



---

## BOTSWANA BUREAU OF STANDARDS

---

### PRESS RELEASE

#### **IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STANDARDS (IMPORT INSPECTIONS) REGULATIONS**

Botswana Bureau of Standards (BOBS), a parastatal organization responsible for development of Botswana Standards and coordinating quality assurance activities in Botswana, is in the process of implementing the Standards (Import Inspections) Regulations (SIIR). The SIIR was published on the 12<sup>th</sup> September 2008 in the Botswana Gazette. The main purpose of SIIR is to control the quality of the prescribed imports as listed in the regulations.

In order to facilitate and foster increased participation and involvement of all stakeholders, BOBS hereby informs stakeholders and the general public that the commencement date for the implementation of the SIIR is the **1<sup>st</sup> April 2009**. The Regulation states that 'no one shall import any commodity prescribed in the SIIR unless that person has applied for and has been issued with a compliance certificate in respect of that commodity'. The Regulation also states that 'no person shall offload any substandard product into the Botswana market'.

The following table lists all the prescribed Products and their respective Standards as listed in the SIIR:

<b>PRODUCT</b>	<b>REFERENCE STANDARD</b>
Cattle Feeds	BOS 25: 2000 Animal Feeding Stuff – Cattle Feeds – Specification
Chicken Feeds	BOS 8-1: 1999 Poultry Feeds – Part 1 – Chicken Feeds – Specification
Raw Cow's Milk	BOS 64: 2003 Raw Cow's Milk (Intended for further processing) – Specification
Pasteurized Cow's Milk	BOS 72: 2003 Pasteurised Cow's Milk – Specification
Yoghurt from Cow's Milk	BOS 92: 2004 Fermented Cow's Milk Products – Yoghurt, Sour Milk (Madila) and Buttermilk - Specification
Sour Cow's Milk	BOS 92: 2004 Fermented Cow's Milk Products – Yoghurt, Sour Milk (Madila) and Buttermilk - Specification
Buttermilk from Cow's Milk	BOS 92: 2004 Fermented Cow's Milk Products – Yoghurt, Sour Milk (Madila) and Buttermilk - Specification
Sorghum	BOS 26: 2000 Cereals – Sorghum Grains for human consumption - Specification
Pulses (Beans)	BOS 201: 2006 Cereal and Pulses – Certain Pulses – Specification

Peanut Butter	CKS 339: 1997 – Specification for Peanut Butter
Canned Fish, Canned Marine Molluscs and Canned Crustaceans	SANS 587: 52005 Canned Fish, Canned Marine Molluscs and Canned Crustaceans and Products derived there from
13A Fused Plugs	BOS 41-1: 2001 13A Plugs, Socket-Outlets, Adaptors and Connection Units-Part 1: Rewirable and Non-Rewirable 13A Fused Plugs - Specification
13A Switched and Un-Switched Socket Outlets	BOS 41-2: 2001 13A Plugs, Socket-Outlets, Adaptors and Connection Units-Part 2: Switched and Unswitched Socket Outlets - Specification
13A Adaptors	BOS 41-3: 2001 13A Plugs, Socket-Outlets, Adaptors and Connection Units-Part 3: Adaptors - Specification
Electric Iron	BOS IEC 60335-2-3 ED5.0: 2..2 household and Similar Electrical Appliances-Safety-Part 2-3: Particular Requirements for Electric Irons
LPG Regulator	SANS 1237: 2007 Single-Stage Regulators for liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG)
Plastic Bags	BOS 186: 2006 Plastic Carrier Bags and Flat Bags – Specification
Cement	BOS ENV 197: 1992 Cement: Composition, Specification and Conformity Criteria – Part 1: Common Cements
Pre-Packages	BOS 9: 2000 Prepackaged Goods for the Ultimate Consumer: Labelling, Presentation and Advertising – General Requirements

This information is important for the effective implementation of the SIIR, and please do not hesitate to contact BOBS Regulatory Compliance Department for further clarification at the following address:

**The Managing Director  
Botswana Bureau of Standards**

Plot No. 55745  
Block 8  
Private Bag BO 48  
Gaborone

**Attention: Mr Alfred Kgotlaetsile  
or Mr Botsile Kebapetse**

Tel: 390 3200  
Fax: 390 3120

Insurance House  
Plot 13393/4/5, Second Floor  
Private Bag F465,  
Francistown

**Attention: Ms Patricia Masemola**

Tel: 241 6233  
Fax: 241 6251

Email: [infoc@hq.bobstandards.bw](mailto:infoc@hq.bobstandards.bw) or [alfredk@bobstandards.bw](mailto:alfredk@bobstandards.bw)  
Website: [www.bobstandards.bw](http://www.bobstandards.bw)