-10-2004	
Double Oval 58mm x 34mm	


	
POSTAGE PAID (used by Government Printer, Gaborone) [STRUCK IN RED]	525
Gaborone 29-07-2002 to 13-12-2004	
Double Oval 59mm x 39mm	

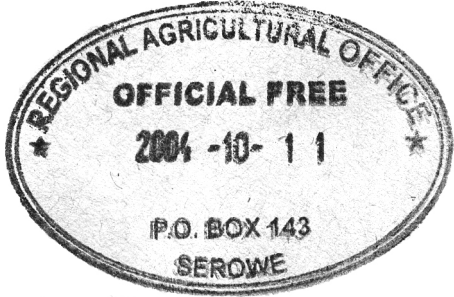
	
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Gaborone - 22-04-2002 to 21-11-2005	
Double Oval 59mm x 38mm	

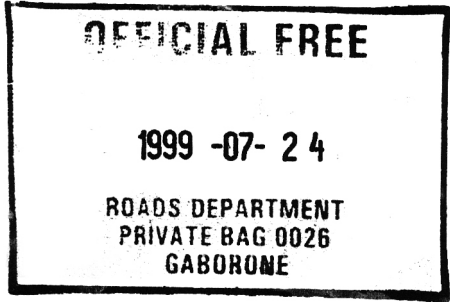
	
PRINCESS MARINA HOSPITAL MEDICAL OFFICER REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA	530
<i>probably Gaborone - 13-09-2001</i>	
Double Circle 33/34mm	

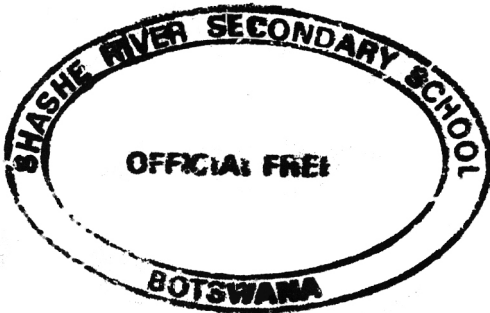
	
PRINCIPAL VETERINARY OFFICER MEAT INSPECTION TRAINING CENTRE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HEALTH AND PRODUCTION PRIVATE BAG 46 LOBATSE BOTSWANA REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA	535
Sorting Centre Gaborone 08-11-2004	
Rectangle 80mm x 36mm	

	
REFORMATORY CENTRE GABORONE BOTSWANA [STRUCK IN BROWN]	540
Gaborone Village 07-10-198?	
Rectangle 50mm x 24mm	

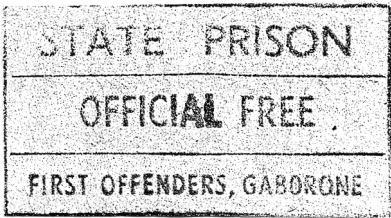
	
REGIONAL AGRICULTURAL OFFICE KANYE SOUTH [example STRUCK IN GREEN]	545
<i>Place not known - 04-11-2004 (Green) 15-11-2004 (Black)</i>	
Triple Oval 57mm x 31mm	

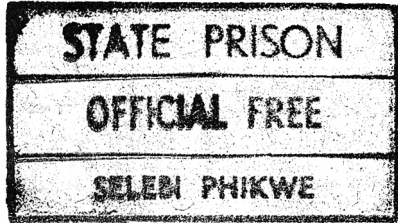
	
REGIONAL AGRICULTURAL OFFICE P.O. BOX 143 SEROWE [examples STRUCK IN VIOLET]	547
Palapye 05-10-2004 to 13-10-2004 (Violet) 13-10-2004 (Black)	
Double Oval 59mm x 29mm	


	
ROADS DEPARTMENT PRIVATE BAG 0026 GABORONE	550
Gaborone 24-07-1999 to 28-09-2001	
Rectangle 58mm x 38mm	

	
SHASHE RIVER SECONDARY SCHOOL BOTSWANA	555
Shashe 22-01-1992	
Double Oval 64mm x 40mm	

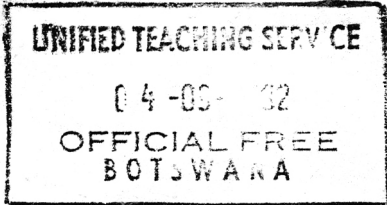
	
S/PHIKWE EDUCATION CENTRE BOX 697 SELIBE-PHIKWE	560
Palapye 17-10-2003	
Triple Circle 42mm	

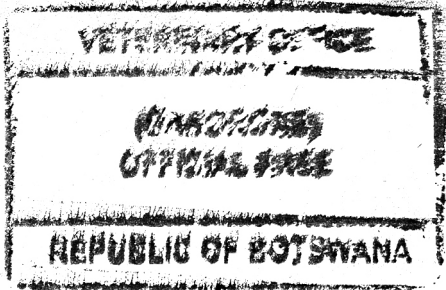
	
STATE PRISON FIRST OFFENDERS, GABORONE	563
Gaborone Village 10-08-1985	
Rectangle 51mm x 28mm	


	
STATE PRISON SELEBI PHIKWE	565
Place not known - 24-12-1982	
Rectangle 52mm x 29mm	

	
TEACHING SERVICE MANAGEMENT BOTSWANA [STRUCK IN RED]	570
Gaborone 28-04-1998	
Rectangle 50mm x 20mm	

	
UNIFIED LOCAL GOV. SERVICE PRIVATE BAG 0052 GABORONE BOTSWANA	575
Sorting Centre Gaborone 23-04-2004	
Rectangle 51mm x 21mm	

	
UNIFIED TEACHING SERVICE BOTSWANA	580
Gaborone 04-09-1992	
Rectangle 50mm x 26mm	

	
VETERINARY OFFICE (GABORONE) REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA [STRUCK IN VIOLET]	585
Sorting Centre Gaborone 22-10-2004 to 17-11-2004	
Rectangle 57mm x 37mm	

	
WILDLIFE TRAINING CENTRE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA	590
Maun 19-07-1991 to 12-02-1992	
Triple Oval 50mm x 33mm	

If any member has Botswana items in their collection which are not listed above (letters N to Z) or are used outside any date range shown, or differ in place used or ink colour - please send me full details.

If any member discovers items not listed here or in the early instalments appearing in Runner Post #63, #64, #65-66, #67 and #68 please also 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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