

GUIDELINES OF IMPORTS FOR THE TRADE



BOTSWANA STANDARDS IMPORT INSPECTION REGULATIONS (SIIR) 2008 RECOGNITION SYSTEM



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1. PRODUCT CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT

PROGRAM NAME	Standards Import Inspection Regulations "SIIR"
PROGRAM MANDATE BY	Botswana Bureau of Standards (BOBS)
IMPLEMENTATION DATE	01 st October 2011
SCOPE OF THE PROGRAMME	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To ensure that products imported are not hazardous to the wellbeing of the people, animals and the environment To promote healthy, secure and safe environments on imported goods. To ensure assurance to the Botswana consumers that the imported products are fit for human consumption and fit for use. To eliminate unnecessary delays at the Customs offices
REGULATED PRODUCTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See attached prescribed list as per 2.1 below Importer registers an Application schedule II at BOBS. Application is for a given quantity. Partial shipments against such application are allowed. Importer transmits copy of the Application schedule II to exporter, who is to contact the selected inspecting agency Exporter is to submit the Request for Certification (RFC) together with the Application and technical documents of the product (product specifications, test reports) –if available-. Proforma invoice and/or purchase order are mandatory documents. SGS certification experts will determine: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> if submitted quality documents suffice to confirm the compliance of the product with the applicable Botswana Standard, if not; exporter will be informed about the additional or new testing required If physical inspection is required and the scope (requirements of BOS9 standard to be verified during the inspection) If no physical inspection is required and no new or additional test is required: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SGS will issue the invoice for the service to exporter Exporter will present the commercial / final invoice to SGS
VERIFICATION PROCESS	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SGS will issue the certificate • In cases when additional or new testing is required: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SGS will coordinate the testing • SGS will issue the invoice for the service • SGS will proceed with CoC issuance upon receipt of approved test report and seller final / commercial invoice. • When physical inspection is to be performed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SGS affiliate will schedule the physical inspection. • SGS will prepare the SGS invoice • Upon physical inspection performed with satisfactory results and having received from seller his commercial/final invoice CoC certificate will be issued
DOCUMENTATION	<p>Required documents as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application for certificate of compliance (Schedule II) • RFC + DoC • Pro forma invoice or Purchase order • Final Invoice (for CoC issuance) • Test reports according to BOBS requirements • Product information (product technical sheet, catalogue....etc) • Manufacturer QMS –not mandatory but useful-
TEST REPORTS	<p>Test reports from laboratories not accredited by 17025 are acceptable.</p> <p>Manufacturer's test reports according to BS are acceptable .</p>
PHYSICAL INSPECTIONS	<p>Physical inspection is not mandatory for all the orders</p> <p>Physical inspection is to be performed in accordance to the BOS9 standard (standard related to packaging and labelling) and also the product specific requirements</p> <p>If BOS9 is not applicable SGS affiliate will perform testing and sampling according to the specific product standard requirements</p>
CERTIFICATE	<p>A Certificate of Compliance (CoC) is issued to evidence the compliance of the shipment.</p> <p>In Specific cases of non-conformity, NCR can be issued.</p>
BORDER VERIFICATION	<p>CoC is mandatory for Customs clearance and it is obtained in the country of origin prior the shipment of the goods.</p> <p>If Importer / Exporter do not obtain a CoC for their shipments, the Importer will be charged a penalty and will be issued a conditional release by the authority.</p> <p>BOBS will take samples; proceed with testing and only upon satisfactory results will the goods be released. Non compliant goods will be rejected</p>

3. LIST OF REGULATED PRODUCTS

2.1 Regulated Products/ Prescribed List

PRODUCT	REFERENCE STANDARD
FIRE SAFETY	
Fire hose reels	BOS 5:2009: Fire hose reels (with semi rigid hose)
Symbolic safety signs	BOS 6-1:1999: Symbolic safety signs-Part 1: Standards signs and general requirements
Reconditioning of Potable rechargeable fire extinguishers	BOS 65-1:2003: Reconditioning of the fire fighting equipment-Part 1: Potable rechargeable fire extinguishers
Reconditioning of Fire hose reels	BOS 65-2:2003: Reconditioning of the fire fighting equipment-Part 2: Fire hose reels
Fire extinguishing media-Powders	BOS 196:2006: Fire extinguishing media-Powders
Potable rechargeable fire extinguishers-Performance and construction	BOS 252:2007: Fire fighting - Potable rechargeable fire extinguishers-Performance and construction
Components of underground and above ground hydrants systems	BOS 304:2009: Fire fighting equipment-Components of underground and above ground hydrants systems
Fire fighting equipment-Hose coupling, connector, and branch pipe and nozzles connections	BOS 305:2009: Fire fighting equipment-Hose coupling, connector, and branch pipe and nozzles connections
Regulators for liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG)	BOS 118: 2005: Single- Stage Regulators for liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG)
Fire extinguishing medium-Carbon dioxide	BOS ISO 5923:1989: Fire extinguishing medium-Carbon dioxide
FOOD AND AGRICULTURE	
Chicken feeds	BOS 8-1: 2009: Poultry feeds Part 1: Chicken feeds
Cattle feeds	BOS 25: 2009: Animal feeding stuffs -Part 1: Cattle feeds
Sorghum grains	BOS 26:2009: Cereals- Whole and dehulled sorghum grains for human consumption-Specification

Grading of sorghum grain	BOS 63:2009: Cereals- Classification and grading of sorghum grains intended for sale in Botswana
Raw Cow's Milk	BOS 64: 2003: Raw Cow's Milk (Intended for further processing)- Specification
Pasteurised Cow Milk	BOS 72: 2003: Pasteurised Cow Milk-Specification
Yoghurt, Sour Milk (Madila) and Buttermilk from Cow's Milk	BOS 92:2004: Fermented Cow's Milk Products-Yoghurt, Sour Milk (Madila) and Buttermilk-Specification
Pulses	BOS 201: 2006: Cereal and Pulses- Certain Pulses – Specification
Canned Fish Canned Marine Molluscs. and Canned Crustaceans	BOS 449:2011: Canned Fish, Canned Marine Molluscs and Canned Crustaceans and their derived products
Peanut Butter	BOS 450: 2011: Peanut Butter- Specification
ELECTRICAL	
13 A Plugs	BOS 41-1:2001: 13 A Plugs, sockets-outlets ,adapters and connection units-Part 1: Rewirable and non- rewirable fused plugs
13 A socket outlets	BOS 41-2: 2001: 13 A Plugs, sockets-outlets ,adapters and connection units-Part 2: Switched and unswitched socket outlets
13 A Adaptors	BOS 41-3:2001: 13 A Plugs, sockets-outlets ,adapters and connection units-Part 3: Adaptors
13 A fused connection units	BOS 41- 4:2009: 13 A plugs, socket-outlets, adaptors and connection units-Part 4: Switched and unswitched 13 A fused connection units
Electric Irons	BOS IEC 60335-2-3 ED5.2: Household and Similar Electrical Appliances-Safety-Part 2-3: Particular Requirements for Electric Irons

Audio, video and similar electronic apparatus	BOS IEC 60065:2005: Audio, video and similar electronic apparatus-Safety requirements
Floor treatment machines and wet scrubbing machines	BOS IEC 60335-2-10:2008: Household and similar electrical appliances-Safety-Part 2-10:Particular requirement for floor treatment machines and wet scrubbing machines
Storage of water heaters	BOS IEC 60335-2-21:2009: Household and similar electrical appliances-Safety-Part 2-21:Particular requirement for storage of water heaters
Sewing machines	BOS IEC 60335-2-28:2008: Household and similar electrical appliances-Safety-Part 2-28,Particular requirement for sewing machines
Clothes dryers and towel rails	BOS IEC 60335-2-43:2008: Household and similar electrical appliances-Safety-Part 2-43:Particular requirements for clothes dryers and towel rails
Ironers	BOS IEC 60335-2-44:2008: Household and similar electrical appliances-Safety-Part 2-44:Particular requirements for ironers
Oral hygiene appliances	BOS IEC 60335-2-52:2008: Household and similar electrical appliances-Safety-Part 2-52:Particular requirements for oral hygiene appliances
Surface cleaning appliances for house hold use employing liquids or steam	BOS IEC 60335-2-54:2007: Household and similar electrical appliances-Safety-Part 2-54:Particular requirements for surface cleaning appliances for house hold use employing liquids or steam

Surface cleaning appliances for electrical appliances for use with aquariums and garden ponds	BOS IEC 60335-2-55:2008: Household and similar electrical appliances-Safety-Part 2-55:Particular requirements for surface cleaning appliances for electrical appliances for use with aquariums and garden ponds
Air-cleaning appliances	BOS IEC 60335-2-65:2008: Household and similar electrical appliances-Safety-Part 2-65:Particular requirements for air-cleaning appliances
Electric fence energizers	BOS IEC 60335-2-76:2006: Household and similar electrical appliances-Safety-Part 2-76:Particular requirements for electric fence energizers
CHEMICALS	
Plastic Carrier Bags and Flat Bags	BOS 186: 2006: Plastic Carrier Bags and Flat Bags-Specification
Chemical resistant gloves	BOS 245:2008: Chemical resistant gloves
Cement	BOS ENV 197-1:2000: Cement: Composition, Specification and Conformity Criteria-Part 1: Common Cement
TYRES AND SAFETY GLASS	
Pneumatic tyres for passenger cars and their trailers	BOS 116:2011: Pneumatic tyres for passenger cars and their trailers
Pneumatic tyres for commercial vehicles and their trailers	BOS 117:2011: Pneumatic tyres for commercial vehicles and their trailers
High penetration-resistant laminated safety glass for vehicles	BOS 158:2011: High penetration –Resistant laminated safety glass for vehicles
Laminated safety glass for vehicles	BOS 159:2011: Laminated safety glass for vehicles
Toughened safety glass for vehicles	BOS 160:2011: Toughened safety glass for vehicles

GENERAL

Labelling, Presentation and Advertising of Pre-packaged Goods

BOS 9: 2000: Pre-packaged Goods for the Ultimate Consumer: Labelling, Presentation and Advertising

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